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

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

			#	Activity	Output	Responsible	Timeframe	Budget	Source
			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 experience	**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, draft 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
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