

Reporting Agency: UNDP

MONITORING ACTION AND STANDARD PROGRESS REPORT¹

No. and title: 00135109, Support to Post-conflict Recovery of the Most Vulnerable Communities and Groups in Armenia / Sustainable Communities

Reporting period: January 2023 – December 2023

I. PROJECT OVERVIEW

- *Present project's goal, objectives, duration, theory of change, implementing partner, responsible parties, other critical information.*

The Project aims at contributing to the sustainable, tangible and people-centred post-conflict recovery of the most vulnerable communities and groups offering durable solutions at the humanitarian-development nexus. The Project pursues the following objectives:

Objective 1. Build sustainable emergency livelihoods for the displaced population in the regions of Armenia;

Objective 2. Support socioeconomic integration of the displaced population, war veterans and other vulnerable groups through various job creation mechanisms across country (including Yerevan);

Objective 3. Maximize the benefits of socioeconomic recovery for the host communities and the displaced population through sustainable energy solutions.

Duration: 30 July 2021 – 31 December 2023.

Implementing partner: Ministry of Territorial Administration and infrastructure.

Theory of change: If the Project supports the target beneficiaries to meet their basic needs, such as housing and minimum income standards through building sustainable households, and the assumption that restored livelihoods will strengthen the sense of belonging and security and facilitate social integration in post-conflict settings, holds true.

AND if the target beneficiary groups gain access to sustainable job opportunities, and the assumption, that restored income levels and economic inclusion will prevent the target vulnerable groups to fall below the poverty line and will help to curb out migration and social tensions in post-crisis stages, hold true.

AND if the access to renewable energy sources and green energy solutions are facilitated on household and community level, and the assumption that green technologies will help to bring down the utility costs and result in considerable savings, which can be meaningfully redistributed by the communities for public goods and increase the purchasing capacity of households, holds true.

THEN the Project will contribute to the sustainable, tangible and people-centred post-conflict recovery of the most vulnerable communities and groups offering durable solutions at the humanitarian-development nexus.

¹ **GUIDELINES:** The report is cumulative. It shall be well-structured and narrated in a highly aggregated strategic evidence-based language, disaggregated by years as relevant. The report is prepared by Project Coordinator and quality assured by Portfolio Lead in line with oversight function and periodicity indicated in the Project Document (ProDoc), UNDP POPP Programme and Project Management policy, and CO Monitoring and Evaluation Plan. The Project Board shall receive/endorse project results and the Workplan at least annually, and final (M&E) Report with updated RRF after project completion.

II. RESOURCES AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	Total Project Budget	Current Year (2023)			All Years Delivery as of current quarter (USD)	All Years Delivery rate as of current quarter (%)
		Annual Budget	Delivery as of current quarter (USD)	Delivery rate as of current quarter (%)		
RUS GOV	3,221,090	1,162,814 ²	517,267	44%	1,556,142	48%
ARM GOV	12,899	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	3,233,989	1,162,814	517,267	44%	1,556,142	48%

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

III. RESULTS, PROGRESS, INNOVATIVE AND TRANSFORMATIVE ASPECTS

- **A snapshot of higher-level results:** Present/discuss results vis-à-vis UNSDCF/CPD/UNDP SP, SDG outcomes, outputs, indicators, baselines, targets in line with Project Document (Prodoc) Results Framework (RRF). Update RRF in annex.
- **Other important Project level achievements.**
- **Annual Work Plan:** Present in below table a snapshot of the current year's workplan (planned targets, resources, achievement status). Attach in annex the updated Multi-Year Work Plan or Annual Work Plan as relevant.

UNSDCF/CPD	Project progress
Output 1.1 Marginalized groups are empowered to gain universal access to basic services and financial and non-financial assets to build productive capacities and benefit from sustainable livelihoods and jobs.	The project has managed to create employment and income generating opportunities for 384 people (277 women, 107 men) . As a result of the project 25,478 people (13,870 women, 11,608 men) benefited from restored livelihoods in the target communities. Overall, 5,425 people (2,629 women, 2,796 men) benefited from energy efficient and green energy solutions

² The amount of the target budget is presented, which is different from the annual budget (1,260,319 USD) as the latter was revised because of the risks mentioned in "RISKS, PROPOSED CHANGES TO PRODOC, HORIZON SCANNING, EVALUATION" section of the report.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023

GREENHOUSES



The Project launched an initiative of Greenhouses to support the self-employment of displaced persons, war veterans and other vulnerable groups in the settlements of Goris community in Syunik region. 10 tunnel type greenhouses, (150 m² rain watering) were purchased, 7 of which were provided to the displaced and local beneficiaries of Barcravan, Goris and Verishen settlements. The initiative also included the course "Establishment, operation of greenhouses" which consists of theoretical and practical parts. A two-day theoretical course was held in Goris. The practical training was conducted in Darakert, in the greenhouse of the Scientific Center of Vegetables and Technical Crops. The participants were the families of 10 displaced and local beneficiaries in target settlements. All participants were satisfied with the courses, they returned with a lot of knowledge and practical experience, ready to start their greenhouse businesses.

Immediately after the completion of greenhouses installation the beneficiaries were provided with seeds of various greens: coriander, lettuce, and spinach. In February of the next year, tomato and cucumber seedlings will also be provided. The beneficiaries are very hopeful that they will have a plentiful and nutritious harvest.



PLAYGROUNDS AND STREET WORKOUTS



In 2023, two children's playgrounds were installed in Chambarak community of Gegharkunik marz. It will provide safe and multifunctional entertainment for children living in Chambarak and neighboring settlements. In total about 3400 people will benefit from the playgrounds.

In 2023, in the 5th district Avanagard (Tsti Bner) of Goris community, a sports ground was installed. It is planned for both children and young people, benefiting 7000 people. The students of

the Street Workout Federation of Armenia demonstrated performances at the new sports ground to motivate the population to regularly exercise and do sport. A total of 7000 children and young people will use the Street Workout space. With the installations of these two playgrounds and street workout, the Project concluded the initiative of installing playgrounds and sportsgrounds, as a result of which, in 2022-2023, **15 playgrounds and**



3 sport workout complexes were installed in Syunik, Gegharkunik and Vayots Dzor marzes.

COTTAGES

Within the project, **2 modular cottages (3 modules for 9 people and 2 modules for 6 people)** are purchased and installed in Barcravan, Goris, Syunik regions. Cottages are under the municipality ownership and are allocated to displaced families for use. The project in the framework of close cooperation with Goris municipality allocated the space to 2 displaced families from Nagorno Karabakh. First family was displaced in 2020, a family of 6 people, the second family of 8 people was displaced in September 2023. By settling in cottages in Barcravan, the families also received 150sqm greenhouses for their use to also have their income generating opportunities.



“CHIR-CHIR” PROJECT



In the framework of “Chir-Chir” project³ overall **1490 nets** were distributed giving **225 people (217 women, 6 men)** income



generating opportunities. During each season on average people can dry 20 kg fruits and vegetables from each net. From 1490 nets provided the total production input will equal to **29,800 per season**. **6 trainings** were organized with the participation of **230 people**. During the trainings the participants were able to gain in-depth knowledge about the whole chain of dried fruit production starting from production techniques to its marketing and sale.

HONEY-MONEY PROJECT



In the framework of the “Honey-Money” project⁴, **402 beehives** have been distributed to **150 people** in **16 settlements**⁵ of Syunik region. From each beehive it is possible to annually produce 12kg honey. Thus, 402 beehives distributed have a potential to produce **4824 kg honey, becoming** a good income generating opportunity for the beneficiaries. In addition, **154 beekeeping accessories** were provided to these people to facilitate and improve beekeeping and honey production procedures. 1 training was



³ “Chir Chir” project aims at increasing economic activity of vulnerable groups in the rural areas by strengthening the efficiency and quality of their naturally produced dried fruits and vegetables. The goal of the project is to provide technical expertise and equipment (drying nets) to start the production of dry fruits and vegetables.

⁴ The concept of “Honey Money” was designed in 2021 to strengthen existing beekeeping practices or create new income-generating opportunities for the people interested in beekeeping. around the country. To support beekeepers and the industry, the project came up with pragmatic solutions by acquiring innovative polyurethane (PPU) beehives that could possibly boost production in the short run. PPU hives are spreading globally even though at a slow rate.

⁵ Shikahogh, Tsav, Nerqin Hand, Shishkert, Srashen, Agarak, Yeghvard, Uzhanis, Vardavank, Davit Bek, Chapni, Sevqar, Yegheg, Khdrants, Goris, Tegh

organized with the participation of **71 people (57 men, 14 women)**. The training aimed at raising the participants' expertise in honey production and beekeeping.

Below more details about project results according to the components defined in the Project Document.

Component 1: Build sustainable livelihoods for the displaced population and communities in the bordering regions of Syunik, Gegharkunik and Vayots Dzor

2021

- *300 people (150 women, 150 men)* received access to decent housing, restored public facilities, agricultural assets and infrastructure.

2022

- *13,003 people (6,551 women, 6,452 men)* received access to decent housing, restored public facilities, agricultural assets and infrastructure.

2023

- *12,175 people (7,169 women, 5,006 men)* received access to decent housing, restored public facilities, agricultural assets and infrastructure.

Component 2: Support socioeconomic integration of the displaced population, war veterans and other vulnerable groups through various job creation mechanisms across country (including Yerevan)

2021

- Displaced population, war veterans, other vulnerable groups integrated into the labour market via various job creation mechanisms (*2 men*).

2022

- Displaced population, war veterans, other vulnerable groups integrated into the labour market via various job creation mechanisms *608 people (250 women, 358 men)*).

2023

- Displaced population, war veterans, other vulnerable groups integrated into the labour market via various job creation mechanisms *585 people (370 women, 215 men)*).

Component 3: Maximize the benefits of socioeconomic recovery for the host communities and the displaced population through sustainable energy solutions.

2022

- *8 communities* applied energy-efficient solutions; *3317 (1718 women, 1599 men)* benefitted from energy efficient and green solutions.

2023

- **10 communities** applied energy-efficient solutions; **2108 (1030 women, 1078 men)** benefitted from energy efficient and green solutions.

Activity/Output	Expected Annual Targets/Indicators						
	Activities	Planned 2021-23	Target reached 2021	Target reached 2022	Target 2023	Total reached	Total target reached in %
1. Build sustainable livelihoods for the displaced population and communities in the bordering regions of Syunik, Gegharkunik and Vayots Dzor	1. Number of women, men with restored livelihoods in the target communities	17032	300	13,003	12,175	25,478	150%
	Men	8315	150	6452	5006	11,608	140%
	Women	8717	150	6551	7169	13,870	159%
	1.1 Number of women and men benefitting from access to decent housing and restored public facilities	5322	80	6,650	12,175	18,905	355%
	Men	2615	40	3297	5006	8343	319%
	Women	2707	40	3353	7169	10,562	390%
	1.2 Number of women and men with access to agricultural assets and infrastructure	11710	220	6353	0	6573	58%
	Men	5700	110	3155	0	3265	57%
	Women	6010	110	3198	0	3308	55%
	Total						\$ 506,737.00
2. Support socioeconomic integration of the displaced population, war veterans and other vulnerable groups through various job creation mechanisms across country (including Yerevan)	2. Number of women and men integrated into labor market	780	2	608	585	1195	153%
	Men	530	2	358	215	575	108%
	Women	250	0	250	370	620	248%
	2.1 Number of women and men benefitting from emergency schemes of job creation	480	0	100	0	100	21%
	Men	330	0	37	0	37	11%
	Women	150	0	63	0	63	42%
	2.2. Number of women and men benefitting from sustainable support schemes	300	2	508	585	1095	365%
	Men	200	2	321	215	538	269%
	Women	100	0	187	370	557	557%
	Total						\$ 441,674.36
3. Maximize the benefits of socioeconomic recovery for the host communities and the displaced population	3. Number of women and men benefitting from energy efficient and green energy solutions	10000	0	3317	2108	5425	54%
	Men	5000	0	1599	1030	2629	53%

through sustainable energy solutions	Women	5000	0	1718	1078	2796	56%
	3.1 Number of communities with energy-efficient solutions applied	30	0	8	10	18	60%
Total							\$ 47,520.00

Component 1: Build sustainable livelihoods for the displaced population and communities in the bordering regions of Syunik, Gegharkunik and Vayots Dzor

2021


- **55,600 kg fodder** was distributed to **54 households** in **Vayots Dzor region** benefiting **220 people (110 males, 110 females)**.
- A horse stable of "ASP" riding club of **Martuni settlement in Gegharkunik region** was renovated to support the displaced population to host their horses benefiting **(40 males, 40 females)**.

2022

- **13 playgrounds** were installed giving an opportunity to **5710 people (2834 men, 2876 women)** to have modern and high-quality playgrounds. The playgrounds were equipped in the following settlements: **Vorotan, Nerkin Khndzoresk, Artashesyan district, Shurnukh, Karahunj, Salqar district, Akner, Yeghvard, Syunik, Vardavank (Syunik region), Rind, Yelpin, Areni (Vayots Dzor)**.
- **2 workout spaces** were equipped in **Areni (Vayots Dzor)** giving an opportunity to **940 people (463 men, 477 females)** to train with modern and high-quality workout equipment.
- **New irrigation pipelines** were provided to **Meghri (1.5 km) and Shikahogh (7 km) settlements** in Syunik region **benefiting 4476 people (2215 men, 2261 women)**.
- **850kg of seed** were provided to **19 displaced families** in **Vayk, Yeghegnadzor, Yeghegis settlements of Vayots Dzor region, benefiting 595 people (298 males, 297 females)**. In addition, **4000kg seeds** were provided to **Kapan and Syunik settlements of Syunik region** benefiting **1190 people (596 men, 594 women)**.
- A childcare center is being designed **in Bardzravan, Syunik region**.
- **10,660 kg** of grass was distributed to conflict affected families benefiting **92 people (46 men, 46 women) in Shikahogh, Syunik**.

2023

- **2 playgrounds** were equipped in **Chambarak settlement of Gegharkunik** giving an opportunity to **3396 people (1655 men, 1741 women)** to have modern and high-quality playgrounds.
- **A workout space** was equipped in **Gorisi (Syunik)** giving an opportunity to **7000 people (2500 men, 4500 females)** to train with modern and high-quality workout equipment.
- **2 modular cottages** were given to **2 families** benefiting **14 people (8 men, 6 women)**.
- **7.5kilometer drinking water pipes** were installed **Verishen, Goris** giving an opportunity of having permanent drinking water supply to **1765 people (843 men, 922 women)**.

Project: Cottages	
	<p>Andranik Harutyunyan's family consists of 8 people: his mother, his 3rd degree disabled brother, his wife and 4 children. The family was forced to leave their land, leaving what they had earned and created over the years. After crossing the border bridge, the family was accommodated in the Goris hotel. Having received an offer from the community authorities to resettle, the family moved to the cottage with kitchen furniture in the Bartsavan settlement, Goris. The family also received a greenhouse to support its livelihood. The three module cottage, the kitchen furniture and the greenhouse are procured and installed by the project. Today, the entire family is busy with the cultivation of the greenhouse and the land allocated by the municipality. They are waiting for the first results.</p>

Component 2: Support socioeconomic integration of the displaced population, war veterans and other vulnerable groups through various job creation mechanisms across country (including Yerevan)

2021

- A vehicle UAZ 374195 was presented to a local PE for delivery of bakery products to **6 semi-isolated settlements of Syunik region (Tchakaten, Shikahogh, Srashen, Nerkin Hand, Tsav, Shishkert)** benefiting people **846 people (410 males, 436 females)**. In addition, **2 male drivers** got the employment opportunity.

2022


- **100 units of beehives** were given to **56 people in Vorotan, Shikahogh, Srashen, Nerqin Hand, Tsav, Shishkert** settlements of Syunik region contributing to the promotion of beekeeping and economic activity in the settlement. As a result, **56 people got self-employment** opportunities (**40 males, 16 females**).
- The Project supported a regional business of Davit Bek settlement in Kapan municipality with the potential to hire displaced, veterans and other vulnerable groups with provision of baking equipment set - Electric oven WFC-306D; Dough making machine WFF-13A; Electric dough mixer (BAKER) YS-W110H-3D; Teflon-lined trays SIN-15-1.
- A Responsible Party Agreement has been signed with “Global Developments” Fund for supporting socioeconomic integration of the displaced population, war veterans and other vulnerable groups through on-the-job trainings. 100 beneficiaries from Yerevan and 4 regions (Ararat, Armavir, Aragatsotn and Kotayk) received on the job training. As a result, **36 people got jobs (17 males, 19 females)**.
- **8 beekeeping trainings** were organized for the residents of the bordering settlements of Syunik regions aimed at providing the participants with necessary skills to become professional beekeepers and ensure income-generating opportunities for them (overall number of participants **367 (87 females, 280 males)**).
- **3 advanced sewing operators’** trainings were conducted for displaced people and other vulnerable groups to advance the skill of sewing and tailoring specialists to get work in a sewing industry or start a new business (overall number of participants **31 females**).



2023

- **402 units of beehives** were distributed to **150 people (97 men, 53 women)** giving them income generating opportunities. In addition, **154 units of beekeeping accessories** were provided to improve and facilitate beekeeping procedures for these people.
- **1490 nets** were provided to **225 people (8 men, 217 women)** giving them an opportunity to dry fruits and vegetables in better sanitary hygienic conditions.
- **10 greenhouses were purchases out of which 7 greenhouses** were provided to **7 conflict affected families** giving them an opportunity to develop their own businesses and generate income. Overall, the provided 7 greenhouses benefited **35 people (number of beneficiaries multiplied by 5, the average number of their family members)**.
- **2 “I Can”** project female beneficiaries got **2 overlock sewing machines** to start their own businesses and generate incomes.
- **2 advanced sewing operators’ trainings** were organized for displaced people and other vulnerable groups to skill sewing and tailoring specialists to work in a sewing industry or start a new business (overall number of participants 18 women).
- **2 trainings** were organized on **culinary and confectionery** to help the participants to enhance their skill in the sphere and become more demanded professionals (overall number of participants 38 (37 women, 1 man)).
- **6 trainings** were organized on **dried fruits and vegetables production**, which helped to master new technologies of producing more healthy and natural dried fruits (overall number of participants 230 (222 women, 8 men)).
- A training was organized on beekeeping skills giving the opportunity to **71 participants (57 men, 14 women)** to enrich their knowledge on beekeeping techniques and honey production skills.
- In the framework of “I Can” project **2 training sessions** were organized for **5 young entrepreneurs (2 men, 3 women)** to help them to develop their business ideas and turn them into business plans.
- **2 greenhouse trainings** (theoretical and practical) were organized giving an opportunity to **10 people (6 women, 4 men)** to specialize in modern techniques and skills of greenhouse operation.
- **3 training sessions** on professional mushroom production was organized for **46 people (38 men, 8 women)** interested in **oyster mushroom production** which will ensure their income generating opportunities.

Project: Greenhouses

Tsakhkanush Manutsyan's family consists of 5 people: a husband and 3 children. They are forced to resettle in Goris community. She was informed about the greenhouse project and was registered to participate. After the training courses, she was selected for the participation in the project. Now Tsakhanush is cultivating the greenhouse and the first harvest free of charge was delivered to the hotel in their neighborhood, where the displaced Artsakh residents took temporary shelter in September 2023.

	<p>Aida Grigoryan's family consisted of 6 people: her husband and 4 children. Currently she lives in Barcravan settlement in Goris and her family is the second family living in the modular cottage. The entire family is actively engaged in the greenhouse business and hope that business will be a stable source of income for the family. The two modular cottage, the kitchen furniture and the greenhouse are procured and installed by the project.</p>
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<p>Project: I Can</p> 	<p>Hripsime from Yeghvard was among the beneficiaries of “I can” project⁶ and received an encouragement prize - a sewing machine. She is a mother of 2 children and currently is working at home, tailoring, and sewing seasonal children’s clothing for sale.</p>
	<p>Mariam is among the beneficiaries of “I Can” project and has also received an encouragement prize, a sewing machine. Currently she has orders from individuals as well as stage performance orders. The machine helped grant her a chance to open a production line for children's clothing. She is planning to create new clothing line called DERCAN only for clothes with Armenian design and ornaments.</p>

Component 3: Maximize the benefits of socioeconomic recovery for the host communities and the displaced population through sustainable energy solutions.

2022

- **7 solar panels** were provided to **7 settlements (Shurnukh, Davit Bek, Yeghvard, Tsav, Artsvanik, Syunik, Vorotan)** of Syunik region **benefiting 2556 people (1244 men, 1312 women).**
- **6 non-pressure thermosyphon Eco 20 / 200l water heaters, together with pumps** are installed in the newly renovated multi apartment building in Vorotan benefiting **30 people (15 males, 15 females).**
- **4 more water heaters** were provided to **Shurnukh settlement of Goris**, benefiting **20 people (10 males, 10 females).**

⁶ The project “I Can” is a youth-targeted initiative aiming to see behavioral change among youth and motivate them to engage in entrepreneurial and innovational activities. The Project targets youth (18-30 years old). The project offers a co-financing 80/20 scheme for projects not exceeding USD 10,000.

- **10 off-grid lights as well as 71 light metal columns** for street lightning were provided to Shurnukh settlement of Syunik region benefiting **229 people (110 males, 119 females)**.
- **80 energy saving LED lights** were provided to Vorotan settlement, Goris municipality benefiting **241 people (110 males, 131 females)**.

2023

- **100 off-grid lights in 10 settlements** (Antarashat, Vanek, Archadzor, Dzorastan, Okhtar, Verin Khotanan, Nerkin Khotanan, Norashenik, Davit Bek, Syunik) of Syunik region benefiting **2018 people (1030 men, 1078 women)**.

IV. GENDER MAINSTREAMING, CROSS-CUTTING RESULTS, TARGETING

- Indicate project's gender marker (GEN0-3), gender mainstreaming strategy/approaches in line with corporate/CO Gender Equality Strategy, mentioning particular **gender-responsive (GEN2) or gender-transformative (GEN3) results**. If possible, GEN0-1 projects shall be revisited for upgrade.
- Present the project's targeting strategy and application of **Leaving No One Behind (LNOB)** approach.
- Present the project's **cross-cutting aspects and 'enablers'** in such areas as cross-portfolio interventions, human rights-based approach, risk informed development, mainstreaming innovation, social and environmental responsiveness, user-driven design, citizen engagement, leveraging private financing.

In accordance with the gender mainstreaming approach, the project has managed to demonstrate the following gender responsive (GEN2) results.

- ✓ **13,870** women with restored livelihoods in the target communities .
- ✓ **10,562** women benefiting from access to decent housing and restored public facilities
- ✓ **3308** women with access to agricultural assets and infrastructure .
- ✓ **620** women integrated into labor market
- ✓ **63** women benefiting from emergency schemes of job creation
- ✓ **557** women benefiting from sustainable support schemes .
- ✓ **2796** women benefiting from energy efficient and green energy solutions .

V. RISKS AND CHALLENGES

- **Risks, Changes to ProDoc:** Present/discuss the current risks status and mitigation strategies. Update risks in Atlas and in attached Log. The closed risks shall remain in the list. Present changes to ProDoc necessitated by horizon scanning or other factors. Indicate all project revisions, reasons and dates.
- **Evaluation:** Indicate if ProDoc defines evaluation for this project. For conducted evaluations present the implementation of recommendations/management response.

The project has encountered the following 6 main risks:

- Large flow of refugee Armenians
- Continuous escalations on the borders.
- The floating exchange rate of the Armenian Dram, the frequency of rate fluctuations.
- Political instability
- Natural hazards
- High expectations for the target communities versus the limited scope of the project.

The September 19, 2023, military escalation resulted in heavy human losses and casualties, **thousands of Karabakh Armenians**, who fled to the Republic of Armenia. This made the project management to shift from annual plans and targets to the emergency response actions based on the urgent needs of those people. This decision slowed down the speed of the implementation of the planned actions to a certain extent. To compensate for this, the program management is going to request for **two-year non-cost extension** during the upcoming board meeting in November.

Change of the security situation along the border and escalation of the conflict remains the biggest risk for the project. It may create difficulties/security restrictions for operating in certain remote and border communities and impose risk for sustainability of actions. The Project will follow instructions from the UN Department for Safety and Security and of local law enforcement for the trips to affected communities (additional security measures may be considered). In case of absence of restrictions for travelling and project operations in the affected communities, the project interventions should be modified to meet the needs of the target groups and communities, if approved by the donor.

Floating exchange rate of the Armenian Dram and the high frequency of rate fluctuations imposes a risk of budget insufficiency. UNDP has efficient cash/currency management arrangements, and to the extent possible adaptive financial planning will be used. In addition, UNDP will work on attracting additional funds through establishing public-private partnerships, leveraging funds with other organizations / projects operating in the target regions. To mitigate the risk the decision was also made to sign all the contracts in the USD.

The internal political situation changes in the country is another risk that will cause instability and cancel the current policy frameworks and the administrative setup needed for the project implementation. The Project will review its implementation strategy and while the principles will remain intact, the intervention mechanisms may change. In general, the focus of the project is at the local level, hence no serious disruption is expected.

Natural hazards (including pandemics, earthquake, etc.) might affect the Project implementation as security measures can prevent interaction with the beneficiaries and stakeholders and may postpone or cancel the project operations in the field. Destructions can affect the Project results. The impact may range from damage to total destruction.

High expectations of the beneficiaries, which cannot be met within the scope of the Project, its budget and strategy. The regular and open communication with the beneficiaries will set it clear what should be expected from the Project and what are the limitations of the Project scope.

VI. PARTNERSHIP. COMMUNICATION AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

- Present **partnership strategies**, discuss South-South/Triangular cooperation, inter-agency or other collaboration, mentioning the learning or leading roles.
- Collate in a table **knowledge and communication materials and links**. Indicate planned flagship publications and discuss their strategic importance.

The Project has successfully created and maintained close partnership with the local administrations of the target communities and the regional administration of Syunik, Gegharkunik and Vayots Dzor regions.

The Project interventions are designed in thorough consideration of the Government priorities and the post-conflict recovery support and will be implemented in close partnership with the line ministries. Through its job creation component, the Project will closely cooperate with the RA Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs.

Media Highlights 2022

2023

Media	Title	Link
Public TV of Armenia	Sewing training presentation	Link
Public TV of Armenia	“Chir Chir” project training presentation	Link
Goris municipality official page	Playground opening	Link
Public TV of Armenia	“Chir Chir” project blind testing experiment	Link
CSO DEPO	“I Can” project competition announced	Link

2022

Media	Title	Link
CivilNet	Kindergarten playground installation and beehives distribution in Vorotan community	Link
Goris municipality Facebook page	Kindergarten playground installation in Nerkin Khndzoresk	Link
Facebook page of UNDP in Armenia	Beehives distribution in Vorotan community	Link
Goris municipality Facebook page	Beehives distribution in Vorotan community	Link
Facebook page of UN in Armenia	Kindergarten playground installation in Nerkin Khndzoresk	Link
Facebook page of UNDP in Armenia	Kindergarten playground installation in Nerkin Khndzoresk	Link
Syunyats yerkir website	Street lighting modernization in Vorotan community	Link
Facebook page of UNDP in Armenia	Seed provision to the displaced families and host communities in Vayots Dzor region	Link
Facebook page of UNDP in Armenia	Fodder provision to the displaced families and host communities in Vayots Dzor region	Link

2021

Media Highlights 2021

Media	Title	Link
Banks.am web page	Article on Launch of the project	Link
“Russki Mir” Information portal	Article on the project start	Link
Sputnik Georgia	Article on start of the project	Link
Ria Novosti	Article on the project start	Link

The News bloc of Public TV	Prep work of fodder provision to the displaced families and host communities	Link
Facebook page of UNDP in Armenia	Donation of UAZ truck	Link
Gegharkunik MTAD	Meeting with Gegharkunik Marzpet	Link
Iin Lurer	Meeting with Gegharkunik Marzpet	Link

VII. VALIDATION OF RESULTS (FIELD VISITS). QUALITY ASSURANCE. LESSONS LEARNED. PROJECT BOARDS. DONOR REPORTS

- *Project Coordinator shall prepare and countersign with Portfolio Leads a **field visit/output verification** document (template see in annex) in line with ProDoc, POPP, and CO M&E Plan. For HACT and RP-related projects use M&E report and field visit template for programme monitoring. Risks and lessons learned shall be part of HACT/RP programmatic monitoring.*
- *Formulate **lessons learned** through the lifetime of the project in highly strategic language.*
- *Present a schedule of Project Board (PB) meetings and implementation status.*
- *Present a schedule of donor reports and implementation status.*
- *Prepare a quality **assurance report** in the UNDP system and discuss with Portfolio Lead (assurer). For newly developing projects/outputs **Design quality assurance reports** shall be prepared, assured, and approved in the system. For ongoing project **Implementation quality assurance reports** shall be prepared once in two years. For closing projects **Closure Quality Assurance Reports** shall be prepared, assured, and approved in the system. Closure QA shall contain all evidence and approval documents (LPAC, PB minutes, final RB minutes, monitoring reports, etc).*

DONOR REPORTS

No donor report has been submitted so far.

PROJECT BOARD (PB) MEETINGS

Board Meeting	21/12/2022
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QUALITY ASSURANCE

Quality assurance for 2021 is completed. The link to the quality assurance is as follows: [Links](#)

Field visit:

Purpose of the field visit: Validation of Results

Outcomes	Update on outcomes	Outputs	Update on outputs	Reasons if progress below target	Update on partnership strategies	Recommendations and proposed action
Outcome 4: People, communities and regions benefit from equitable economic opportunities, decent work and sustainable livelihoods, enabled through competitiveness	The project has managed to create sustainable schemes to ensure decent housing and restoration of public facilities for the targeted population. All the models have been to the biggest extent	Output 1.1 Marginalized groups are empowered to gain universal access to basic services and financial and non-financial assets to build productive capacities and benefit from sustainable	Target: 17,032; Actual: 25,478 # of women, men with restored livelihoods in the target communities. Target: 5,322; Actual: 18,905 # of women and men benefitting from access to decent housing and restored public facilities	Due to the restrictions related to the compound crisis, the project implementation was delayed, which is the main reason for delayed results.	The project is proactively and regularly communicating with the main partners, as indicated in the project document, and builds new partnerships as necessary for maximizing the results and	Arrange regular meetings/calls with local government bodies of Syunik to timely and effectively coordinate project activities in this region.

and inclusive green growth	inclusive targeting women and other vulnerable groups, who got access to various agricultural assets and improved infrastructure mainly via energy efficient and green energy solutions. To integrate target groups into the labor market, a number of training sessions have been organized to give them specific job-related skills.	livelihoods and jobs.	Target: 11,710; Actual: 6,573 # of women and men with access to agricultural assets and infrastructure Target: 780; Actual: 1,195 # of women and men integrated into labor market Target: 480; Actual: 100 # of women and men benefitting from emergency schemes of job creation Target: 300; Actual: 1095 # of women and men benefitting from sustainable support schemes Target: 10,000; Actual: 5,425 # of women and men benefitting from energy efficient and green energy solutions Target: 30; Actual: 18 # of communities with energy-efficient solutions applied		speeding up the progress towards results.	
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PLANS FOR 2024

During 2024 the project aims to do the following activities.

- ***To install street workout equipment in 5 settlements*** contributing to healthy lifestyle of local population.
- ***To provide 10 greenhouses*** to ensure income-generating opportunities of the beneficiaries. To help the beneficiaries to better master agricultural skills ***greenhouse training 2 sessions will also be organized.***
- ***To found 10 Sweet houses*** to contribute to the development of local SMEs.
- ***6 “Honey-Money” trainings*** are going to be organized on beekeeping practices. ***120 beehives*** will be provided to the training participants to ensure their income generating opportunities.
- A new business concept is going to be developed, “I am a Master”, aimed at supporting ***50 young specialists*** to progress in their fields or gain new skills by providing small grants (the concept will include 5 trainings for about 50 participants).
- To organize ***10 “Chir Chir” trainings*** to develop participants’ skills on fruit drying practices. ***1000 nets*** will be distributed to training participants to ensure their income generating opportunities.
- To organize ***5 training on mushroom production skills. In addition, 10 sets of equipment for mushroom production*** will be provided to the training participants to help them to start a new business or expand their businesses.
- ***1000 LED lights*** are going to be provided to ***4 settlements.***
- ***6 solar panels*** are going to be provided to target communities.
- In addition, ***some community infrastructure*** may be renovated based on the identified community need.

LESSONS LEARNED

2023

Large inflow of forcibly displaced Karabakh Armenians

The large inflow of forcibly displaced Karabakh Armenians had a significant impact on the previously identified needs of the target communities. Thus, the project team engaged in the reevaluation of those needs via frequently organized field trips. The reevaluation proved that more should be done for livelihood support since it is more tangible, human-centric and result oriented.

2022

Usage of beehives

Usage of beehives by beneficiaries needs more clear instructions and monitoring mechanisms. Although beneficiaries were informed and the requirement was stated in the Contract, that within 3 days after receiving the beehives, they should be functional, the monitoring of the process showed that a significant percentage of beneficiaries are not using the beehives on purpose. More strong mechanisms for monitoring and return of beehives should be developed.

Idea generation, scaling up

For more effective and efficient usage of funds and resources, the project needs inputs from the community inhabitants: local and displaced people, regarding the project ideas, implementation and follow up. Communities are mostly passive, no initiatives. Project team is inputting huge efforts for idea generation and its successful implementation.

2021

Availability of data about target groups

Availability of data about target groups (their specific needs, the intensity of their vulnerability, their location, etc.) is key to targeted recovery interventions, hence the project will complete needs assessment prior to the implementation of planned activities, simultaneously launching the interventions for which this exercise is completed.

Procurement of fodder

Procurement of fodder was full of uncertainties which caused significant delay in the overall procurement process. No company applied in the first phase of the announced competition. Prolongation of the announcement resulted in two bidders. The winner of the bid, after one week announced that the company is not able to provide the fodder with the cost mentioned initially. Decision was made to approach the second bidder and start the process of necessary documentation collection. All these steps took significant time, more than planned initially.

Sustainable Housing management models

For building sustainable livelihoods for the displaced population and communities in the bordering regions of Syunik, Gegharkunik and Vayots Dzor the project-initiated research on Sustainable Housing management models. The Assignment started late, due to the complications in the procurement processes. The aim of the assignment is to research and identify sustainable management models of temporary housing and provide recommendations.

Participants in the field visit:

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Results Framework⁷

⁷ 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 audiences clearly understand the results of the project.

Intended Outcome as stated in UNSDCF/Country Programme Results and Resource Framework: People, communities and regions benefit from equitable economic opportunities, decent work and sustainable livelihoods, enabled through competitiveness and inclusive green growth													
Outcome indicators as stated in the Country Programme [or Global/Regional] Results and Resources Framework, including baseline and targets:													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicator: Poverty rate decreased Baseline (2018): 23.5% Target (2024): 20% • Indicator (SDG 8.5.2): Unemployment rate decreased Baseline (2018): 19% Women: 20.4% Men: 17.9% Youth: 24.9% Rural: 11.3% Urban: 24.9% Target (2024): 17 Women:18% Men: 17% Youth: 22% Rural: 10% Urban: 23% • Indicator: Rural population per capita average monthly gross income level increased Baseline (2018): 63,338 Target (2024): 75,000 • Indicator (SDG 8.6.1): Proportion of youth (aged 15–24 years) not in education, employment or training Baseline (2018): 11.3% Target (2024): 10% 													
Applicable Output(s) from the UNDP Strategic Plan:													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Output 1.1 Marginalized groups are empowered to gain universal access to basic services and financial and non-financial assets to build productive capacities and benefit from sustainable livelihoods and jobs • Output 1.2 Capacities at national and subnational levels strengthened to promote inclusive local economic development and deliver inclusive public services • Output 1.3 Competitive labour force developed through promotion of innovative practices of skills-building and human capital development with focus on youth • Output 1.4 Capacities developed for progressive expansion of inclusive social protection systems 													
Project title and Atlas Project Number: 00135109, Support to Post-conflict Recovery of the Most Vulnerable Communities and Groups in Armenia													
EXPECTED OUTPUTS	OUTPUT INDICATORS	DATA SOURCE	BASELINE		TARGETS (by frequency of data collection)								DATA COLLECTION METHODS & RISKS, COMMENTS
			Value	Year	Year 1 (2021)		Year 2 (2022)		Year 3 (2023)		FINAL		
					Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual	
Objective 1 Build sustainable livelihoods for the displaced population and communities in the bordering regions of Syunik, Gegharkunik and Vayots Dzor	1. Number of women, men with restored livelihoods in the target communities	Surveys Monitoring reports	0	2020	1000 m-500 w- 500	300 m-150 w-150	9397 m-4600 w- 4797	13,003 m-6452 w-6551	6635 m- 3215 w - 3420	12,175 m-5006 w-7169	17032 m -8315 w- 8717	25,478 m -11,608 w- 13,870	Project monitoring Survey Project records
	1.1 Number of women and men benefitting from access to decent housing and restored public facilities	Field visit reports, Project reports, transfer acts, property certificates	0	2020	1000 m-500 w-500	80 m-40 w-40	2687 m-1300 w- 1387	6,650 m-3297 w- 3353	1635 m- 815 w - 820	12,175 m-5006 w- 7169	5322 m-2615 w-2707	18,905 m-8343 w-10,562	Field visits Request for information to the beneficiary communities and regional administration Survey

	<i>1.2 Number of women and men with access to agricultural assets and infrastructure</i>	Field visit reports, Project reports, transfer acts	0	2020	1000 m-500 w-500	220 m-110 w-110	6710 m-3300 w- 3410	6353 m-3155 w- 3198	4000 m-1900 w- 2100	0 m-0 w- 0	11710 m-5700 w-6010	6573 m-3265 w-3308	Reporting Field visits Project records
Objective 2 Support socioeconomic integration of the displaced population, war veterans and other vulnerable groups through various job creation mechanisms across country (including Yerevan)	2. Number of women and men integrated into labor market	Surveys Monitoring reports Project reports	0	2020	100 m-50 w-50	2 m-2 w-0	430 m-280 w- 150	608 m-358 w- 250	250 m-200 w- 50	585 m-215 w-370	780 m-530 w-250	1195 m-575 w-620	Project monitoring Project reports Surveys Interviews
	<i>2.1 Number of women and men benefitting from emergency schemes of job creation</i>	Surveys Monitoring reports Project reports	0	2020	100 m-50 w-50	0 m-0 w-0	280 m-180 w- 100	100 m-37 w- 36	100 m-100	0 m-0 w-0	480 m-330 w-130	100 m-37 w- 63	Project monitoring Project reports Surveys Interviews
	<i>2.2. Number of women and men benefitting from sustainable support schemes</i>	Field visit reports Project reports Monitoring reports Survey results	0	2020	75 m-50 w-25	0 m-0 w-0	150 m-100 w- 50	508 m-321 w- 187	75 m-50 w- 25	585 m-215 w-370	300 m-200 w-100	1095 m-538 w-557	Field visits, Interviews, Surveys, Project records
Objective 3 Maximize the benefits of socioeconomic recovery for the host communities and the displaced population through sustainable energy solutions.	3. Number of women and men benefitting from energy efficient and green energy solutions	Surveys Monitoring report	0	2020	1000 m-500 w-500	0 m-0 w-0	6000 m-3000 w- 3000	3317 m-1599 w- 1718	3000 m-1500 w- 1500	2108 m-1030 w-1078	10000 m-5000 w-5000	5425 m-2629 w-2796	Project Progress report Survey
	<i>3.1 Number of communities with energy-efficient solutions applied</i>	Surveys Monitoring report	0	2020	5	0	15	8	10	10	30	18	Project Progress report Survey

ANNUAL/MULTIYEAR WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FROM PRODOC ⁸⁹

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		
		2021	2022	2023	Y4		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount
Objective 1: Build sustainable emergency livelihoods for the displaced population in the regions of Armenia. <i>Gender marker: GEN 2</i>	1.1.1 Assess the housing needs and the physical condition of the public facilities in the regions of Syunik, Gegharkunik, and Vayots Dzor	21,600	0	N/A	N/A	UNDP	RUS GOV	Local consultants	40,000
	1.1.2 Procure, install/build modular cottages with infrastructure (water, electricity)	253,800	279,720	N/A	N/A			Contractual Services/Individuals	48,000
	1.1.3 Activity Provide support to the displaced families for the purchase of private houses (flats)	145,800	124,200	N/A	N/A			Travel	6,000
	1.1.4 Rehabilitate public facilities in the host communities	108,000	108,000	N/A	N/A			Contractual Services/Companies	1,140,000
	1.2.1 Rapid needs assessment of the displaced families in livestock farming in the target communities	21,600	0	N/A	N/A			Equipment and Furniture	80,000

⁸ 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

⁹ 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.

	1.2.2 Establish a logistics center to manage the fodder crop cultivation in Syunik region	137,160	132,840	N/A	N/A					
	1.2.3 Organize quick fodder crop cultivation and fodder provision to the displaced families	43,200	49,171	N/A	N/A			Materials and Goods	185,529	
	1.2.4 Pilot a model of delivering slaughterhouse services accessible for the displaced and other vulnerable groups in one of the target regions	43,200	43,200	N/A	N/A					
	1.2.5 Build modular barns for the livestock of the displaced population	54,000	54,000	N/A	N/A					Facilities and Administration
	MONITORING									
	Sub-Total for Objective 1								1,619,491	
Objective 2: Support socioeconomic integration of the displaced population, war veterans and other vulnerable groups through various job creation mechanisms across the country (including Yerevan). <i>Gender marker: GEN 2</i>	2.1.1 Create jobs through emergency cash for work scheme	80,000	80,000	N/A	N/A	UNDP	RUS GOV	Local consultants	40,000	
	2.1.2 Provide on-the-job training for the displaced and war veterans	100,000	100,000	N/A	N/A			Contractual Services/Individuals	48,000	
	2.2.1 Announce open calls, select and support the start-up (self-employment) initiatives of the displaced, war veterans and other vulnerable groups	110,160	105,840	N/A	N/A			Travel	6,000	
	2.2.2 Support the regional businesses with the potential to hire displaced, veterans and other vulnerable groups	130,000	125,600	N/A	N/A			Contractual Services/Companies	676,000	
	MONITORING									
	Sub-Total for Objective 2								831,600	
								Local consultants	15,000	

Objective 3: Maximize the benefits of socioeconomic recovery for the host communities and the displaced population through sustainable energy solutions.	3.1.1 Apply energy efficient and green energy solutions for lighting (including street lighting) and heating purposes in public buildings, as well as private houses (cottages) hosting the displaced	210,600	124,200	N/A	N/A	UNDP	RUS GOV	Contractual Services/Individuals	24,000
								Travel	6,000
								Contractual Services/Companies	100,000
								Materials and Goods	165,000
								Facilities and Administration	24,800
	MONITORING								
Sub-Total for Objective 3									334,800
Objective 4: Project Implementation	Project Implementation	245,659	189,540	N/A	N/A	UNDP	RUS GOV	Programme Management Cost	20,000
								Contractual Services/Individuals	241,000
								Travel	10,000
								Equipment and Furniture	10,000
								Communication and Audio visual	27,962
								Supplies	3,000
								Rental and Maint.Premises	20,000
								Miscellaneous	18,000
								Evaluation	13,000
	Vehicles-Budget	40,000							
	Facilities and Administration	32,237							
	MONITORING								
Sub-Total for Output 4									435,199
General Management Support									238,599

TOTAL			3,221,090
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