MONITORING ACTION AND STANDARD PROGRESS REPORT[12]

No. and title: 00076016/ 00011263

Strengthening of National Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction Capacities

Reporting period: January 2019-December 2019

I. PURPOSE

Project goal:

The overall goal of the project is to strengthen the functional capacity of Disaster Risk Reduction National Platform in Armenia to ensure its sustainability, relevance and key role in maintenance of culture of resilience in the country.

Project objective is to upgrade the human, technical, and financial capacities of the DRRNP, as well as to promote innovative approaches and best global practices in DRM.

Component 1: High standard electronic tool for Monitoring and evaluation of DRM National Strategy and Sendai Framework for DRR implementation, interlinked with SDGs created.

Component 2: Technical and professional capacities of the DRR National platform are enhanced for effective utilization of innovative technologies, including drones, in risk profiling, monitoring and other emergency response related activities.

Component 3: Project management capacities and functional sustainability of DRRNP is enhanced by the introduction of small-scale project modality for development and implementation of small projects in first aid, emergency physiological support, GIS related education, urban resilience and other activities, supporting the DRM National Strategy.

Duration:

01 September 2017 -31 May 2019

Implementing Partner: Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Armenia

Responsible Partner: United Nations Development Programme

Theory of Change (ToC). The institutional and professional capacity building of the DRR NP will contribute to strengthening and financial sustainability thereof, thus raising the DRM potential in the country, including trickle-down effect to other DRM stakeholders. The project will play a catalytic role in strengthening the Platform capacities to act as the main supporting mechanism to the Government in implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction at national and local levels.

II. RESOURCES AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	Total Project Budget (USD)	Current Year (2019)			All Years Delivery as of SPR date (USD)	All Years Delivery rate as of SPR date (%)
		Annual Budget	Delivery as of SPR date (USD)	Delivery rate as of SPR date (%)		
DGECHO	242,501.60	13,460	14,394	100	240,642.40	100
DRRNP	59,141	43,561	22,700	52.1	45,579	77.06
UNDP	55,480	0	0	0	55,475.64	100

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[1] The report shall be **evidence-based,** short, and informative. Add up information through the monitoring cycles, thus the final report will contain information for all the years. Use the results language i.e., change vis-à-vis the baseline and target informing also about a 'so what' aspect. Financial performance to be indicated based on CDR amount (i.e., actual not committed). A second table on commitments-based delivery is optional. ***UNDP Armenia timeline of monitoring action:*** *Q1 planning – 20 January; Q1 reporting – 15 April; Q2 – 15 July; Q3 – 15 October; Q4 provisional - 15 November; Q4 final - 20 January*. Do not delete guidelines from the report. ***Distribution and filing:*** Atlas/Attachments; UNDP Armenia e-Archive/Project folder; Project Board (Annual SPR; quarterly SPRs are sent to Project Board upon agreement); project files. Report file names are to be kept consistent.

SRDIF	5,268	0	0	0	5,180	100
Total	362,230.6	57,021	37,094	72.70	346,877	95

III. RESULTS, PROGRESS, INNOVATIVE AND TRANSFORMATIVE ASPECTS

Sustainable Development Goal 11 and 17: Sustainable Cities and Communities. Partnerships for the Goals

UNDAF Outcome 7/ CPD Outcome 4. (Outputs 4.2) By 2020, sustainable development principles and good practices for environmental sustainability resilience building, climate c

change adaptation and mitigation, and green economy are introduced and applied.

UNDP Strategic Plan Outcome 1: Advance poverty eradication in all its forms and dimensions.

UNDP Strategic Plan Output 1.3.1: National capacities and evidence-based assessment and planning tools enable gender-responsive and risk-informed development investments, including for response to and recovery from crisis.

Project's progress vis-à-vis the Results and Resources Framework of Prodoc.

Output 1: *High standard electronic tool for Monitoring and evaluation of DRM National Strategy and Sendai Framework for DRR implementation, interlinked with SDGs created*

- In 2019 series of trainings conducted for key DRM stakeholders on *utilization of Information Management Electronic System for Monitoring of DRM National Strategy* in all regions of Armenia and Yerevan.

- CASC Regional Platform was organized in Armenia in partnership with UNISDR, UNDP, MES and other partners during which the Yerevan Declaration was adopted as a recommendation strategy for further improvement of DRR efforts in the CASC region countries. The declaration was presented during the European Platform on DRR held in Rome in 2018 and during the Global Platform held in Geneva in 2019.

- The electronic toolkit for DRM Strategy implementation was developed, and 32 different experts were participating in DRRNP Thematic working group (TWG) from 10 different organizations. DRM strategy implementation indicators were formulated within the TWG and integrated in DRM Strategy M&E electronic toolkit, which was tested during the trainings organized for 108 individuals from 54 state and private entities. Further, 2 trainings of trainers ToT were organized for 47 individuals for 17 state and private entities.

- 18 representatives from educational institutions (CMSA, schools and universalities) and private sector (Armenia Wine, Contour Global Hydro Cascade CJSC, World Vision Armenia, "Master Pharm" Health center) and NAS Chemical laboratory SNPO received series of trainings and obtained knowledge on "Basics of First Aid" and "Training of Trainers on First Aid" delivered by DRR National Platform First Aid Specialists.

Output 2: *Technical and professional capacities of the DRR National platform are enhanced for effective utilization of innovative technologies, including drones, in risk profiling, monitoring and other emergency response related activities.*

- Technical and human capacities of DRR National Platform (DRRNP) were enhanced through establishment of community youth innovative centers in Stepanavan, Lori Region, Kapan, Syunik Region and Vayk community, Vayots Dzor Region (established in partnership with Vayk Administration office) aimed at educational purposes, as well as for risk profiling of community, humanitarian response and monitoring. A Cooperation Memorandum is signed between DRR stakeholder to ensure sustainability of the centers.

Output 3: *Project management capacities and functional sustainability of DRRNP is enhanced by the introduction of small-scale project modality for development and implementation of small projects in first aid, emergency physiological support, GIS related education, urban resilience and other activities, supporting the DRM National Strategy.*

- Guidelines on "Basics of First Aid" and "First psychological Aid in Emergency Situations" developed by task force designed and printed for wide layers of society. Training on First Aid Educational Package conducted and tested, the standards and training materials are developed.

- A handbook on "Psycho-social support during the emergencies "for the first responders developed and training was delivered to the representatives of regional rescue services, CMSA and Center for psychological service of MES.

- UNDP supported the development of ALTER project implemented jointly by DRRNP, American University of Armenia, National Academies of Greece and Cyprus with the 150.000$ total budget received by DRRNP.

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Activity/Output	Expected Annual Targets/Indicators	Amount ($)	Current Year (2019)					
			Planned				Actual	
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Status	Comments
Output 1: High standard electronic tool for Monitoring and evaluation of DRM National Strategy and Sendai Framework for DRR implementation, interlinked with SDGs created.	Formulated system of custom indicators for DRM National Strategy and Sendai implementation monitoring and evaluation electronic toolkit, interlinked with the SDGs.	1,802	x	x			Completed	
Output 2: Technical and professional capacities of the DRR National platform are enhanced for effective utilization of innovative technologies, including drones, in risk profiling, monitoring and other emergency response related activities	Software for GIS based risk profiling.		x	x			Completed	Output is completed under Micro-capital grant modality YY2018-2019, total disbursement completed in Y2018 - $52,846
Output 3: Project management capacities and functional sustainability of DRRNP is enhanced by the introduction of small-scale project modality for development and implementation of small projects in first aid, emergency physiological support, GIS related education, urban resilience and other activities, supporting the DRM National Strategy.	Project applications indorsed by UNDP, addressing DRM related issues in Armenia selected by the line ministries, which include clear outputs and outcomes for delivering by DRR NP.		x	x			Completed	Output is completed under Micro-capital grant modality YY2018-2019, total disbursement completed in Y2018 - $52,846

Innovative and transformative aspects: In order to develop the technical capacities of DRRNP for DRM, the project has supported the integration of innovative technologies into risk identification and management services that DRRNP provides to interested stakeholders, with that making the innovations an integral component for disaster risk profiling. This support was provided through mini-projects suggested and carried out by DRRNP and its partners. In particular, Mini-labs were acquired and provided to the Youth Innovative Centers established in Stepanavan, Vayk and Kapan cities, software for GIS based risk profiling was acquired and applied.

IV. GENDER MAINSTREAMING, CROSSCUTTING RESULTS, TARGETING

- The project corresponds to UNDP Gender Marker GEN-2 score, in line with the respective output(s) of the 2016-2020 Country Programme Document signed with the Government of Armenia.

- During the project implementation period equal access of young men and women to formal disaster management mechanisms or to any kind of information and resources related to disaster preparedness and prevention was ensured through the appropriate approaches adopted for the implementation of all project interventions.

V. PRODOC CHANGES, HORIZON SCANNING

Project received No Cost Extension from the donor for 3 months until 31 May 2019, to ensure that all due trainings for targeted state agencies conducted, the draft legislation on drones finalized and sent to the Ministry of Emergency Situations and other stakeholders.

VI. PARTNERSHIPS, COMMUNICATION, KNOWLEDGE MATERIALS

- In June 2019 the DRR Programme Manager participated the in the workshop on "*Capacity Building on Sendai Monitoring*" organized jointly with Regional HUB and UNDP CO in Uzbekistan for the representatives of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Uzbekistan and UNCT, aimed at facilitated and share experience on implementation of Sendai Framework, its targets and indicators.
- In May 2019 the DRR Programme Manager participated in the sixth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019) in Geneva. As a result, the PDNA and DRF Adaptation to national context concept was developed and approved and funded by IHR for implementation.
- Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between DRR stakeholders and IT companies to ensure sustainability of the Innovation center established within the framework DGECHO project;
- Memorandum of Cooperation was sign between DRR National Platform and Crisis Management State Academy on mainstreaming innovative tools into DRR.

Knowledge materials: Guidelines on "Basics of First Aid" and "First psychological Aid in Emergency Situations" designed and printed for wide layers of society.

VIII. EVALUATIONS

Project final evaluation conducted by the independent local expert in May 2019.

IX. DONOR REPORTS

-Interim Donor Report-May 31, 2018
-Final Donor Report-August 31, 2019

X. FUTURE ACTIONS, WORK PLAN

All planned project activities are completed.

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

The following are some major lessons that may be drawn from the experience of this project:

Lesson 1: To ensure the proper functionality and sustainable utilization of DRM National Strategy and Sendai reporting process there is a need to establish a well manageable mechanism in partnership with DRR NP and MES under the direct supervision of Sendai Focal Point.

Lesson 2: There was a big interest from private sector for cooperation with DRRNP regarding capacity building in First aid, Psycho-social support, GIS mapping etc., in this regard, during the project implementation, a series of agreements were signed for further partnership, which will definitely enhance DRRNP functional sustainability.

Lesson 3: The National Assembly was very much interested in cooperation with the DRRNP, especially, in mainstreaming DRR in legislation, taking into account that following the Constitutional reforms in Armenia, many DRM related laws need to be updated. In this regard, the draft on civil protection and DRR was the first step in this direction.

Project Closure Quality Assurance (QA) report was prepared and approved in the system with the overall **"Satisfactory"** result. The QA report was presented to the final Project Board meeting along with the Final Standard Progress Report (SPR).

Results and Resource Framework[3]

Intended Outcome as stated in the UNDAF/Country Programme Results and Resource Framework:
UNDAF Outcome 7/CPD Outcome 4 (13). 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

Outcome indicators as stated in the Country Programme Results and Resources Framework, including baseline and targets:
Indicator 4.1: No. of innovative tools/approaches introduced to promote environmental sustainability and resilience principles. Baseline: 0; Target: 20
Indicator 4.2: No. of communities benefiting from innovative disaster risk reduction/resilience measures and practices Baseline: 0; Target: 5

UNDP Strategic Plan Outcome 5. Countries are able to reduce the likelihood of conflict and lower the risk of natural disasters, including from climate change.
UNDP Strategic Plan Output 5.2: Effective institutional, legislative and policy frameworks in place to enhance the implementation of disaster and climate risk management measures at national and sub-national levels.

Project title and Atlas Project Number: Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction National Platform capacities in Armenia/ 00076016

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	OUTPUT INDICATORS	DATA SOURCE	BASELINE		TARGETS (by frequency of data collection)					FINAL	DATA COLLECTION METHODS & RISKS
			Value	Year	Year 2017	Year 2018		Year 2019			
						Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual		
Output 1. High standard electronic tool for Monitoring and evaluation of DRM National Strategy and Sendai Framework for DRR implementation, interlinked with SDGs created	*1.1 Availability of electronic tool for Monitoring and evaluation of DRM National Strategy and Sendai Framework for DRR implementation created and presented to the Ministry of Emergency Situations.*	*DRM National Strategy*	0	2017	0	1	1	0	0	1	*Developed Armenia report*
	1.2. Availability of formulated system of custom indicators for DRM National Strategy and Sendai implementation monitoring and evaluation electronic toolkit, interlinked with the SDGs.	*DRM National Strategy*	0	2017	0	1	1	0	0	1	*Report of UNDP DRR Project expert*

Output	Indicator	Source									Means of verification
	1.3: Number of events on DRM awareness raising	*DRM National Strategy SFDRR*	*0*	*2017*	*0*	*12*	*2*	*10*	*10*	*12*	*LoPs, media coverage, another implementation requisites-* (http://mes.am/en/news/item/2018/06/15/platform/);http://www.arnap.am/?p=8305&lang=en
Output 2: Technical and professional capacities of the DRR National platform are enhanced for effective utilization of innovative technologies, including drones, in risk profiling, monitoring and other emergency response related activities.	*2.1 Availability of software for GIS based risk profiling.*	*DRM National Strategy*	0	2017	0	1	1	0	0	1	*http://www.arnap.am/?p=8626*
	2.2 Number of Education and Communication campaigns on DRM.	*DRM National Strategy SFDRR*	0	2017	0	6	7	0	0	7	*LoPs, media coverage, other implementation requisites:* http://www.arnap.am/?p=8442&lang=en
Output 3: Project management capacities and functional sustainability of DRRNP is enhanced by the	*3.1 Number of project applications indorsed by UNDP, addressing DRM related issues in Armenia selected by the line ministries, which include clear outputs and outcomes for delivering by DRR NP.*	*DRM National Strategy*	0	2017	0	3	3	0	0	3	*DRRNP reports submitted within the activities of the micro-grant provided by DRR Project*

introduction of small-scale project modality for development and implementation of small projects in first aid, emergency physiological support, GIS related education, urban resilience and other activities, supporting the DRM National Strategy.	*3.2 Number of community-led awareness campaigns developed and distributed awareness materials, media campaigns; peer-to-peer awareness, workshops, exhibitions, training of teachers and pupils.*	*DRM National Strategy SFDRR*	0	2017	1	1	4	1	1	4	*UNDP report, formal documents DRRNP reports*

OFFLINE RISK LOG

Project Title: Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction National Platform capacities in Armenia		Award ID: 00076016			Date: 01.09.2017- 31.05.2019			
#	Description	Date Identified	Risk Category	Impact & Probability	Countermeasures / Mngt. response	Risk Owner	Submitted updated by	Last Update	Status
1	Monitoring and evaluation activities will not be significantly efficient, if the international partners, academia and relevant private actors are not comprehensively represented in all stages of the project.	01.09.2017	Operational	P = 2 I = 3	UNDP, the central and local Governmental organizations will use the existing network of DRRNP to involve and attract the private sector, in terms of sustainable partnership, sharing knowledge and investment.	UNDP	UNDP	15.04.2019	Closed
2	Engagement of the private sector entities may be hindered by the lack of direct commercial interests for them.	01.09.2017	Operational Organizational	P = 3 I = 3	The risk can be minimized by open dialogue and a wide awareness campaign jointly with local authorities and DRR NP.	UNDP	UNDP	15.04.2019	Closed
3	Lack of relevant legislative base for introduction and utilization of drones in risk profiling, monitoring and humanitarian response can impede the effective implementation and increase costs of similar services	01.09.2017	Regulatory	P = 3 I = 2	Formulation of comprehensive draft legal package on unmanned aerial systems (drones) for Governments consideration.	UNDP	UNDP	15.04.2019	closed
4	Lack of knowledge and relevant experience for utilization of innovative technologies and GIS based risk profiling in DRM at local levels can impede the programme implementation.	01.09.2017	Operational	P = 2 I = 2	Development and implementation of relevant training modules.	UNDP	UNDP	15.04.2019	closed
5	The political unrest which took place in April-May 2018 resulted to shift of political power in Armenia and to major changes in the Government of Armenia and higher and middle ranks of Ministry of Emergency Situations in particular.	01.05.2018	Political	P=4 I=3	No cost extension requested from the donor. Project received approval for no cost extension.	UNDP	UNDP	15.04.2019	Solved

On October 4th, 2018 the senior management of the Ministry of the Emergency Situations was changed yet again, including the Minister, which resulted to additional changes in different policy making positions and staff. Moreover, in the beginning of October 2018 it was declared by RA Prime Minister, that Extraordinary Parliamentary Elections will be held in December 2018, which will also take its toll on the relations and collaboration with the government agencies, as a result of resignation of the entire Cabinet of Ministers, most likely bringing extra policy and leadership modifications.							

Output Verification Template

Subject and venue of visit: Monitoring of the project results, Project Office

Project: Strengthening of National Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction Capacities, 00076016

Date: 26.12.2019

Outcomes	Update on outcomes	Outputs	Update on outputs	Reasons if progress below target	Update on partnership strategies	Recommendations and proposed action
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	Project provided strategic, technical and financial support to resilience building, climate change and risk mitigation in Armenia	**Output 1:** High standard electronic tool for Monitoring and evaluation of DRM National Strategy and Sendai Framework for DRR implementation, interlinked with SDGs created.		N/A	The project established new international, bilateral and national partnerships including with Parliament of Armenia, local authorities and across different countries. The project also repositioned the importance of DRR within the country and promoted Armenia in the field of DRR in international level.	In order to further build national capacities, sustainability and functionality of DRR National Platform has to be ongoing process Further mainstreaming of DRR into the development agenda of Armenia should be promoted trough UNDP ongoing projects on DRM, CC Adaptation and environmental protection.
		Output 2: Technical and professional capacities of the DRR National platform are enhanced for effective utilization of innovative technologies, including drones, in risk profiling, monitoring and other emergency response related activities.				
		Output 3: Project management capacities and functional sustainability of DRRNP is enhanced by the introduction of small-scale project modality for development and implementation of small projects in first aid, emergency physiological support, GIS related education, urban resilience and other activities, supporting the DRM National Strategy.				

PROJECT PERFORMANCE—IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

The project is implemented in line with its workplan; no implementations issues are observed.

PROGRESS TOWARDS RESULTS

The results are reflected in the Project RRF and during the reporting period the project managed to achieve the set targets.

LESSONS LEARNED

The practice of involving UNDP colleagues/experts, community heads/administration and partners proved to be very efficient for identifying and addressing project implementation issues and enhancing synergies with the UNDP implemented and pipelined projects.

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