

**The National Priorities of EITI Armenia**

1. Deepening the implementation of EITI transparency and accountability Standard in the mining sector, addressing the identified gaps
2. Development of institutional capacities of the stakeholders of the sector, introduction of systematic disclosures, building capacity for using and analyzing disclosed data
3. Ensuring awareness about the mining sector
4. Enhancing the culture of responsible mining through application of the best international practices and improving legal regulations
5. Enhancing competitive investment environment for responsible investors

**2023-2024 EITI WORK PLAN OF ARMENIA**

*Approved by the MSG on 29 June, 2023*

Objective	Rationale: Governance-related challenges and obstacles in the mining sector	EITI Standard requirement	No.	Activity	Outcome/Output	Responsible Party(s)	Timeline	2023-2024 Planned Costs, USD	Funding Source	Risk assessment (Low (L), moderate (M), high (H))
<b>Ensuring accessible and timely information</b>	<b>Lack or non-systemic character of the accessible, up-to-date, full and user-friendly information at the primary sources</b>									
		7.2	1	Posting up-to-date information/data on the EITI Armenia website, Public awareness and coverage of the EITI processes and recorded results (through social media, mass media, TV broadcasts)	Reports, progress reports, video-clips, publications, legal acts, news items, information on the mining sector and EITI broadcasted and published by social media	Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office, MSG	2023 2024		State Budget	L
		7.2	2	Maintenance of the EITI Armenia website and EITI online reporting platform	Operational website and online reporting platform	Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office, ERMNG	2023 2024		State Budget	L
		7.1	3	Publication of user friendly information/data on the mining sector and EITI Armenia, preparation of public service announcements (PSAs)	Information sheets, infograms, EITI semi-annual and annual progress reports, EITI report, EITI brief report, informative video-clips	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	2023 2024	25000	World Bank, State Budget, donors	L
		7.2	4	Consultations on the online submission of EITI public reports	Reports published on the EITI Armenia online reporting platform	Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office, selected company	2023 2024		State Budget	L
		7.1	5	Implementation of awareness raising activities, working meetings with stakeholders	Meetings, including with regional and community stakeholders, educational institutions and the general public	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	2023 2024	20000	World Bank, State Budget, donors	L
		7.1	6	Official presentation of the 5th EITI report for 2022 FY / EITI conference	EITI Conference	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q4, 2023 - Q1, 2024	8000	World Bank, State Budget	L
		7.1	7	Summary event presenting activities implemented with the support of the World Bank grant	EITI Public Event	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q1, 2024	5000	World Bank, State Budget	L
		7.1	8	Participation in the EITI Global Conference	Meetings with representatives of partner countries, officials from the EITI International Secretariat, Board,	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	2023	5000	World Bank, State Budget	L
<b>Increasing public accountability and oversight, reducing corruption risks</b>										
<b>Maintaining Armenia EITI membership status</b>	<b>Decreased interest among the EITI implementation stakeholders</b>									
		7.3 7.4	9	Works on elimination of legal and procedural gaps in the metal mining sector, recorded in the EITI reports	Working groups meetings, discussions, recommendations, draft legal acts	MSG working groups, State agencies, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	2023 2024		State Budget	M
			10	Establishment of MSG working groups to address recorded gaps	Working groups	MSG working groups, State agencies, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	2023 2024		State Budget	L
		1.4	11	Holding MSG meetings	MSG meetings	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q2, Q3, Q4 - 2023 Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 - 2024		State Budget	M
		1.4	12	Holding MSG working group meetings	Meetings	MSG working groups, State agencies, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	2023 2024		State Budget	L
		1.4	13	Nomination of the MSG new members and approval of the MSG composition	RA Prime Minister Decree, MSG	MSG constituencies, MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q1-Q3, 2023			L/M
		1.4.b	14	Amendments to the MSG ToRs (as needed)	MSG ToRs	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	2023 2024			L/M
		7.1	15	Participation in EITI Board meetings and conferences	EITI Board meetings	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	2023 2024	4000	World Bank, State Budget, donors	H/M
		1.5	16	Development and approval of Armenia's 2022 EITI Work plan implementation document	EITI Armenia 2022 Work Plan implementation document	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q1, 2023		State Budget	L
		1.5	17	Development and approval of Armenia's 2023-2024 EITI Work plan	EITI Armenia 2023-2024 Work Plan	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q1, 2023 Q1, 2024		State Budget	L
			18	Collaboration with partner and donor organisations	Meetings with donors and partners	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	2023 2024			L

		19	Operation of the EITI Armenia Secretariat	EITI implementation documents, reports, work plans, organisation of meetings, support to MSG, local and international cooperation activities, provision of consultancy, State budget documents, reports, ensuring of procurement procedures, fiduciary functions of	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	2023 2024	14000	World Bank, State Budget	L
	1.4 7.4	20	Preparation of EITI Armenia 2022 Annual Progress Report and approval by the MSG	EITI Armenia 2022 Annual Progress Report	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q2 - 2023		State Budget	L
	1.4 7.4	21	Preparation of EITI Armenia Quarterly/semi-annual Progress Reports and approval by the MSG	Quarterly/ semi-annual progress reports	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, 2023 Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, 2024			L
	1.4	22	Cooperation with the EITI International Secretariat and EITI member countries	Correspondence, meetings, conference calls, online discussions, visits	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	2023 2024			L
	1.4 7.4	23	Preparations for the 2nd validation of Armenia, completion of the pre-validation checklists according to the new model of validation	Meetings and discussions with the MSG and MSG constituencies, draft pre-validation checklists	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q1 - Q2, 2023		State Budget	L
	1.4 7.4	24	Approval of pre-validation templates of the 2nd Validation and submission to the EITI International Secretariat	Approved pre-validation templates, MSG meeting	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	June, 2023			L
		25	Works with the validation team of the EITI International Secretariat	Correspondence, meetings, conference calls, online meetings of international working group	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q3 - Q4, 2023			L
	7.4	26	Implementation of corrective actions according to the validation assessment (if any)	Meetings of working groups, recommendations for closing gaps	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q3 - Q4, 2023			L/M
		27	Payment of EITI membership contribution.		MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q3, 2023 Q3, 2024	20000	State Budget	L
<b>Preparation of the EITI Reports in accordance with the EITI Standard</b>	<b>Insufficient Financing</b>								
	4.8 4.9 7.2 7.3	28	Preparation of the 4th EITI Armenia Report for 2020-2021 FY	Published report, Summary data template	Independent Administrator, MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	January, 2023		World Bank, State Budget	L
	7.2 7.3	29	Preparation of the ToRs for the Independent Administrator for the 5th EITI Armenia Report (considering transitional recommendations from the EITI International Secretariat) and approval by the MSG	IA draft ToRs	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q1-Q2, 2023		State Budget	L
		30	Selection of the Independent Administrator (Tender and approval)	Tender announcement for Independent Administrator, tender, contract awarded to the Independent Administrator	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q2-Q3, 2023			L/M
	4.8 4.9 7.2 7.3	31	Preparation of the 5th EITI Armenia Report for 2022 FY	EITI draft Report, EITI Report of Armenia, Summary data template	Independent Administrator, MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q3-Q4, 2023	60000	World Bank, State Budget	L/M
		32	Discussion of the new requirements of the 2023 EITI Standard in order to find out their relevance to the Armenian EITI	Meetings, recommendations	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office, State Agencies	Q3, Q4, 2023 2024		State Budget	M
	7.2 7.3	33	Preparation of the ToRs for the Independent Administrator for the 6th EITI Armenia Report (considering transitional recommendations from the EITI International Secretariat) and approval by the MSG	IA draft ToRs	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q1-Q2, 2024		State Budget	H
		34	Selection of the Independent Administrator	Contract awarded to the Independent Administrator	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q2-Q3, 2024			H
	4.8 4.9 7.2 7.3	35	Preparation of the 6th EITI Armenia Report for 2023 FY	EITI draft Report, EITI Report of Armenia, Summary data template	Independent Administrator, MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q4, 2024			H

In the scope of "Opening Extractives" Programme implementation of BO data verification tools and strengthening stakeholder capacity to use data											
		2.5 7.1	36	Implementation of agreed activities within the framework of the "Opening Extractives" project of EITI and OpenOwnership	Events, training, discussions of recommendations of international consultants, their implementation	Ministry of Justice/State Registry, MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office, EITI International Secretariat, OpenOwnership, other interested bodies	2023 2024			L	
			37	In the scope of the "Opening Extractives" programme participation in training programs and discussions on BO data verification and other related topics	Training, discussions organized by international consultants	Ministry of Justice/State Registry, MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	2023 2024			L	
			2.5	38	Ongoing monitoring of BO declarations, their completeness and accuracy of BO data in the mining sector	Review of declarations, submission of recommendations to authorized bodies	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	2023 2024			L
				39	Fulfillment of the 2.5th requirement of the EITI Standard and the recommendations of its validation assessment	Draft legal acts	BO working group, Ministry of Justice, MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	2023 2024			L
<b>Establishment of EITI data systematic disclosures IT system, strengthening the capacity of the MSG and stakeholders</b>		<b>Lack of legal, institutional and technical capacity to carry out systematic disclosures, insufficient financing for development of a comprehensive SDD IT system</b>									
		4.8/4.9 7.2	40	Preparation of the ToRs for the Systematic data disclosure (SDD) IT system	Draft ToR	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office, consultant, EKENG, working group	Q4, 2022 Q1, 2023	6000	World Bank, State Budget	L	
			41	Approval of the ToRs for the Systematic data disclosure (SDD) IT system	ToR	MSG, State bodies	Q1, 2023			L	
			42	Selection of the company for development of the SDD IT system	contract	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q2, 2023		World Bank, State Budget	M	
			43	Development of the SDD IT system	SDD IT system	selected company, MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office, consultant, EKENG, working group	Q3, Q4, 2023 2024	150000	World Bank, State Budget	M	
			44	Drafting legislative amendments required to implement systematic disclosures	Meetings, discussions, draft legal acts	MSG, State bodies, consultant, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q2, Q3, 2024	7000	World Bank, State Budget	M	
			45	Submission of the legal package including amendments to the RA government decision N 666 dated 08.06.2018 to the Government of the Republic of Armenia	Draft legal acts	MSG, State bodies, consultant, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q3-Q4, 2023			M	
			46	Implementation of systematic disclosures - testing of SDD IT portal and respective agency pages	Systematic disclosures	State bodies, EKENG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office, selected company, working group	Q4, 2023 2024	see activity 43	World Bank, State Budget	M	
			47	Launch of the SDD IT system, ensuring public access to data	SDD system, launched portal, systematic disclosures S	State bodies, EKENG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office, selected company	2024	see activity 43	World Bank, State Budget	M	
<b>Strengthening the capacity to use EITI data</b>											
		7.1	48	Capacity building activities for the Parliament representatives	Meetings, training	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office, consultant	2023 2024		World Bank, State Budget	L	
			49	Capacity building activities for the representatives of State agencies	Meetings, training	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office, consultant	2023 2024		World Bank, State Budget	L	
			50	Capacity building activities for the affected communities' representatives to develop effective participation, sustainable development programs and policy preparation skills	Meetings, training	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office, consultant	2023 2024	20000	World Bank, State Budget	L	
			51	Mining and EITI data analytical capacity building activities for CSOs, Media representatives and academic community	Meetings, training	MSG, Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office, consultant	2023 2024		World Bank, State Budget	L	

Implementation of responsible mining practices, ensuring stakeholder participation in the implementation of the Mining Strategy action plan	Lack of responsible mining culture, deficiency of relevant legal framework, insufficient capacity of relevant state agencies, mining companies and civil society									
		1 7.1	52	Restructuring of the working group to support the implementation of Responsible Mining Practices	Working group	MSG working groups, MTAI, State agencies, MSG Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q3, 2023			M
			53	Holding meetings of the working group to support the implementation of responsible mining practices, developing the action plan of the working group, presenting recommendations within the framework of the implementation of the Mining Strategy action plan, recommendations for legislative	Meetings, Action plan, recommendations, draft legal acts	MSG working groups, MTAI, State agencies, MSG Arm-EITI Secretariat/PM's Office	Q3, Q4, 2023, 2024		State Budget Donors	M

STATUS OF ACTIVITIES
Completed
Open
Ongoing