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Tranche 1

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AH	Affected Household
AP	Affected Person
EMA	External Monitoring Agency
LAR	Land Acquisition and Resettlement
LARF	Land Acquisition and Resettlement Framework
LARP	Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan
MEDI	Ministry of Economic Development and Investments
MFF	Multi-Tranche Financing Facility
PIU	Project Implementation Unit
PGC	Project Governing Council
SUDIP	Sustainable Urban Development Investment Program
YM	Yerevan Municipality

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Objective of the report

1. This Semi-Annual Social Safeguards Monitoring Report for Tranche1 of the Sustainable Urban Development Investment Program (SUDIP) of Yerevan Municipality (YM) of the Republic of Armenia (RA) covers the period from January to June 2024. As the implementation of the LARPs, as well as construction activities under Tranche 1 were completed in 2016 this report provides an overview of main steps of LARP preparation and implementation under Tranche 1. Safeguards issues raised during construction and social impact mitigation measures taken by PIU during the reporting period as well as grievances received and redressed during the first half of 2024 are also described in the report.
2. The GoA has requested a loan from ADB for construction of the Isakov-Arshakunyats road link and the loan agreement was signed on 27 November, 2023. The design of the road link and the LARP were prepared under SUDIP T1. Correspondingly preparation of safeguard documents for the Isakov-Arshakunyats road link is also included in this report.

1.2 Background Information

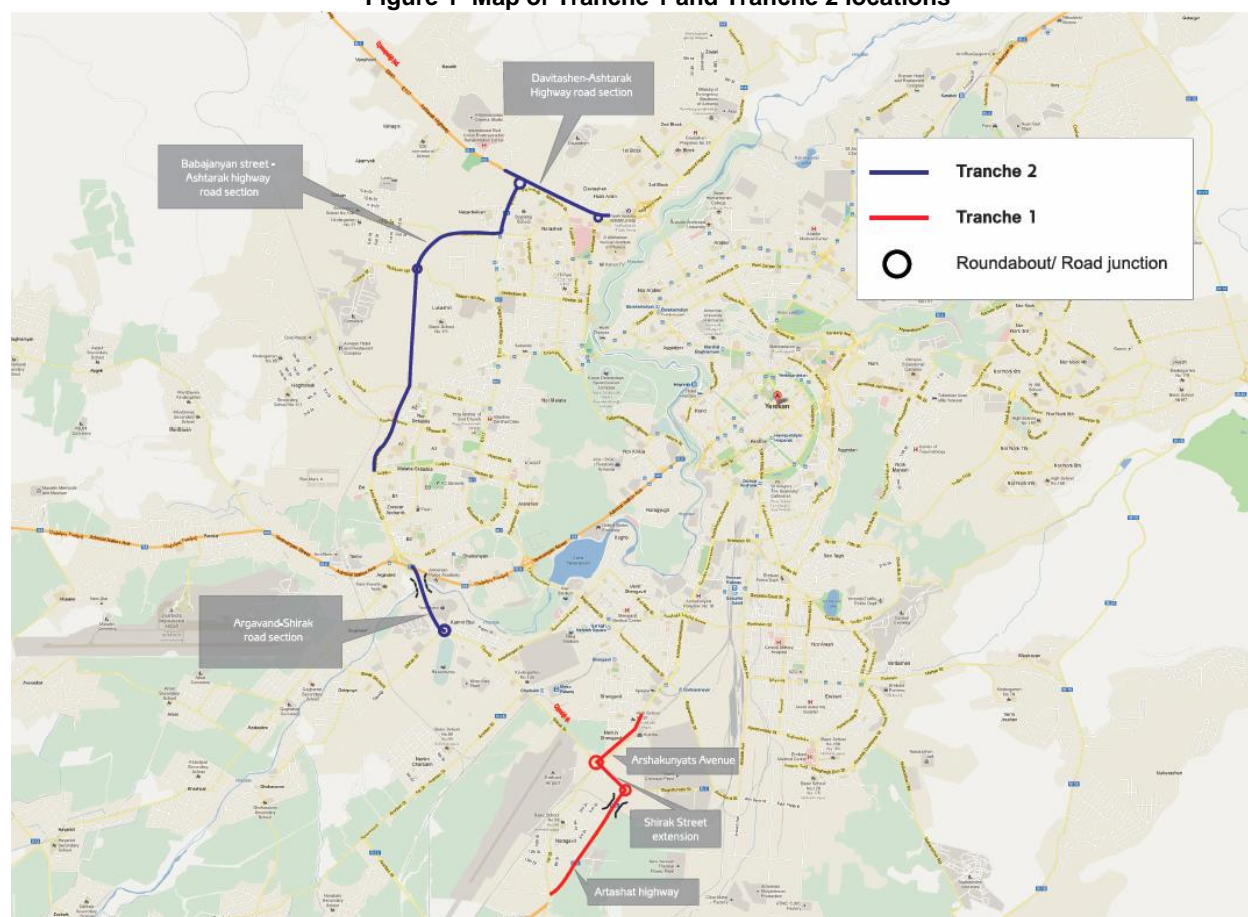
3. The loan agreement between the RA and ADB for SUDIP- Tranche/Project 1 was signed on 19 May 2011 for a loan amount of \$48.64 million from ADB's Special Funds resources. Date of Loan Effectiveness was 19 July 2011. The date of loan closing was 30 June 2016 which was extended to 18 April 2021 and then to 31 December 2023.
4. The loan agreement between the RA and ADB for SUDIP- Tranche/Project 2 for a loan amount of \$112.97 million was signed on 13 October 2015. Date of loan effectiveness was 11 January 2016 and the date of loan closing is 18 April 2021. Figure 1 below represents the map of Tranche/Project 1 and Tranche/Project 2 locations.
5. Tranche/Project 1 includes the widening of two main roads, namely Arshakunyats Avenue (1.3km) and Artashat highway (1.5km), and resulted in the existing two-lane alignment being widened and converted into a 4-6 lane divided road with a central reservation. A new roundabout connecting Artashat highway to Arshakunyats avenue and Shirak Street is constructed on 8-9m height. The design total length is about 500m. The roundabout is constructed on the embankment. As the roundabout is over railway and Noragavit 1st Street, two tunnels are constructed within the embankment in order to allow passing railway and Noragavit 1st Street.
6. The section that will link Argavand highway and Shirak street West, running a length of approximately 1.3 km, has been moved to Tranche/Project 2.
7. On 29 September 2015 ADB gave it's no objection on including a new junction between Artashat highway and North-South Road Corridor in the Tranche 1.
8. Tranche 1 area was divided into 3 parts for which separate LARPs were prepared by PIU and approved by ADB. All the LARPs were implemented in the period from December 2013 to September 2016. The Compliance Report for the last LARP (LARP for Artashat highway-North South Corridor Interchange) was approved by ADB on 20 October 2016. The construction works in the area of Tranche 1 were completed in December 2016.
9. A standalone loan was requested from ADB for implementation of Yerevan Urban Development Investment Program (YUDIP) which is be focused on construction of Isakov-Arshakunyats road link. The design of the Isakov-Arshakunyats road link and the safeguard documents including the LARF, the LARP and the SDDR were prepared under SUDIP T1.

1.3 LARFs

10. The LARF for the SUDIP approved in 2010 was revised and approved on 7 March 2012 (Government decree N 273¹). The revision accounted for an addendum on methodology for the compensation of business losses, employment losses and allowances for the vulnerable people. The final LARF and addendum were approved by the Government of Armenia (GoA) in November 2012 (Government decree N 1432).

11. The first version of the LARF for YUDIP was prepared by PIU and submitted to ADB on 21 April 2023. PIU received ADB comments on 4 May, 2023 and submitted the revised LARF on 18 May 2023. On 22 June 2023 the draft version of the LARF was posted on ADB website².

Figure 1 Map of Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 locations



12. In order to facilitate LARP preparation and implementation, the area of Tranche/Project 1 and Tranche/Project 2 was divided into several sections numbered from S1 to S9 shown in the Table 1 and the Figure 2 below.

Table 1: SUDIP Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 sections

Tranche/Project	Section	Name	Length
Tranche/Project 1	S1	Arshakunyats	1 280 m

¹ <http://www.arlis.am/DocumentView.aspx?DocID=99934>

² <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/project-documents/54172/54172-002-rf-en.pdf>

	S2	New Shirak	3 200 m
	S3	Artashat	
	S4	Artashat highway-North South Corridor Interchange	
Tranche/Project 2	S5	Argavand-Shirak Road Link	1 350 m
	S6	Babajanyan-Tichina	2 220 m
	S7	Tichina-Old Silikyan	2 060 m
	S8	Old Silikyan-Ashtarak Road Link	2 570 m
	S9	Davtashen-Ashtarak Road Link	2 240 m

Figure 2: Google Map of SUDIP Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 Sections



1.4 Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plans

13. Tranche 1 has been classified as Category A for the involuntary resettlement safeguard of ADB, as the implementation of the Project requires substantial land acquisition and resettlement with more than 200 significantly affected persons (AP), losing 10% or more of their income generating assets or being physically displaced from their houses.

14. To facilitate the implementation of the LARP for the entire Tranche 1, the Tranche area was divided into the following three parts for which separate LARPs and addendums to the LARPs were prepared.

- i. LARP1 - Arshakunyats avenue section and Artashat highway section
- ii. LARP3 - New Shirak street section
- iii. LARP for Artashat highway -North South Corridor Interchange

2 LARP Preparation and Implementation LARP1

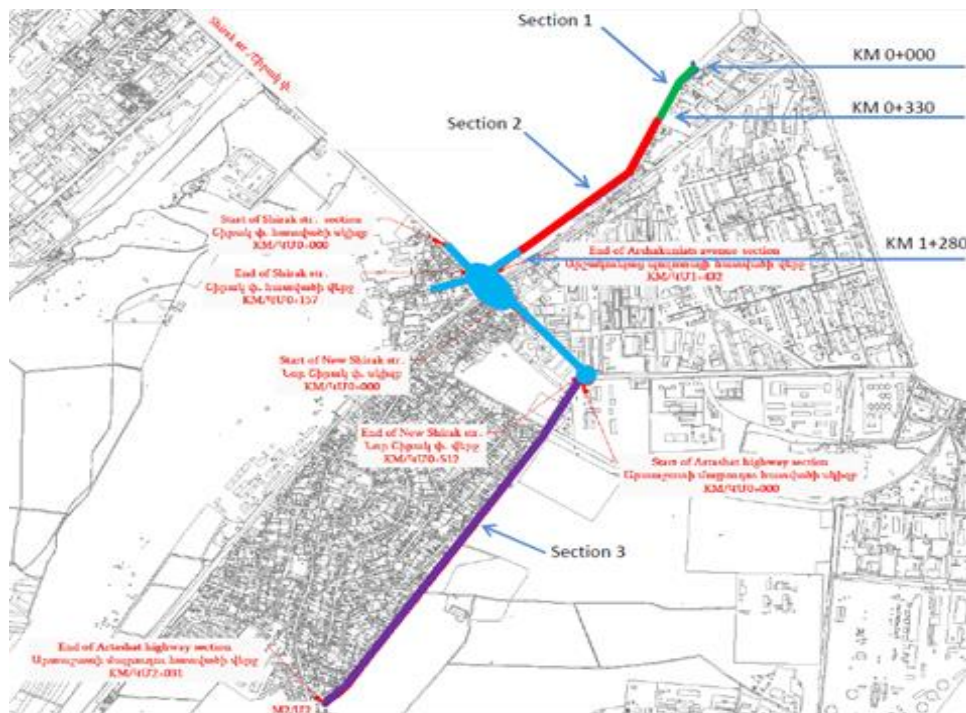
2.1.1 Preparation

15. LARP1 was approved by ADB on 30 August 2013 and by the Government on 14 November 2013 (Government Decree N 1253³). Afterwards, on November 30 the ADB approved the changes to the LARP1 which were done based on the GoA comments on Armenian version of the LARP1.

2.1.2 Implementation

16. To facilitate the construction team to commence their work according to the agreed schedule, the implementation of LARP 1 was divided into three main sections (Figure 3). Section 1 and section 2 are covered in Tender 1 and section 3 is covered in Tender 2 for the construction package.

Figure 3 : LARP1 Split Into Sections



17. Construction works in Sections 1 and 2 of LARP 1 were completed on 15 December 2014 . On 25 December 2014 Yerevan Mayor officially opened the newly reconstructed Arshakunyats avenue. The commencement of construction works for Section 3 was granted in January 2015.

2.2 LARP3

2.2.1 Preparation

18. LARP3 was approved by ADB on 12 May 2014 and by the Government on 11 September 2014 (GD N1018-Ն⁴) .

³ <http://www.arlis.am/DocumentView.aspx?DocID=86970>

⁴ <http://www.arlis.am/DocumentView.aspx?DocID=98598>

2.2.2 Implementation

19. The LARP implementation started in Q4 2014 and was finalized in July 2015. The compliance Report for LARP 3 was approved by ADB on 25 August 2015. The commencement of construction works for LARP3 was granted on 2 September 2015. Construction works in the area of LARP 3 as well as in the Section 3 of LARP1 were completed on 30 November 2016.

2.2.3 Social Risks/Impacts and Their Mitigation During Construction Period

20. Based on the complaints received from the residents of the houses adjacent to the construction as well as on the results of the investigations done by PIU, Contractor and the Engineer's Supervision Team, PIU has prepared and submitted to ADB respective Corrective Action Plans (CAPs), Emergency Reinforcement Plans (ERPs) and Structural Reinforcement Plans (SRPs). The list of CAPs, ERPs and SRPs prepared and implemented by PIU in the previous reporting periods under LARP1 and LARP3, is presented in Annex 1.

21. ERP for 7(8) balconies⁵- Taking into consideration the application of the residents of Arshakunyats 296 to the Yerevan Municipality with respect to the reinforcement of 7 balconies, the Seismic Survey Report on the seismic conditions of the building and the emergency state of the later, an Emergency Reinforcement Plan (ERP) has been prepared and submitted to ADB on 21 November 2016. The ERP with addressed ADB comments was submitted to ADB on 5 December 2016, the total compensation amount of which was 13,978,000AMD. In March 2017 PIU received a request from the owner of the 8th balcony on provision of the compensation. Based on ADB comments and the owner's request, the ERP was revised accordingly as a result of which the total compensation amount for 8 balconies totaled 15,451,000 AMD. The revised ERP was submitted to ADB on 23 June 2017 and was approved by ADB on 1 May 2018. The implementation of the ERP was delayed due to changes of top management in YM. The documents required for preparing of the compensation agreements was requested from the owners of the balconies in June 2019. All the APs were officially notified on the compensation amount in July 2019. Out of 8 APs, the compensation agreements have been signed with 7 by the end of December 2019. In case of one balcony there are 10 co-owners some of which are out of country and PIU has no any contact with those APs. In order to provide the compensation, it is mandatory that either all the co-owners or their authorized persons sign the agreement. PIU resettlement specialist has met with the APs several times and clarified that for payment of compensation we need agreement and legal documentation of all owners. Based on consultations with ADB PIU has officially notified the APs that 31 of January 2020 is the deadline for providing documents. The respective letter was send to the APs on 13 December, 2019. By the end of June 2024 PIU has not received any documents from the APs.

22. Status on Compliance Report: The Compliance Report on implementation of the ERP will be submitted to ADB in the next reporting period.

23. By letter dated 21 April 2020 ADB Armenia Resident Mission informed YM that an independent expert hired by ADB has completed studies of 3 complainant properties located in Tranche 1 area. In 2 cases the expert hired by ADB has concluded that some cracks are attributable to the construction activities and ADB requests YM to take actions for solving the issues.

24. CAP for reinforcement of APs stone fence. The owner of property located in Noragavit street, which was out of Project RoW, complained to the PIU and ADB several times during and after the construction works. The AP's main concern was the possible negative impact of construction works on the external wall of the residential house and the stone fence of his property. An independent expert hired by ADB has concluded that the construction activities have not influenced the residential house but have negative impact on the stone fence. A CAP for renovation/reinforcement of the fence with compensation amount of 2,129,504 AMD was prepared by PIU and approved by ADB on 16

⁵ The building located on Arshakunyats 296 has 8 balconies which are in poor seismic conditions. Previously only 7 owners had applied to the YM with request for compensation and the ERP was prepared for 7 balconies.

March 2021. YM and the AP signed an agreement on compensation on 3 September 2021 and PIU transferred the compensation amount to the AP's bank account on 24 September 2021.

25. Status on Compliance Report: The Compliance report on implementation of the CAP was prepared and submitted to ADB on 15 October 2021. The Compliance report was approved by ADB on 19 January, 2022.

26. CAP for compensation of damages to APs houses. The owners of properties out of Project RoW and located on Artashat highway, complained to the PIU and ADB with regard to cracks because of construction. The expert hired ADB has concluded that the construction has negative impact on the APs houses and based on this a CAP for compensation to the APs for 2 residential houses was prepared by PIU and submitted to ADB on 25 December 2020. A total compensation amount of 6,477,914 AMD is envisaged for renovation of 2 houses. The CAP was approved by ADB on 15 February 2021. PIU started implementation of the CAP after approval by ADB.

27. Compensation agreement with one of the APs was signed on 22 July 2021 and the compensation agreement was transferred to the APs bank account.

28. During implementation of the CAP one of the APs expressed disagreement with the size of impact on his house. A joint site visit was organized with participation of independent seismic expert, PIU and ADB representatives. The site visit revealed that only part of the affected area was measured and included in the CAP. It was agreed with the AP to compensate for the damages calculated in the approved CAP and to prepare an additional CAP for compensation of the remaining impacts. Compensation agreement with the AP was signed on 28 September 2021 and the compensation amount was transferred to the APs bank account. Meanwhile PIU organized measurements and valuation of remaining impact which were missed out. The results of the measurements and valuation were presented to the AP during meetings in PIU office and phone conversations. The AP agreed with the results of the measurements and valuation, however declared that compensation will not solve his problems, as there is a humidity issue, namely the rain waters are flooding the basement of his structures. After several clarification provided to the AP during the meetings, in May 2022 PIU informed the AP by an official letter that the CAP was prepared based on the results of the survey done by an independent seismic expert hired by ADB. It was clarified that the said report refers only to damages due to construction and PIU will prepare the CAP upon receiving his written agreement. On 28 November 2022 PIU sent additional official later to the AP clarifying that the rainwater flow the road cannot damage the basement of the building as road has a drainage system to prevent flow of water. The AP was also informed that if he/she will not provide any written comments/arguments in 10 days after receiving the letter the case will be closed.

29. Considering the AP's disagreement with the calculated compensation amount suggested by PIU, an independent valuator was hired by ADB in December 2023 to calculate the replacement cost for missed renovation impact and works for hydro isolation of the basement based on the real estate market. New valuation report was officially submitted to AP on 8 December 2023 by PIU, additionally sent via email by ADB on 11 December 2023. The AP accepted the results of new valuation report and agreed to sign the compensation agreement during the meeting organized by ADB on 12 December 2023.

30. Based on the results of the meeting PIU prepared a CAP for compensation of missed impact and hydro isolation of the basement of the house under SUDIP Tranche 1 LARP 3. The CAP was submitted to ADB on 22 December 2023 and was approved by ADB on 27 December 2023. YM and the AP signed an agreement on compensation on 26 December 2023. PIU transferred the compensation amount to the AP's bank account on 28 December 2023.

31. Status on Compliance Report: The compliance report on implementation of the CAP was submitted to ADB on 22 February 2024 and was approved by ADB on 11 March 2024.

2.3 LARP for Artashat highway - North South Corridor Interchange

2.3.1 Preparation

32. The LARP for Artashat highway-North South Corridor Interchange was approved by ADB on 21 March 2016 and by the Government on 2 June 2016 (GD N 577-Ն⁶).

2.3.2 Implementation

33. Implementation of the LARP for Artashat highway-North South Corridor Interchange began in June 2016 and was completed in September 2016. The Compliance report for the LARP for Artashat highway-North South Corridor Interchange was approved by ADB on 20 October 2016. The commencement of construction works was granted on 21 October 2016. Construction works in this area as well as in area of LARP 3 were completed on 30 November 2016.

2.4 LARP for Isakov-Arshakunyats road link under YUDIP

2.4.1 Preparation

34. PIU started preparation of the LARP for Isakov-Arshakunyats road link in the second half of 2022 after approval of the GD on Preliminary Study of Properties N1003-Ն dated 30 June, 2022. The first version of the LARP was submitted to ADB on 22 February, 2023. PIU received ADB comments on 13 March 2023 and ADB SDSS comments matrix on 5 April, 2023. PIU submitted the revised LARP on 22 June 2023. The LARP was accepted by ADB as Draft LARP and was posted on ADB website on 23 June 2023⁷.

35. A survey of households residing in 3 multistory apartment buildings which are 70-80 meters away from the RoW was conducted in June-July 2023. The survey aimed to identify HHs which potentially could be affected due to civil works within the Project.

36. The GoA adopted the GD on Eminent Domain on 11 August 2023 (GD N1357-Ն). The individual maps of private properties with clear indication of affected/non-affected surface area and main impact and the signed description protocols were submitted to the APs after approval of the ED. The SES and DMS were updated in August-November 2023. The GD on Eminent Domain sets 1 March 2024 as deadline for commencement of property acquisition process, which was further prolonged to 1 March 2025 (GD N271-Ն, dated 29 February 2024).

37. The LARP was updated and submitted to ADB on 6 December, 2023. PIU received ADB comments in 8 January, 2024 and resubmitted the revised LARP on 21 June, 2024.

38. After ADB and RA GoA approvals, implementation-ready LARP will be uploaded on the ADB, Project (PIU) and the YM web sites. In addition, the Project Information Pamphlet with relevant information based on final LARP will be disclosed (submitted as a notification) to the APs after the LARP approval.

2.5 Social Safeguards Due Diligence Report under YUDIP

39. Screening for involuntary resettlement impacts under the YUDIP has identified 3 sections of Isakov-Arshakunyats road link without any LAR related impacts. These sections are included in the SDDR under YUDIP.

⁶ <http://www.arlis.am/DocumentView.aspx?DocID=106442>

⁷ <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/project-documents/54172/54172-002-rp-en.pdf>

40. The SDDR was prepared and submitted to ADB on 31 October 2022. PIU received ADB comments on 8 November 2022 and resubmitted the revised SDDR on 14 November 2022. The SDDR was accepted as Draft and posted on ADB website on 23 June 2023⁸.

3 Public Consultations and Information Disclosure

41. No public consultations were held with the APs of Tranche 1 in the period of July-December 2023. However, PIU Resettlement specialist has provided the required information/clarification to the APs through informal meetings and phone calls having with them.

42. Several face to face and online meetings and discussions were conducted with the APs under the CAPs during this period. The APs were informed on the entitlements for compensation, the project GRM, etc.

43. 2 public consultations with the APs of the LARP area were conducted on 6 October 2022 and 13 October 2023. The consultations included presentations of the Entitlements Matrix, DMS and Census/SES. The Project Information Pamphlet, information leaflet with the main phases of land acquisition and resettlement procedures was distributed to all APs during the public consultations, where the Project description, the Entitlement Matrix, Grievance Redress Mechanism, entitlements and compensations, as well as answers to frequently asked questions, were presented. 11 October 2023 is set as the cut-off date for the Project. Information on the cut-off date was disclosed to APs during the PC held on 13 October, 2023.

4 Grievance Redress Mechanism

44. Several parties were involved in the grievance redress mechanism: (i) Contactor, (ii) Supervision Engineer (iii) PIU, (iv) YM, and (v) PGC. To make the process accessible to APs, it is confirmed that the GRM was presented during public consultations and was disseminated through the PIU field office and the SUDIP/PIU website.

45. During the first half of 2024 PIU has received 1 complaint from the resident of SUDIP Tranche 1 area due to damages from construction. The APs request for compensation was rejected by PIU. Details of case are presented in the the list of complaints received from January 2020 to June 2024 (Annex 2).

5 Compliance with Loan Covenants Related to Resettlement

46. Compliance status related to loan covenants concerning resettlement/social issues for the reporting period is provided in Table 4 below:

⁸ <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/project-documents/54172/54172-002-sddr-en.pdf>

Table 2: Project Compliance status to Loan Resettlement/Social Covenants

<p>Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement</p> <p>The Borrower shall ensure that all land and all rights-of-way required for each Subproject are made available to the Works contractor in accordance with the schedule agreed under the related Works contract and all land acquisition and resettlement activities are implemented in compliance with (a) all applicable laws and regulations of the Borrower relating to land acquisition and involuntary resettlement; (b) the involuntary resettlement safeguards; (c) the LARF; and (d) all measures and requirements set forth in the respective LARP, and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in a safeguards monitoring report.</p>	<p>Being complied with:</p> <p>The LARF and the addendum were revised and approved by ADB in March 2012 and by the government in November 2012.</p> <p>LARP 1 was approved by ADB on 30 August 2013 and by RA government on 14 November 2013. Implementation of LARP1 Arshakunyats section started in December 2013, and was completed in May 2014. The implementation of LARP1 Artashat section started in July 2014 and was finalized in October 2014.</p> <p>LARP 3 was approved by ADB on 12 May 2014 and by RA government on 11 September 2014. Implementation of LARP 3 started in Q4 2014 in was finalized in July 2015.</p> <p>LARP for Artashat highway - N/S Corridor Interchange was approved by ADB on 21 March 2016 and by RA government on 2 June 2016. The implementation of the LARP commenced in June 2016 and was completed in September 2016.</p> <p>A detailed grievance redress mechanism was established through the LARPs to receive and facilitate the resolution of affected persons' concerns and grievances.</p>
<p>Without limiting the application of the involuntary resettlement safeguards, the LARF or the LARPs, the Borrower shall ensure that no physical or economic displacement takes place in connection with the Subprojects until:</p> <p>Compensation and other entitlements have been provided to affected people in accordance with the LARPs; and</p> <p>A comprehensive income and livelihood restoration program has been established in accordance with LARPs.</p>	<p>Being complied with:</p> <p>All AHs from LARP1, LARP3 and the LARP for Artashat highway - N/S Corridor Interchange signed the agreements/contracts and were compensated before physical or economic displacement was made.</p>
<p>Human and Financial Resources to Implement Safeguards Requirements</p> <p>The Borrower shall make available necessary budgetary and human resources to fully implement the EMP, the LARPs and IPP.</p>	<p>Being complied with:</p> <p>For the proper implementation of the resettlement and environmental arrangements a resettlement specialist and an environmental specialist have been involved in the new project unit. DESC also has environment and resettlement specialists in their staff composition. Constructor's staff also included environmental and social specialists.</p>

	<p>LARP implementation team consisting of team leader, two social specialists and two lawyers was hired on 19 November 2014 to assist the PIU during LARP3 implementation. A contract was signed with 1 social specialist to assist PIU with the implementation of the LARP for Artashat highway – N/S Corridor Junction.</p> <p>Adequate budgetary resources are being available in accordance with the financing plan described in periodic financing request.</p>
<p>Safeguards Monitoring and Reporting</p> <p>The borrower shall do the following</p> <p>(a) submit semi-annual Safeguards Monitoring Reports to ADB and disclose relevant information from such reports to affected persons promptly upon submission;</p> <p>(b) If any unanticipated environmental and/or social risks and impacts arise during construction, implementation or operation of the project that were not considered in the EIA, the EMP, and the LARP, promptly inform ADB of the occurrence of such risks or impacts, with detailed description of the event and proposed corrective action plan;</p>	<p>Being complied with:</p> <p>(a) Semi-annual Social Safeguards Monitoring Reports are being submitted to ADB on semi-annual basis.</p> <p>(b)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. CAP for unanticipated impacts under LARP1 and LARP3 was submitted to ADB on 25 June 2015 and was approved by ADB on 29 June 2015. ii. CAP due to construction issues under LARP3 was submitted to ADB on 14 October 2015 and was approved by ADB on 19 November 2015. iii. ERP was prepared by PIU and submitted to ADB on 14 December 2015 and was approved by ADB on 25 December 2015. iv. ERP for 4 cases was prepared and submitted to ADB on 12 May 2016. ADB approved the ERP for 4 cases on 16 May 2016 v. CAP for resettlement was prepared and submitted to ADB on 01 September 2016. ADB approved the CAP on 09 September 2016. vi. A SRP for 16 cases was prepared and submitted to ADB on 08 November 2016. ADB approved the SRP on 07 December 2016. vii. ERP for 8 balconies was prepared and submitted to ADB on 21 November 2016.

ADB approved the ERP 1 May 2018.

- viii. A CAP for 3 cases under LARP1 and LARP3 was prepared and submitted to ADB on 27 December 2016. The CAP was approved by ADB on 02 March 2017.
- ix. CAP on reinforcement of APs house (N.M.) was submitted to ADB in November 2017 and was approved by ADB on 17 November 2017.
- x. CAP on reinforcement of APs house (S.G.) was submitted to ADB on 16 April 2018 and was approved by ADB on 17 December 2018.
- xi. CAP on reinforcement of APs stone fence was submitted to ADB on 27 August 2020 and was approved by ADB on 16 March 2021.
- xii. CAP on renovation of the 2 APs' houses was submitted to ADB on 25 December 2020 and was approved by ADB on 15 February 2021.
- xiii. CAP on missed impact and hydro isolation of APs house was submitted to ADB on 22 December 2023 and was approved by ADB on 27 December 2023.

(c) No later than [6 months], engage qualified and experienced external experts or qualified NGO under a selection process and terms of reference acceptable to ADB, to verify information produced through the Project monitoring process, and facilitate the carrying out of any verification activities by such external experts; and

(d) Report any actual or potential breach of compliance with the measures and requirements set forth in the EMP or the LARP promptly after becoming aware of the breach.

(c) An external monitoring agency (EMA) was recruited in the second quarter (Q2) of 2012. ADB approved EMA's compliance reports for LARP1 sections 2 and 3 on 17 June 2014 and 21 November 2014 accordingly. Compliance Report for LARP3 was approved by ADB on 25 August 2015. The Compliance report for the LARP for Artashat highway-N/S Corridor Interchange was approved by ADB on 20 October 2016

(d) None.

6 ANNEXES

ANNEX 1: List of CAPs, ERPs and SRPs prepared and implemented under Tranche 1 by the end of June 2024.

	Name of Document	Section/LARP	Status of Document	Compliance Report	Budget (AMD)
1	CAP on unanticipated impacts under LARP1 and LARP3	LARP1 & LARP3	Approved by ADB on 29 June 2015	CR for LARP 3 and CAP on unanticipated impacts under LARP1 and LARP3	23,743,779
2	ERP (A.V.)	LARP3	Approved by ADB on 25 December 2015	CR for LARP2, CAP and ERP under LARP3	11,076,320
3	CAP due to construction issues (M.G.)	LARP 3	Approved by ADB on 19 November 2015	CR for LARP2, CAP and ERP under LARP3	12,785,460
4	ERP (4 cases)	LARP 3	Approved by ADB on 16 May 2015	CR for the LARP for Artashat highway-North South Corridor Interchange	18,189,600
5	CAP (Y.S.)	LARP 3	Approved by ADB on 09 September 2016. Implementation completed in December 2016.	CR for the LARP for Davtashen-Ashtarak highway under T2, 2 CAPs and a SRP under T1	37,250,185
6	SRP 16 cases	LARP 3	Approved by ADB on 07 December 2017. Implementation completed in March 2017	CR for the LARP for Davtashen-Ashtarak highway under T2, 2 CAPs and a SRP under T1	28,740,000
7	ERP 7 (8) balconies	LARP 3	Approved by ADB on 01 May 2018.	Implementation started in August 2019. By the end of December 2023 only 1 AH was not compensated as the co-owners of the property failed to provide necessary documents.	15,451,000
8	CAP 3 cases	LARP 1 & LARP 3	Approved by ADB on 2 March 2017. Implementation completed in March 2017.	CR for the LARP for Davtashen-Ashtarak highway under T2, 2 CAPs and a SRP under T1	5,207,362
9	CAP on reinforcement of APs house	LARP 3	Approved by ADB 17 November 2017	Implemented in Decmeber 2017	5,971,031

	Name of Document	Section/LARP	Status of Document	Compliance Report	Budget (AMD)
10	CAP on reinforcement of APs house	LARP 3	Approved by ADB on 17 December 2018	Implemented in January 2019	5,022,078
11	CAP on reinforcement of APs stone fence	LARP 3	Approved by ADB on 16 March 2021	Implementation completed in September 2021. CR approved by ADB on 19 January, 2022.	2,129,504
12	CAP on renovation of 2 houses	LARP 3	Approved by ADB on 15 February 2021	Implementation completed in September 2021.	6,477,914
13	CAP on missed impact and hydro isolation of APs house basement	LARP 3	Approved by ADB on 27 December 2023	Implementation completed in December 2023. CR approved by ADB on 11 March 2024.	3,432,876

ANNEX 2: The list of complaints received from January 2020 to June 2024

N	Address	Complaint	PIU response	Comments
1	Noragavit 1 street, house 11	Disagreement with the compensation amount provided to the AP in February 2017	Rejected	
2	Artashat Highway 2	Damages due to construction, humidity, request for compensation	Satisfied	A CAP was prepared and implemented by PIU upon approval by ADB.
3	Arshakunyats 324/11	Damages due to construction, request for compensation	Rejected	The houses are far from the SUDIP Tranche 1 area more than 100m. The Construction activities under SUDIP were completed in 2016. The section in front of the said houses was reconstructed by YM and was not under SUDIP.
4	Arshakunyats 318/6	Damages due to construction, request for compensation	Rejected	
5	Arshakunyats 135a	Damages due to construction, request for compensation	Rejected	The house is far from the SUDIP Tranche 1 area more than 50m. The Construction activities under SUDIP were completed in 2016. The section in front of the said house was reconstructed by YM and was not under SUDIP.
6	Artashat Highway 16	Damages, cracks due to construction, request for compensation	Rejected	A post-construction survey was conducted in April 2017 and according to the results of the survey there were no any new cracks and/or changes compared to pre-construction situation.

