

As part of implementing the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in the Republic of Armenia, Armenia's EITI MSG has identified the below National Priorities:

1. Ensuring awareness about the mining sector
2. Increasing the mining sector transparency and accountability
3. Enhancing the culture of responsible mining through application of the best international practices, and based on legal regulations
4. Enhancing competitive investment climate for responsible investors
5. Institutional capacity development of the sector beneficiaries

2017-2018 EITI WORK PLAN OF ARMENIA (reviewed in March 2018)

Objective	Rationale: Governance-related challenges and obstacles in the sector	EITI Standard requirement	No.	Activity	Outcome/Output	Responsible Party	Timeline	Cost, USD	Funding Source
Ensuring accessible and timely information	Availability of accessible, timely and comprehensive information on the mining sector and EITI								
			1	Developing the terms of reference (ToR) for the EITI website, conducting tender for selection of organization, approval of the organization	ToR, contract with the organization	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Nov-Dec-17	1000	State budget
			2	Creating the RA EITI website	RA EITI website, databases, database processing tools for providing online access to information, conducting inquiries, free information viewing functionality, creation of online reporting portal	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, selected organization	Jan - June-18	16000	UNDP, State budget
			3	Ongoing website support		Selected organization, RA Government Staff	Ongoing	included in funding of 2nd activity	UNDP, State budget
		requirement 7.1	4	Posting appropriate information in the EITI website (reports, videos, protocols)	Reports, videos, protocols published in the website	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Ongoing		
		requirement 7.1	5	Disclosure and publication of information on the mining sector in an easily understood language, preparation of social advertising	Information sheets, infograms, EITI report, MSG annual report, information video-clips	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Ongoing	11500	World Bank

			6	Awareness campaign on mining sector and EITI and their elucidation via social media (YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	Information about mining and EITI published in social media	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Ongoing		
			7	Development of communication strategy	Draft communication strategy	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, expert	Apr-18	54000	The British Embassy in Yerevan
			8	Approval of communication strategy	Communication strategy	MSG, AJA CRM RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	May-18		
		requirement 7.1	9	Implementation of awareness raising measures	Round tables, meetings, including with representatives of affected communities, meetings with educational institutions	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Ongoing	5000	World Bank, State budget
		requirement 7.1	10	Official presentation of EITI report / conference	EITI conference	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, EITI Int. Secretariat	Oct-18	8000	World Bank, State budget
Development of roadmap for disclosure of ultimate beneficial owners	Reducing corruption risks, improving the investment environment and accountability	requirement 2.5							
			11	Development of roadmap for disclosure of ultimate beneficial owners	Draft roadmap	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, RA government agencies	Nov-Dec-17	23800	EBRD
			12	Public consultations on the draft roadmap	Disclosure of the draft roadmap, meetings	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Ongoing	1000	Donors, partners, State Budget
			13	Approval of the roadmap for disclosure of ultimate beneficial owners	Roadmap	MSG	Dec-17		
			14	Submission of the roadmap for disclosure of ultimate beneficial owners to the EITI Secretariat	Roadmap submitted to the EITI Secretariat	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Dec-17		
			14.1	Establishment of an Interagency Work Group (WG) for BO disclosure and legal framework development meetings	Interagency Work Group, meetings	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, MSG, WG	March-May-18	1000	State Budget
			14.2	Circulation of the legislative package on BO disclosure, submission to the Government of the Republic of Armenia, then the RA National Assembly	Legislative package on BO disclosure	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, MSG, WG	May-Oct-2018	7000	World Bank
			14.3	Discussions of the legislative package on BO disclosure with the stakeholders	Meetings	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, MSG, WG	April-Oct-2018	2500	World Bank
			14.4	A study on the expediency of expanding the scope of the BO disclosure in the following years and development of the roadmap	Reviewed BO roadmap	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Dec-18		

Review of the legal framework of Armenia, disclosure of inconsistencies and gaps with EITI Standard	Alignment of the Armenian legal framework for the purpose of implementing the EITI standard	requirement 2							
			15	Preparation of the terms of reference by the MSG based on which local and international consultants will conduct a review for identifying inconsistencies	Terms of reference	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	June-July-2017	1000	State Budget
			16	Review of legislation, identification of gaps, submission of recommendations on addressing the gaps	Report, action plan	AUA CRM, MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, expert	May-18	Included in funding of 7th activity	The British Embassy in Yerevan
			17	Submission of the report and action plan to the MSG		AUA CRM, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	May-18		
			18	Review and approval of report and action plan by the MSG	Report, action plan	MSG	Jun-18		
			18.1	Study on possibility of project level reporting in the future EITI Reports, and the development of a roadmap for the project level reporting and the recommendations of the first EITI report	Study, roadmap	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, IA	June-Nov-2018	1000	State Budget
			18.2	Approval of the roadmap by the MSG	Roadmap	MSG	Dec-18		
Review of the best international practices and development of roadmap for harmonization with the EITI and best international experience regarding the responsible mining	Implementation of responsible mining behavior	requirement 8.3.a.iii.							
			19	Development and approval of the terms of reference	Terms of reference	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	June-July-2017	1000	State budget
			20	Development of roadmap for reviewing international experience	Roadmap	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, AUA CRM	May-18	included in funding of 7th activity	The British Embassy in Yerevan
			21	Approval of the roadmap by the MSG	Action plan, budget	MSG	May-18		
			22	Implementation of action plan		MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, RA government agencies	Dec-18	50000	World Bank, other donors, partners
			23	Involvement in development of the sector policy	Involvement, provision of feedback	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Ongoing		
Ensuring Armenia's EITI candidacy status	Implementation of the EITI standard								
		requirement 1.1	24	RA Prime Minister's statement	Statement		Jul-15		
		requirement 1.4.b. ii.	25	EITI awareness raising events	Meetings		Dec-15		
		requirement 1.2	26	Nomination of MSG members	Nominated MSG members	MSG sub-groups	Jun-16		
		requirement 1.3							

	27	Training seminars for MSG members	Training seminars	MSG, RA Government Staff, donors, experts	Mar-16 - Nov 16		
requirement 1.4.b	28	Development of the ToR of the MSG	draft ToR of the MSG	MSG, RA Government Staff	Sep-16		
requirement 1.4.b	29	Approval of the ToR of the MSG	ToR of the MSG	MSG	Dec-16		
requirement 1.4	30	Participation in EITI Board meetings	EITI Board meetings	MSG, RA Government Staff			
requirement 1.4	31	MSG meeting	MSG meeting	MSG, RA Government Staff	27.06.2016		
	32	First official meeting of MSG, launching event	First official meeting of MSG, launching event	MSG, RA Government Staff	25.11.2016		
requirement 1.4.a. iii.	33	Adoption of RA Prime Minister Decree on Setting Up the RA EITI Multi-Stakeholder Group and Approving Its Composition	RA Prime Minister decree	RA Government Staff	24.11.2016		
requirement 1.5 requirement 1.4.b.iv.	34	Development of Armenia's EITI work program	Armenia's draft EITI work program	MSG, RA Government Staff	Dec-16		
requirement 1.5 requirement 1.4.b.iv.	35	Approval of Armenia's EITI work program	Armenia's EITI work program	MSG	Dec-16		
requirement 1.4	36	Development of the RA EITI candidature application	Draft RA EITI candidacy application	MSG, RA Government Staff	Dec-16		
requirement 1.4	37	Approval of the RA EITI candidature application	RA EITI candidacy application	MSG	Dec-16		
	38	Collaboration with donors	Meetings with donors	RA Government Staff	Ongoing		
requirement 1.4	39	Submission of the RA EITI candidature application to the EITI international secretariat	Submitted RA EITI candidacy application	RA Government Staff	Dec-16		
	40	Establishment and operation of the Armenian EITI secretariat	Armenian EITI secretariat	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Oct - 2017- Dec - 2018, ongoing	90000	State budget, USAID Armenia
requirement 1.4.b.iv. requirement 7.4	41	Preparation and approval of the RA EITI MSG annual report	Annual report of the RA EITI MSG	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Jun-18		
requirement 1.4.b.iv. requirement 7.4	42	Preparation of monitoring reports on the RA EITI MSG activities, EITI implementation, action plan (quarterly, annual)	Reports	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Quarterly		
requirement 1.4	43	Collaboration with the EITI international secretariat and other EITI member countries	Correspondence, meetings, conference calls	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, MSG	Ongoing		
	44	Participation in EITI Board meetings and conferences		MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Ongoing	10000	World Bank, other donors
requirement 1.4	45	Holding of the RA EITI MSG meetings	RA EITI MSG meetings	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, MSG	Quarterly	2000	State budget
requirement 1.5.f	46	Revision and approval of the EITI work plan	Revised EITI work plan	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Mar-18		
	47	Creation of MSG working groups		MSG	Ongoing		
	48	Development and approval of the 2019-2020 EITI work program	2019-2020 EITI work program	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Oct-18		
	49	Payment of EITI membership fee			Apr-18	10000	State budget

			49.1	Strengthening the capacity of the MSG and stakeholder representatives	trainings, workshops	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	ongoing	15000	World Bank
Comprehensive report consistent with the EITI standard	Presentation of report under the EITI standard, publication of comprehensive information on the sector								
			50	Scoping study of EITI report	scoping study	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, MSG, AUA CRM	Sep-2017-March-2018	included in funding of 7th activity	The British Embassy in Yerevan
		requirement 1.4.b.iv.	51	Development of the ToR for the independent administrator	Draft ToR for the independent administrator	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, MSG, AUA CRM	Jan-March,2018	included in funding of 7th activity	The British Embassy in Yerevan
		requirement 4.9. b.iii	52	Discussion and approval of the ToR for the independent administrator	ToR for the independent administrator	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Mar-18		
		requirement 1.4.b.iv.	53	Selection of the independent administrator (tender and approval) preparation of the EITI report of Armenia	Tender announcement for independent administrator, tender, contract awarded to the independent administrator	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, MSG	Apr-May, 2018		
			53.1	Preparation of the EITI report of Armenia	EITI report of Armenia	Independent administrator	May-Aug,2018	100000	World bank
			54	Preparation and approval of the list of reporting government agencies and entities by the MSG, definition of materiality	List of reporting government agencies and entities	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, MSG	Mar-18		
			55	Development of the draft Government Decision on procedure of submission of EITI e-reports by the government agencies and extractive entities and reporting formats	Reporting formats, draft Government Decision	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, MSG, IA	Jan-Apr, 2018		
			55.1	Submission of the draft Government Decision to the Government	Government Decision	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	May-18		
			56	Training for government agencies and extractive entities on presentation of reports for the EITI report purposes	Training	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, MSG,IA, RA government agencies	May-June, 2018	2500	World bank
			57	Discussion with the government of the need for legal bases for reporting	Discussion	RA Government Staff, MSG	Nov-17		
			58	Discussion and approval of the RA EITI report prepared by the independent administrator	RA EITI Report	MSG,RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Aug-Sep, 2018		
			59	Translation work			Ongoing	10000	World bank, USAID Armneia, State budget
			60	Submission of the RA EITI Report to the EITI Secretariat and its publication	RA EITI Report	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, MSG	Sep-18		
		requirement 7.3	61	Review of considerations of the EITI Secretariat concerning the RA EITI Report and preparation of report on these considerations	Report	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, MSG	Nov-18		

STATUS OF ACTIVITIES

Completed
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The same Project is also funding activities N 16,
N 20, N 50 and N 51