

## **I QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

**UNDP- GEF PROJECT (PIMS 5309)**  
**January – March 2018**

**“Generate global environmental benefits through  
environmental education and raising awareness of stakeholders”  
medium-sized Project 00091047/00081989**

- The activities on implementation of the “Climate Box” Project were launched, including:
  - o the manual was translated to Armenian,
  - o two experts have been hired for adapting the manual to local settings,
  - o piloting of CB Project has been discussed with representatives of MoES and National Institute of Education and organization of ToT by experts from Russia is tentatively planned for June 2018.
- Following the official request of RoA Government the development of website for the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) was launched. Through competitive selection process “Helix Consulting LLC” was contracted, respective activities as per TOR are ongoing, first deliverable is completed.
- The development and production of 4 short animation films on implementation of the three Rio Conventions and Aarhus convention in Armenia has been launched, Through competitive selection process “Sahakyants Animation Studio” was contracted. Scenario for Biodiversity Convention was developed, discussed with vendor and implementation is ongoing.
- Local Individual Consultant for conducting workshops on “Environmental Law” was recruited through direct contracting modality. Two (2) workshops for almost i) 30 representatives of governmental entities and ii) 25 mass media and CBOs were conducted.
- Communication and Outreach consultant was recruited. UNDP official website Project page was updated with respective outputs. Daily support to project outreach activities is ensured and ongoing.
- Project Mid-Term Review (MTR) was finalized. Following the Project team feedback and revisions, certain amendments in the finalization of the report were provided by the consultant to ensure compatibility with the TOR requirements. Management response is under development.
- Project Technical Task Leader participated in the “Communication for development” workshop on 24-28.01.2018, Tbilisi, Georgia aimed at building communication Strategy/Media Campaign on Environmental Topics. The event was organized by GIZ and attended by officials (Ministries), staff of international organizations (GIZ and UNDP) implementing projects related to raising awareness on environmental issues, as well as representatives of CBOs from Armenia and Georgia.
- The negotiations were conducted with representatives of RoA MoNP related to follow-up actions of “National Strategy on Ecological Education and Upbringing” developed with support of the Project and approved by the RoA Government in February 2018.
- To ensure timely and accurate maintenance of the RoA Ministry of Nature Protection official website (MoNP) (<http://www.mnp.am/>) TOR for the provision of consultancy services was developed. Through direct recruitment modality the consultant was hired. The actual works will resume starting from April 2018.
- The evaluation of proposals under Environmental Challenge Call was finalized. Three (3) regional CBOs were contracted to implement projects under Micro-capital Grant Modality.

- In accordance with official request the project provided assistance to UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE Strategy for ESD Programme, Environment Division) in Geneva in the logistical organization of the national workshop on “Re-orienting technical and vocational education and training through education for sustainable development to support sustainable development and transition to a green economy in the Republic of Armenia”, to be organized in Yerevan on 19 and 20 April 2018.
- Following the official recommendation of the MTR and no-objection of the Project Board, the request for Project no-cost extension is under finalization by the project coordination unit. The Request will be communicated to the RTA for further review and finalization in early April 2018.