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Country: Armenia

MONITORING ACTION AND STANDARD PROGRESS REPORT

No. and title: Environmental Protection of Lake Sevan – EU4Sevan, 00129871/00123402
Reporting period: September 2020 - June 2021

I. PURPOSE

- *Present project's goal, objectives, duration, theory of change (if available), implementing partner and responsible parties.*

Duration: September 2020 — September 2024
Implementing partner: Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Armenia (MoE)
Responsible party: United Nations Development Programme
Donor: European Union (EU)
Budget: EUR 1,000,000 / \$1,174,488

The Project is part of the EU Action “EU4 Energy Efficiency and Environment,” and of the BMZ-funded programme “Management of natural resources and safeguarding of ecosystem services for sustainable rural development in the South Caucasus (ECO serve).”

The overall objective associated with the EU Action "EU4 Energy Efficiency and Environment" is to improve energy efficiency and enhance environmental protection and resilience with its specific objective to enhance environmental protection of Lake Sevan.

The main purpose of the “EU4Sevan” UNDP component is to further improve the overall governance system regulating lake Sevan ecosystem management and sustainable use. The improvement of water and lake area governance is a key prerequisite for effective basin management and monitoring; thus, the project aims to bring ecosystem-based approach as a basis for planning and management of productive landscape in the Lake Sevan basin and sectoral development in an integrated manner to help minimize further deterioration of ecosystems and enhance sustainable livelihood opportunities for communities. The project has four outputs:

1. Improved management framework for protection of the Lake Sevan ecosystem and sustainable use of natural resources
2. Revised and updated policy, regulatory and institutional framework governing protection and sustainable use of lake Sevan
3. Enabling environment created for long-term development planning and implementation of response measures to address water level raising.
4. Technical support to cleaning of the Lake's flooded forest and surrounding swamp areas and the planning afforestation/reforestation activities to support Lake Sevan basin ecosystem rehabilitation

The Project is closely collaborating with GIZ which is also the co-implementing partner for EU4Sevan project.

The Theory of Change of the project is based on the understanding that the pathway to environmental sustainability and resilience requires systemic changes in decision-making across multiple sectors that will help the country transition towards: (i) resource-efficient, resilient and socially inclusive economy; (ii) ability to properly manage its rich ecosystems and natural resources within a limit of natural capital, and (iii) adapting to and mitigating the effects of climate change and disasters. The UNDP's interventions will be geared towards strengthening national capacities in reshaping its long-terms vision, policy development and implementation and resilience-building as well as identifying, piloting and

scaling data-driven and gender-responsive smart policies and solutions that are environmentally and climate-friendly, risk-informed, people-centred and long-lasting.

II. RESOURCES AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

- Matrix showing project's total, annual and delivered resources and percentage by donor funds.

	Total Project Budget USD	Current Year (2021)			All Years Delivery as of SPR date USD	All Years Delivery rate as of SPR date (%)
		Annual Budget USD	Delivery as of SPR date USD	Delivery rate as of SPR date (%)		
Donor 1 (EU)	\$1,174,488.00	\$295,443.01	\$18,903.00	6.40%	\$18,903.00	1.61%
Total	\$1,174,488.00	\$295,443.01	\$18,903.00	6.40%	\$18,903.00	1.61%

- Indicate amount of leveraged resources, even if as a parallel funding.

III. RESULTS, PROGRESS, INNOVATIVE AND TRANSFORMATIVE ASPECTS

- **Programme results: (1)** Indicate the project's progress vis-à-vis **UNSDCF/CPD outcomes, outputs, baselines, and targets**, as well as (2) **UNDP Strategic Plan (SP)** and (3) **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)**.
- **Project results: (1)** Present the **narrative of the project's progress vis-à-vis the planned deliverables of the Results and Resources Framework of Prodoc**, disaggregated by years. Present additional results with a separate subtitle. **(2) Update RRF of Prodoc** (see in annex a sample of UNDP standard RRF).
- **Innovative and transformative aspects:** Highlight innovative practices and any transformative changes so far.
- Present in the below table a performance snapshot of the current year planned deliverables.

- The Project results are in line with UNSDCF Outcome 5/CPD Outcome 2: "Ecosystems are managed sustainably, and people benefit from participatory and resilient development and climate-smart solutions" as well as with CPD Output 2.3: "Improved national and local governments capacities to introduce environmentally sound management practices for ecosystems, waste and chemicals."
- This project contributes primarily to the progressive achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6: Clean water and sanitation. It also supports achieving SDGs 15 (Life on land), 13 (Climate protection) as well as SDG 1 (Poverty reduction) and takes account of interactions between the various dimensions and/or SDG sub-targets.

The Project is in inception phase:

- Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) meeting took place on 21.01.21, to present and discuss the Environmental protection of Lake Sevan – EU4Sevan project. The Committee recommended to approve the project and the project document in UNDP format was signed in January. The Minutes of the meeting has been shared with participants.
- The Steering Committee of the Project was established jointly with GIZ. The 1st meeting of the Committee took place on 23.02.21.
- The official launching event of the Project took place on 15.03.21. Notes about the event have been published by the Ministry of Environment <http://www.mnp.am/am/post/5731> and EU Delegation in Armenia.
- The Output 4 of the Project has been revised jointly with the Ministry of Environment and submitted to EU for approval.

- The project has finalized the formulation of its core team. The Project Coordinator was recruited on a competitive basis and came board on 09 April 2021. The project assistant's engagement has been ensured since January 2021.
- The project inception phase is over. The inception report was produced and submitted to EU on 30.04.21.
- The joint Management team for the project was established jointly with GIZ. Two management meetings took place on May and June to clarify the roles and responsibilities and the mode of cooperation towards project implementation.
- The project planning is done, and the correspondent processes are initiated.
- Project planning has been discussed and coordinated with correspondent key stakeholders e.g., Sevan National Park, Ministry of Environmental correspondent units, Water committee, SEVAMOD 2, ADB, EUWI+, WWF, etc.

The table below demonstrates a performance snapshot of the current year planned deliverables:

Activity/Output	Expected Results	Amount (\$)	Current Year (2021)						
			Planned				Actual		
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Status	Comments	
Output 1. Improved management framework for protection the lake Sevan ecosystem and sustainable use of Natural resources	1.1 The ToR/s is developed and agreed with partners to collect and conduct data analysis and to develop park management vision and objectives 1.2 Data is gathered and analysed, the park management vision and objectives development are initiated	43,955		x	x	x	In progress		
Output 2. Revised and updated policy, regulatory and institutional framework governing protection and sustainable use of lake Sevan	2.1 The ToR/s is developed and agreed with partners to revise the existing policy and regulatory framework governing lake Sevan management and gap analysis 2.2 Roadmap on revision of Lake Sevan Vision is developed and consultations with stakeholders initiated.	62,793		x	x	x	In progress		
Output 3. Enabling environment created for long-	3.1 Situational analyzes to define the baseline	31,397		x	x	x	In progress		

term development planning and implementation of response measures to address water level raising	3.2 Identification, formulation of scope of study 3.3 The ToR/s is developed and agreed with partners to conduct a comprehensive study of the consequences/impact of raising the level of water in the lake with full environmental and socio-economic dimensions.							
Output 4. The cleaning of the Lake's flooded forest and surrounding swamp areas and the planning afforestation activities to support Lake Sevan basin ecosystem rehabilitation	4.1 Technical specification is defined and agreed with the MoE to purchase of one unit of machinery for the Ministry of Environment to support the cleaning activities of the Lake 4.2 The one unit of machinery for the Ministry of Environment to support the cleaning activities of the Lake is purchased	62,7930		x	x	x	In progress	Output 4 of the Project has been revised jointly with the Ministry of Environment and consultation with EU. The amendment process of project documents is in progress.
Project Management	0.1 Inputs for inception and 1st annual progress report are submitted 0.2 The correspondent project templates are developed and agreed, e.g., report template 0.3 Project detailed planning is conducted 0.4 Project is setup to enable efficient work of the project team, e.g., equipment 0.5 Advisory board is created and met 0.6 Project Steering committee meetings are conducted	94,504		x	x	x	In progress	

IV. GENDER MAINSTREAMING, CROSSCUTTING RESULTS, TARGETING

- Indicate the project's alignment with the corporate Gender Equality Strategy Outcomes and Strategic Entry Outputs (page 16 [GES](#)).
- Indicate the project's gender marker (GEN0-3) and **gender-responsive and gender-transformative results** vis-à-vis the prodoc framework (N.B. UNDP Country Programme Documents requests that all projects be designed and implemented at GEN2-3 level).
- Indicate also the project's **crosscutting results (e.g., youth empowerment, risk-informed development schemes, integrated development schemes)**, as well as the project's contribution for **Leaving No One Behind (LNOB)** indicating particular **target groups**.

Project corresponds to UNDP Gender Marker 2: GEN2. The Project supports the integration of gender aspects into national strategies, concepts and guidelines for the sustainable and biodiversity-friendly management of water, land and ecosystems. Databases, analyses, instruments and decision-support tools developed by the project will be based on gender-disaggregated data, and developed and applied with a significant participation of women as researchers, planners, trainers, lecturers etc. Formation, training and awareness raising measures and materials will target at both, women and men, and reflect the different needs and interests of both sexes. The project will support the quantitative and qualitative participation of women in decisions on the elaboration, implementation and control of management plans (e.g. basin management plan, national park management plan, etc.). High participation of and benefits for women will further be aimed at in all steps of planning, monitoring and evaluation of the Action.

V. RISKS AND CHALLENGES

- Present the project's issues, challenges and bottlenecks along with the suggested solutions.
- (1) Update the Project Risk Log in this report (2) and in Atlas (see a sample of UNDP standard risk log attached). N.B. Risks that are no further relevant shall not be deleted from the Log but a respective statement to be made in Risk treatment/management. SESP risks to be monitored in Risk Log.

The main project risks are related to the political processes in the country which may cause instability and reorientation of policy priorities, change of the security situation along the Gegharkunik border, economic development promoted at the expense of natural resources degradation, special business interests of certain groups, corruption, and the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. To treat these risks, the project is continuing political and policy dialogue and interactions with the Government of Armenia and has introduced comprehensive valuation methodologies/tools and transparent processes and consultation mechanisms.

In order to address the risk of security situation in Gegharkunik region, the project has also revised Output 5.4, to replace previously approved Comprehensive impact assessment of abandoned tail of Sotk mining in Gegharkunik with Technical assistance to cleaning of the Lake's flooded forest and surrounding swamp areas.

More details on project risks can be found in the Annex.

VI. PRODOC CHANGES, HORIZON SCANNING

- Present the analysis in your project's field (horizon scanning) regarding new opportunities, emerged stakeholders/donors, etc and hence the necessary changes recommended to the project document.
- State changes to the project document (both proposed and approved by Project Board). For substantive revision, a documented LPAC endorsement is to be presented to the Project Board. [N.B. Necessary actions regarding revised prodoc will follow].

Output 4 of the Project has been revised jointly with the Ministry of Environment, to replace previously approved "Comprehensive impact assessment of abandoned tail of Sotk mining in Gegharkunik" with "Technical assistance to cleaning of the Lake's flooded forest and surrounding swamp areas." The

request to revise the output was put forward by the Ministry of Environment, considering the recent geopolitical situation and the security issues related to reaching and working at the area of the Sotk mining site as well as the urgent needs of the Ministry related to the Lake Sevan coastal zone cleaning and rehabilitation priorities. The Amendment of the correspondent Project documents is in progress.

In 2021, UNDP new program cycle was approved, and the project indicators were aligned to the new UNSDCF and new CPD.

VII. PARTNERSHIPS, COMMUNICATION, KNOWLEDGE MATERIALS

- Present planned and already conducted international, cross-sectorial and inter-agency cooperation instances. Differentiate by categories e.g., “South-South Cooperation”, “Inter-agency cooperation”, etc.
- Present a summary of communication and visibility activities with evidences (in line with Communication plan). It is recommended to include a table presenting events and links.
- Present the project’s analytical and knowledge products in a similar table as in the above bullet point.

The Project is closely collaborating with GIZ which is also co-implementing partner for EU4Sevan. While UNDP’s component has focused on water governance aspects, GIZ provides inputs to the following outputs: (i) capacities for basin monitoring and management; (ii) sustainable land-use;(iii) Nature-based wastewater treatment solutions; (iv) awareness and information. Above mentioned outputs are fully integrated into the regional BMZ-financed project "Management of natural resources and safeguarding of ecosystem services for sustainable rural development in the South Caucasus (ECOserve)" which is also implemented by GIZ. As all outputs are complementary and mutually interlinked, GIZ and UNDP are closely coordinating in the planning and implementation of activities.

Collaboration with the project SEVAMOD2 "Development of a model for Lake Sevan for the improvement of the understanding of its ecology and as instrument for the sustainable management and use of its natural recourses" funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) is established.

The project is utilizing experience and knowledge of the EU Water Initiative Plus (EUWI+) project in Eastern Europe and Caucasus countries for the period of 2016-2020. The project also coordinates activities with the ongoing EU-funded Regional Initiatives, such as EU4Environment and EU4Climate.

Below table provides the summary of communication and visibility activities:

N	Communication and visibility activities	Evidence
1	The Steering Committee of the Project is established jointly with GIZ. The 1 st meeting of the Committee took place on 23.02.21.	- The Minutes of the meeting has been shared with the Steering Committee members - https://www.facebook.com/mnparmenia/photos/a.1379467378968621/2695120574069955/
2	The official launching event of the Project took place on 15.03.21. Notes about the event have been published by the Ministry of Environment and EU Delegation in Armenia and media.	- http://www.mnp.am/am/post/5731 - https://www.ecolur.org/hy/news/officials/13069/
3	On May 14 the project team paid a visit to Sevan National Park, with involvement of Deputy Minister of Environment and had a meeting with the park management and staff members, discussing the project, the	https://cutt.ly/rmqGCFd

	expected results, the upcoming activities, cooperation, and synergy of efforts.	
4	A number of other meetings took place during the May-June 2021 period in the framework of project planning and coordination with correspondent key stakeholders: Ministry of Environmental correspondent units, Water committee, SEVAMOD 2, ADB, EUWI+, WWF, NASRA Institute of Zoology and Hydroecology, etc.	
5	Monthly newsletters are shared with project partners for April and May	https://cutt.ly/rmqGCFd

VIII. EVALUATIONS

- (1) Inform about planned and implemented project evaluations. (2) Attach the updated Management Response table if applicable.

The project is to be evaluated through the monitoring and evaluation plan, as indicated in the UNDP project document (section VI).

In case the Contracting Authority plans to send a monitoring and/or evaluation mission for this project, UNDP will support such mission in a collaborative manner.

A results-based monitoring system is established to generate data on the progress of the overall Project. UNDP, in partnership with GIZ, is monitoring the implementation progress and results based on the overall EU4Sevan European Union Action's log-frame and work plan. UNDP is responsible for the monitoring of its respective outputs, indicators and activities, while GIZ is responsible for compiling and submitting the overall report to the EU including the results at the outcome level. The log frame is used as management tool, allowing the GIZ and UNDP for adjustments and revisions at the output, activity and indicator level in order to effectively achieve the expected specific objective.

IX. DONOR REPORTS

- Present the schedule of donor reports and requests for installments with the completion status.

In line with the EU Contribution Agreement, the following reports will be submitted by UNDP to the government and to the EU along the implementation:

- Annual progress reports (narrative and financial), recapitulating on the progress made in the achievement of the results (outputs and outcomes); listing activities carried out during the reporting period, difficulties encountered, and measures taken to overcome problems and eventual changes introduced; providing information on the implementation of the Visibility and Communication Plan; and outlining the work plan for the coming 12 months.
- The final report shall cover the entire period of the Project, providing information on achievements of the Action, including an outlook on measures undertaken to ensure sustainability of results and further dissemination/up-scaling.

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- In the reporting period, the Project Inception report was completed and submitted to EU on 30.04.21.

X. VALIDATION OF RESULTS (FIELD VISITS) AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

- *Validation of results (filed visit) document is to be prepared during Q2 and Q4 (i.e., Annual) reports. Include in the report the last field visit document.*
- *Formulate **lessons learned** in highly strategic way.*
- *Update **quality assurance report** in the system for ongoing projects quarterly (to be cleared by programme manager and endorsed by portfolio manager (Assurer role). It is submitted and approved in the Corporate Planning System annually (Q4) for the approval of UNDP Programme Manager (RR/Approver role), with prior clearance by Assurer/Portfolio manager. For closing projects, **Project Closure quality assurance reports** to be prepared and approved in the system and presented to the last Project's Board Meeting along with the Final Report of the Project.*

See Output Verification Template below for validation of results.

The Design and appraisal stage quality assurance report is available in the system.

XI. FUTURE ACTIONS, WORK PLAN

Indicate key actions ahead and attach the multiyear AWP from Prodoc (UNDP template is attached).

Attached.

Results Framework¹

Intended Outcome as stated in the UNDAF (UNSDCF)/Country Programme Results and Resource Framework Outcome 7/4: (2016-2020) By 2020 Sustainable Development principles and good practices for environmental sustainability resilience building, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and green economy are introduced and applied. (2021-2025) 5/2 Ecosystems are managed sustainably, and people benefit from participatory and resilient development and climate-smart solutions.															
Outcome indicators as stated in the Country Programme Results and Resources Framework, including baseline and targets: Number of hectares of rehabilitated landscapes and areas demonstrating sustainable use practices, Baseline:0, Target: 20,000/															
Applicable Output(s) from the UNDP Strategic Plan: 4.1 Gender-responsive legal and regulatory frameworks, policies and institutions strengthened, and solutions adopted, to address conservation, sustainable use and equitable benefit sharing of natural resources, in line with international conventions and national legislation.															
Project title and Atlas Project Number: <i>Environmental Protection of Lake Sevan – EU4Sevan</i> , 00129871/00123402															
EXPECTED PROJECT OUTPUTS/ COMPONENTS	OUTPUT INDICATORS ²	DATA SOURCE	BASELINE		TARGETS (by frequency of data collection)										DATA COLLECTION METHODS & RISKS
			Value	Year	Year 1 (2021)		Year 2 (2022)		Year 3 (2023)		Year 4 (2024)		FINAL		
					Planned	Current status	Planned	Current status	Planned	Current status	Planned	Current status	Planned	Current status	
Output 1 <i>Improved management framework for protection the lake Sevan ecosystem and sustainable use of Natural resources</i>	1.1. <i>No of Hectares of area effectively zoned and managed for multiple ecosystem benefits.</i>	<i>Management plan implementation protocols Ministerial reports</i>	0	2020	0	0	0		125,000 ha		125,000 ha		125,000 ha		<i>Document review, Field data inventory and analysis, mapping, Local survey & questionnaires, Participatory meetings Risk: Inability to assess economic benefits of ecosystem services and derive direct measurable benefits to local economy may result in reluctance to move away from unsustainable</i>
	1.2. <i>Availability of the Lake Sevan National Park management plan</i>	<i>Government decisions Ministerial reports Project webpage and media page (Facebook, etc.)</i>	<i>There was no operational management plan for protected area since 2010</i>	2020	No	No	No		Yes		Yes		Protected area management plan developed and approved by the Government		

¹ UNDP publishes its project information (indicators, baselines, targets and results) to meet the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) standards. Make sure that indicators are S.M.A.R.T. (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-bound), provide accurate baselines and targets underpinned by reliable evidence and data, and avoid acronyms so that external audience clearly understand the results of the project.

² It is recommended that projects use output indicators from the Strategic Plan IRRF, as relevant, in addition to project-specific results indicators. Indicators should be disaggregated by sex or for other targeted groups where relevant.

															nature use practices
Output 2 <i>Revised and updated policy, regulatory and institutional framework governing protection and sustainable use of lake Sevan</i>	2.1 No of enhanced/updated policy and regulatory documents	<i>Governmental decisions, Parliament bulletins</i>	0	2020	0	0	0		3		5		5		<i>Document review, Stakeholder consultation reports</i>
	2.2 Institutional framework governing lake Sevan issues is upgraded	<i>Ministerial report</i>	<i>Though different public institutions are mandated to deal with the Lake Sevan issues, overall mis-coordination and institutional barriers are evident³</i>	2020	No	No	No		Yes		Yes		Inter-sectorial coordination mechanism established and operationalised		<i>Risk: The overall political and economic environment remains unstable and not conducive for conceptual regulatory improvements Disputes over mandates and responsibilities threaten the efficiency of law making and enforcement of regulations</i>
Output 3 <i>Enabling environment created for long-term development planning and implementation of response measures to address water level raising</i>	3.1 Analytical basis in place for evidence based long term decision making on Lake Sevan protection, conservation and sustainable use	<i>Ministerial reports Independent Study Review</i>	<i>Risk associated with impact into infrastructure, environment and population well being in the result of water increase was never assessed, there were no studies ever conducted</i>	2020	No	No	No		Yes		Yes		A comprehensive study with full environmental and socio-economic dimensions to address risks	<i>Document review, Stakeholder consultation reports Local survey & questionnaires Document review, Stakeholder consultation reports Risk: Political processes in the country related to</i>	

³ Chapter Four of the Law on lake Sevan (2001) set mandates of authorities at national, regional and local levels in the field of restoration, reproduction and use of Lake Sevan ecosystem, including involvement of Academia through setup of special expert commission. In addition, in 2008 the President directed to setup a new Commission to study all issues related to lake Sevan, thus distribution of function in practice between the Ministry of Environment and both Commissions seems unclear.

													associated with Impact into physical infrastructure and landscapes is available		<i>the crisis may lead to processes of restructuring and creating uncertainties in long term policy priorities and financial commitments</i>
	3.2 Long terms action plan with cost-estimates to tackle water level raising developed and submitted to the Government	<i>Ministerial reports Action plan and development process documentation</i>	<i>No long-term vision, action plan and budget scenarios to tackle complex issues associated with water level raising</i>	2020	No	No	No		No		Yes		Roadmap and long-term action plan documents to address consequences of water level raising is submitted to the Government		
Output 4 <i>Technical support to cleaning of the Lake's flooded forest and surrounding swamp areas and planning forest rehabilitation activities to support Lake Sevan basin ecosystem rehabilitation.</i>	4.1 Number of designed and submitted document packages, on Lake cleaning and forest rehabilitation	<i>Ministerial reports</i>	Lack of institutional capacities to implement ecosystem protection and rehabilitation measures in the basin to mitigate water pollution and the planning forest rehabilitation activities.	2020	0	0	0		0		2		Detailed site assessment for determination of a new bill of quantities for further cleaning works. Support in the verification and design of		<i>Document review</i>

														afforestation/reforestation program		
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OFFLINE RISK LOG

	Description	Risk category	Impact & Likelihood = Risk level	Risk Treatment/Management Measures	Risk Owner
1	Political processes in the country related to the crisis may lead to processes of restructuring and creating uncertainties in policy priorities and institutional set up	Political	<p>Volatile governance landscape and possible ministerial reorganisation will cause instability and reorientation of policy priorities, as well as disrupt the administrative setup and staff fluctuation needed for the project implementation</p> <p>P=4 I= 4</p>	Continued political and policy dialogue and interactions with the Government of Armenia. The programme foresees support to the new institutional set up and capacity building activities. The project may also revisit implementation mechanism and invest into capacity development not just for individual people but organisations to mitigate the risks associated with staff fluctuation	UNDP senior management, Project coordinator
2	Change of the security situation along the Gegharkunik border	Political	<p>Difficulties/security restrictions for operating in certain sub-regions impose risk to data gathering and stakeholder engagement</p> <p>P=3 I=5</p>	Follow up on security situation in the country, especially along the borders and follow DSS requirements	UN DSS, Project Coordinator
3	Economic development promoted at the expense of natural resources degradation	Political	<p>Politicians prioritise ecological concerns to a lesser extent than public services and economic development, particularly in the post-crisis setup</p> <p>P=4 I=4</p>	Introduction of comprehensive valuation methodologies/tools during assessments and planning activities to emphasize link between environment, economic and social aspects for evidence-based decision making	Project coordinator
4	Special business interests of certain groups might obstruct the rollout of any concepts and policies that are developed	Strategic	<p>Reputation of the project is undermined and Lake Sevan surrounding communities are dis-interested in new planning and regulatory mechanisms</p> <p>P=4 I=3</p>	Introduction of the transparent processes and consultation mechanisms. Broad partner structure and adequate civil society participation, training for key actors also outside the environment ministries	Project coordinator
5	Uncoordinated support programmes by different donors and public institutions	Operational	<p>Limited sectorial interventions with short term benefits mislead to underestimation of benefits associated with revised policy and regulatory framework in longer perspectives</p>	Promote pro-active donor and intra-sectorial coordination under the leadership of the ministry of environment, and support to wider information exchange and coordination under the project	UNDP management, Project coordinator

			P=2 I=3		
6	Intersectoral disputes over mandates and responsibilities threaten the efficiency of law making and enforcement of regulations	Strategic	Lengthy negotiations between multiple stakeholders impede project progress P=3 I=3	Corresponding policy consultancy, support for cross-sector and inter-institutional co-operation platforms, transparent communication	Project coordinator
7	Corruption risks, namely at local level, affect the effectiveness and sustainability of the Project interventions	Financial	Continuation of further corruption schemes may hamper approval of proposed innovative sustainable resource management modalities and project activities at local level as a whole P=3 I=4	Support to evidence-based policy making and coordination platforms and continues awareness-raising measures helps to generate greater transparency. Regular communication with local communities to visualise long-term benefits from the activities	Project coordinator
8	The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and declaration of martial law affect the implementation of activities	Other	Travel restrictions for local and international experts, difficulties for operation in communities and specifically organisations of stakeholder consultations P=4 I=5	Close monitoring of the development and alignment with the government's response to the effects of Covid-19	UNDP operations team Project coordinator

ANNUAL/MULTIYEAR WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FROM PRODOC ⁴⁵

All anticipated programmatic and operational costs to support the project, including development effectiveness and implementation support arrangements, need to be identified, estimated and fully costed in the project budget under the relevant output(s). This includes activities that directly support the project, such as communication, human resources, procurement, finance, audit, policy advisory, quality assurance, reporting, management, etc. All services which are directly related to the project need to be disclosed transparently in the project document.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	Planned Budget by Year				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET		
		Y1 2021	Y2 2022	Y3 2023	Y4 2024		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount
Output 1: <i>Improved management framework for protection the lake Sevan ecosystem and sustainable use of Natural resources</i>	<p>1.1 Data gathering, analysis and development of the park management vision and objectives</p> <p>1.2 Evaluation and identification of park zoning options and incentive measures (user fees, conservation funds, etc.)</p> <p>1.3 Design of the draft Lake Sevan National Park (IUCN II) Management Plan and processing public consultation</p> <p>1.4 Finalisation and approval of the Management Plan</p>	43,955	66,561	43,955	46,467	UNDP	EU	71200 - International consultants	19,953
								71300 - Local consultants	45,775
								71600 - Travel	8,216
								72100 - Contractual services - companies	106,807
								74200 - Audio visual & print. Production costs	7,042
								75100 - Facilities and Administration	13,145
	Sub-Total for Output 1								200,938
Output 2: <i>Revised and updated policy, regulatory and institutional</i>	2.1 Revision of the existing policy and regulatory framework governing lake Sevan management and gap analysis	62,793	31,397	31,397	0.00	UNDP	EU	71200 - International consultants	11,737
								71300 - Local consultants	23,474

⁴ Cost definitions and classifications for programme and development effectiveness costs to be charged to the project are defined in the Executive Board decision DP/2010/32

⁵ Changes to a project budget affecting the scope (outputs), completion date, or total estimated project costs require a formal budget revision that must be signed by the project board. In other cases, the UNDP programme manager alone may sign the revision provided the other signatories have no objection. This procedure may be applied for example when the purpose of the revision is only to re-phase activities among years.

<i>framework governing protection and sustainable use of lake Sevan</i>	<p>2.2 Defining new long-term national vision for Lake Sevan and update the policy and regulatory framework</p> <p>2.3 Setup of the efficient inter-sectoral co-ordination mechanism to support implementation and monitoring of policy enforcement measure</p>							72100 - Contractual services-companies	70,422
								75700 - Workshops	11,737
								75100 - Facilities and Administration	8,216
	Sub-Total for Output 2								125,586
Output 3 <i>Enabling environment created for long-term development planning and implementation of response measures to address water level raising</i>	<p>3.1 Conduct a comprehensive study of the consequences/impact of raising the level of water in the lake with full environmental and socio-economic dimensions – to address potential risks associated with impact into physical infrastructure (roads and construction facilities) and landscapes (forests, agricultural and other community lands)</p> <p>3.2 Elaboration of the road map and long-term action plan with cost-estimates to tackle and address water level raising</p>	31,397	33,500	124,111	87,283	UNDP	EU	71200 - International consultants	43,474
								71300 - Local consultants	36,385
								72100-Contractual services-companies	165,493
								74200 - Audio visual & print. Production costs	12,864
								74500 - Miscellaneous	18,075
	75100 - Facilities and Administration	43,474							
Sub-Total for Output 3								276,291	
Output 4 <i>Comprehensive impact assessment of abounded tail of Sotk mining in Gegharkunik</i>	<p>4.1 Conducting Field inventory, mapping and study</p> <p>4.2 Provide recommendations for mitigation measures with cost estimates</p>	62,793	71,584	71,584	0.00	UNDP	EU	71200 - International consultants	16,432
								71300 - Local consultant	35,211
								71600 - Travel	5,868
								72100 - Contractual services-companies	132,629
								74200 – Audio visual and print. Prod.	2,347
								74500 - Miscellaneous	13,474
	75100 - Facilities and Administration	16,432							
Sub-Total for Output 4								205,962	

Project management	<i>Human resources</i>							64300- Staff DPC	46,126
	<i>Travel</i>							71400 - Contractual Service Ind.	192,429
	<i>Equipment and Supplies</i>							71600 - Travel	17,605
	<i>Local office</i>							72300 - Materials & goods	4,694
	<i>Other cost/services (0audit, conferences and workshops, etc.</i>							72400 - Comm. And audio-visual eq.	10,798
		94,504	86,466	93,876	90,862	UNDP	EU	72500 - Supplies	5,633
								73100 - Rental and maint.- premises	24,823
								74100 - Prof. services (Audit)	5,633
								74200 - Audio visual and print. Prod.	23,474
								75700 - Workshops	10,563
								75100 – Facilities and Administration	23,924
Sub-total for management									365,708
Total Direct Cost		276,115	270,569	341,050	209,917				1,097,652
General Management Support (indirect cost 7%)		19,328	18,940	23,873	14,694				76,835
TOTAL									1,174,487*

Output Verification Template

Field Visit Report Format

The content of the field visit report varies depending on the purpose of the visit. At a minimum, any field visit report must contain an analysis of the progress towards results, the production of outputs, partnerships, key challenges, and proposed actions. **This format may be slightly adjusted.**

Date of visit: 14 May 2021

Subject and venue of visit: Environmental Protection of Lake Sevan – EU4Sevan 00129871/00123402 project, Sevan National Park

EU4Sevan UNDP project coordinator Astghik Danielyan, UNDP Climate, Environment and Resilience Portfolio team leader Hovhannes Ghazaryan, GIZ EU4Sevan Project Team Leader Christian Henschel, and Deputy Minister of Environment Anna Mazmanyanyan visited Sevan National Park. The project team had a meeting with Sevan National Park acting director Arman Abelyan and the staff members. The aim of the meeting was to present and discuss the project, the expected results, the upcoming activities, cooperation and synergy of efforts.

[Project number(s) and title(s), venue visited]

Purpose of the field visit:

Outcomes	Update on outcomes	Outputs	Update on outputs	Reasons if progress below target	Update on partnership strategies	Recommendations and proposed action
CPD Outcome 2: Ecosystems are managed sustainably, and people benefit from participatory and resilient development and climate-smart solutions	No changes in the reporting period	CPD Output 2.3: Improved national and local governments capacities to introduce environmentally sound management practices for ecosystems, waste and chemicals.	No changes in the reporting period	N/A	All parties agreed to move forward in a collaborative manner, ensuring synergy of efforts.	To closely coordinate with the National Park during the project implementation

PROJECT PERFORMANCE—IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

[If the person conducting the field visit observes problems that are generic and not related to any specific output, or that apply to all of them, he or she should address the ‘top three’ such challenges.] List the main challenges experienced during implementation and propose a way forward.

N/A

LESSONS LEARNED

Describe briefly key lessons learned during the project:

N/A

Participants in the field visit:

Project // Portfolio - EU4Sevan project / UNDP Climate, Environment and Resilience Portfolio

EU4Sevan project coordinator Astghik Danielyan



CER Portfolio team leader Hovhannes Ghazaryan

