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 environment for responsible investors
5. Institutional capacity development of sector beneficiaries

2017-2018 EITI WORK PLAN OF ARMENIA (implementation as of February, 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	May - 2017 Oct - 2017	1000	State budget
			2	Creating the RA EITI website	RA EITI website, databases, database processing tools for providing on-line access to information, conducting inquiries, free information viewing functionality, creation of on-line reporting portal	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, selected organization	Feb-18	60000	World Bank, other donors, State budget
			3	Ongoing website support		Selected organization	Ongoing	10000	World Bank, other donors, 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	45000	World Bank, other donors, State budget
			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	May-17	2000	Donors
			8	Approval of communication strategy	Communication strategy	MSG	Jun-17		
		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	10000	World Bank, other donors, partners, 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	15000	World Bank, other donors, partners, 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 beneficiary owners	Draft roadmap	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, RA government agencies	Jun-17	7000	Donors, State budget
			12	Public consultations on the draft roadmap	Disclosure of the draft roadmap, meetings	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Jul-17	1000	Donors, partners, State Budget

			13	Approval of the roadmap for disclosure of ultimate beneficiary owners	Roadmap	MSG	Aug-17		
			14	Submission of the roadmap for disclosure of ultimate beneficiary owners to the EITI Secretariat	Roadmap submitted to the EITI Secretariat	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Sep-17		
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	Apr-17	1000	State Budget
			16	Review of legislation, identification of gaps, submission of recommendations on addressing the gaps	Report, action plan	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, expert	Dec-17	15000	donors
			17	Submission of the report and action plan to the MSG		RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, expert	Dec-17		
			18	Review and approval of report and action plan by the MSG	Report, action plan	MSG, RA Government Staff	Dec-17		
Review of the best international practices and development of roadmap for harmonization with the EITI and best responsible mining international	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	Oct-17	1000	State budget
			20	Development of roadmap for reviewing international experience	Roadmap	MSG, RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat	Nov-17	5000	Donors
			21	Approval of the roadmap by the MSG	Action plan, budget	MSG	Jan-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 requirement 1.3	26	Nomination of MSG members	Nominated MSG members	MSG sub-groups	Jun-16		
	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	Firts 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	Oct - 2017- Dec - 2018	120000	World Bank, State budget
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	Jan - 2018 Jan - 2019		
requirement 1.4.b.iv. requirement 7.4	42	Preparation of monitoring reports on the RA EITI MSG activities, EITI implementation, action plan (quarterly, biannual, 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	70000	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	Jan - 2018 Jan - 2019		
		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			Dec - 2017 Dec - 2018	20000	State budget
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	Jun-17	1000	State budget
	requirement 1.4.b.iv.	51	Developing the ToR for the independent administrator	Draft ToR for the independent administrator	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, MSG, RA government agencies	Jul-17	1000	State budget
	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	Aug-17		
	requirement 1.4.b.iv.	53	Selection of the independent administrator (tender and approval) and preparation of the EITI report of Armenia	Tender announcement for independent administrator, tender, contract awarded to the independent administrator, EITI report of Armenia	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, MSG, independent administrator	Oct-2017-July 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, RA government agencies	Nov-17		
		55	Development and approval of the format and timing of presentation of reporting by government agencies and extractive entities for the EITI Report purposes	Reporting format	RA Government Staff/ARM-EITI Secretariat, MSG, RA government agencies	Nov-17		
		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, RA government agencies	Dec-17	5000	State budget

		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	Jul-18	
		59	Translation work			Ongoing	10000 World bank, other donors, 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	Aug-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	Dec-18	

STATUS OF ACTIVITIES
Accomplished
Open
Ongoing

Actual Cost, USD	Actual Funding Source	Status	Implementation
	State budget	completed	The ToR of Armenia's EITI website were developed in November-December, and approved by the MSG on December 12, 2017.
16000	UNDP, State budget	ongoing	The EITI website and the databases will be stored on the Servers of the Government Staff of RA. 1,461,600 AMD from the state budget has been allocated for the purchase of server storage equipment approved per the RA Government Decree No. 213-N of March 9, 2017. The competition for the development of the Armenian EITI website was announced by the UNDP on December 12, 2017. Helix Consulting LLC was named the winner. An agreement was signed in January, 2018. The EITI website development works must be implemented by May 15, 2018.
			The website maintenance will start after the website's launch.
		ongoing	In 2017, Armenia's EITI experts (EITI Secretariat of Armenia) have updated the EITI webpages on the Government's official website in Armenian and English. News on EITI implementation activities, quarterly reports, and other documents, as well as the minutes of the EITI MSG meetings were posted on the EITI webpages.

15900	State budget	ongoing	The cost of this line refers to the preparation and broadcasting of the TV programs covering the EITI implementation within the framework of the "Hraparakum" Governmental Television Program. In addition, the actual cost of several activities is presented in the **activity N9**. Namely, in 2017, two information leaflets on EITI implementation and USAID Armenia's supported Project "Enhanced Transparency in the Mining Sector" have been prepared and published in Armenian and English. Five public service announcement (PSA) short videos and one short film have been filmed and published with support of the USAID Armenia, and regional visits and Armenia's EITI candidacy event were organized.
		ongoing	In 2017, the EITI Armenian Secretariat has been updating the implementation of Armenia's EITI on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.
54000	The British Embassy in Yerevan	delayed / ongoing	Within the scope of the project implemented with the support of the British Embassy in Yerevan, the development of the Communication Strategy was delegated to the AUA Center for Responsible Mining (AUA CRM). The works were implemented with delay from the deadline set out in the ToR. As of February 2018 the first draft of the Communication Strategy was presented by the AUA CRM. The 7th, 16th, 20th, 50th and 51th activities have also been funded by this Project
		delayed	see activity N7
22000	USAID Armenia, State budget	ongoing	
23,800	EBRD	completed	The Roadmap of Beneficial Ownership Disclosure was developed by the EBRD financed experts in November-December, 2017. The MSG approved the Roadmap in December, 2017. The Armenia's BO Disclosure Roadmap was published on January 1st, 2018, as it had been set forth in the EITI Board decision.
		ongoing	see activity N11 The EBRD experts had held discussions not only with the members of the MSG, but also with other stakeholders and competent government agencies, NGOs and business community.

		completed	see activity N11
		completed	see activity N11
		completed	The ToR for the Legal Study has been developed and approved by the MSG in June-July, 2017.
see activity N7	The British Embassy in Yerevan	partially completed	The AUA CRM had submitted the package of draft Laws in November 2017, which was discussed with the stakeholder bodies and the MSG. The package of RA draft Laws was submitted to the Government of RA in December, 2017 and was approved by the Government on 18 January, 2018. 18. The package of RA draft Laws was submitted to the RA National Assembly. The AUA CRM has not yet submitted the Legal Study Report
		delayed	see activity N16
		delayed	see activity N16
	State budget	completed	The ToR for the Legal Study has been developed and approved by the MSG in June-July, 2017.
see activity N7	The British Embassy in Yerevan	ongoing	According to the ToR for the Legal Study, the Roadmap is part of the Legal Study Report. see activity N16
		delayed	see activities N16 and N20
		delayed	see activities N16 and N20
		ongoing	

		ongoing	As a result of the activities carried out by the Armenian EITI Secretariat, cooperation has been established with USAID Armenia, EBRD, and the British Embassy in Yerevan. A grant application has been prepared for WB support to EITI Armenia, and systematic works have been carried out with the diplomatic representatives in Armenia and overseas. Preliminary discussions were held with GIZ Armenia.
63900	USAID Armenia, State budget	completed	In 2017 the functions of the national EITI Secretariat have been carried out by the experts of the Project "Enhanced Transparency in the Mining Sector" of the Government Staff of Armenia with the support of USAID Armenia. The EITI Secretariat of Armenia was established under the RA Government Staff in January 2018.
		ongoing	The annual EITI activity report for 2017 shall be prepared and published by July 1, 2018 as set out by the EITI Board.
		completed	In 2017 the EITI implementation quarterly reports were developed and approved by the EITI MSG of Armenia.
		ongoing	

	11500	World Bank, USAID Armenia	completed	With the World Bank's funding, 2 MSG members took part in the EITI conference held in Bogota Colombia in 2017. And the USAID funding the head of the national EITI Secretariat participated BO Disclosure held in Jakarta. Participation of the MSG members form the extractive companies was self-financed
			completed	In 2017 the EITI MSG of Armenia held 5 official meetings.
			ongoing	
			ongoing	In 2017 the EITI MSG of Armenia formed five working groups.
see activity N7	The British Embassy in Yerevan	ongoing	Within the scope of the project implemented with the support of the British Embassy in Yerevan, preparation of the EITI Scoping Study was commissioned to the AUA CRM. The works were implemented with delay from the deadline set out in the ToR. As of February 2018 the final draft of the EITI Scoping Study was submitted by the AUA CRM.
see activity N7	The British Embassy in Yerevan	ongoing	Within the scope of the project implemented with the support of the British Embassy in Yerevan, preparation of the ToR for the Independent Administrator were commissioned to the AUA CRM. The works were implemented with delay from the set out deadline. As of February 2018 the draft of the ToR for the Independent Administrator was submitted by the AUA CRM.
			delayed	see activity N51
		World Bank	delayed	The Independent Administrator's tender announcement will be possible to publish in the 2nd quarter of 2018, after the approval of the World Bank's Assistance Grant Program for EITI Armenia.
			ongoing	see activity N53
			ongoing	see activity N53
			delayed	

		ongoing	see activity N16
1250	USAID Armenia, State budget	ongoing	In 2017 the EITI standard has been translated into Armenian. The Armenian EITI Secretariat carried out translation of other materials, guidelines and templates.

* The 1st, 12th, 15th, 19th and 43th activities were implemented by the EITI Secretariat of Armenia and the Government Staff.

NOTE: Currency exchange rates as of 12 January: 1 EUR = 1.19USD, 1 GBP =1.35USD 1USD = 480 AMD