



**“Support to Post-conflict Recovery of the Most Vulnerable Communities and Groups in Armenia” Project LPAC Meeting Notes**

*July 27, 2021*

**VENUE: UNDP Armenia CO**

**DATE AND TIME: 15:00-16:00; July 27 2021**

**Participants**

Artashes Darbinyan, UNDP Armenia Officer-in-Charge, LPAC Chair

Anna Gyurjyan, Manager of Socio-Economic Development Portfolio, UNDP

Ashot Giloyan, Head of Department, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure

Garik Khachikyan, Head of policy, Socio-Economic Development, UNDP

Armine Hovhannisyan, RBM Programme Analyst, UNDP

Armen Tiraturyan, Programme Manager, UNDP

Gayane Manvelyan, Task Leader, Socio-Economic Development Portfolio, UNDP

**Ms. Gyurjyan** greeted the participants and opened the meeting with a presentation (enclosed) detailing the project structure and the interventions planned under each component. She highlighted the fact that the project was designed at the peak of the compound crisis in late 2020, and while the statistics concerning some of the key issues that the project aims at addressing has changed, the project will apply a nuanced approach and flexibility to act in a targeted and efficient way to deliver the planned results. She mentioned that the project was shared with the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and discussed during the design stage. The project is very complex in nature and has to be implemented in close coordination and consultation with MTAI and regional and local authorities on the delivery methods and especially selection criteria.

**Mr. Giloyan** highlighted the importance of the project for both the local and displaced populations and underlined the necessity of assessment and inception phase for identification of the beneficiary communities. He also pointed out that UNDP can replicate some of the mechanisms used in other projects that proved to be successful. He also stressed that nuanced and no-harm approach has to be applied during the implementation, as the main idea is to support the vulnerable groups including the displaced but not to demotivate them from returning to their houses.

**Mr. Tiraturyan** asked if the ownership of the houses would belong to the beneficiaries.

**Ms. Gyurjyan** reassured that all the mechanisms would be selected after a consultation with the Implementing partner and, in regard to the housing component, the social housing option would be considered; that the ownership of the apartment/house would be given to the community and not the beneficiaries, so that once they leave the country to their place of residence, the community could use the space for its purposes.

**Mr. Darbinyan** invited the attention of the LPAC members to the fact that UNDP does not have mechanisms to directly support the displaced populations for the purchase of apartments, and evidently other mechanisms, along with the construction of modular cottages and social housing, or possibly through working with the local municipalities (RPA), should be applied to address the shelter issues in the hosting communities. In addition, the project was advised to convene a Board for approving the AWP at the start of the project.

**Mr. Khachikyan** added that the mechanism for addressing the housing issues should be devised considering the humanitarian nature of the action without compromising the need-based nature of the support and its timely delivery.

**Ms. Hovhannisyan** offered integrating vigorous data/evidence collection mechanism, including through contracting third party, throughout the project implementation considering its multicomponent architecture and complex nature, to facilitate the final evaluation process, which should be considered both in the budget and the monitoring plan.

**Ms. Gyurjyan** concluded the meeting highlighting that the comments would be considered in launching the project and throughout implementation. She thanked all the participants and wished successful implementation to the project.

LPAC Chairperson



Artashes Darbinyan

UNDP Officer-in-Charge