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## ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	-	Asian Development Bank
AH	-	affected households
AP	-	affected persons
DESC	-	detailed engineering and construction supervision consultant
EA	-	executing agency
FFA	-	Framework Financing Agreement
IA	-	implementing agency
EMA	-	external monitoring agency
LAR	-	land acquisition and resettlement
LARF	-	land acquisition and resettlement framework
LARP	-	land acquisition and resettlement plan
MOE	-	Ministry of Economy
MFF	-	Multi-tranche financing facility
PIU	-	project implementation unit
PGC	-	Project Governing Council
PMIC	-	project management and institutional strengthening consultant
PPTA	-	project preparatory technical assistance
RS	-	resettlement specialist
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 the Sustainable Urban Development Investment Program (SUDIP) of Yerevan Municipality (YM) of the Republic of Armenia (RA) covers the period from January to June 2016. The objective of the report is to provide an overview of the progress made in the implementation of the land acquisition and resettlement (LAR) tasks in the first half of 2016. It provides information on social safeguards activities related to the preparation and implementation of the LAR plans (LARP) as well as safeguards issues raised during construction period, as needed as well as social impact mitigation measures. It describes the project's performance in dealing with community consultation and stakeholders' participation, impacted assets registration/records and compensation processes, and grievances received and redressed. Lessons learned and the recommendations for the implementation of safeguards component of the project in the next stage of the program are summarized at the end of the report.

## 1.2 Background Information

2. By the Framework Financing Agreement (FFA) dated 24 March 2011 between the RA and Asian Development Bank (ADB), ADB has agreed to provide a multitranche financing facility (MFF) to the RA for the purposes of financing projects and subprojects under the SUDIP. The investment program targets a range of urban connectivity and mobility improvements in all parts of Armenia, aiming to improve transport efficiency, reliability, and safety, and reduce congestion. The program consists of several financial tranches/projects; each of them will include different subprojects. These are rehabilitation or construction of roads, transportation means, urban infrastructures, as well as institutional reforms of Yerevan urban transport and secondary cities of RA.

3. The impact of the Program will be the improved urban environment, local economy and enhanced private sector within the urban areas. The outcome will be efficient, reliable and affordable urban infrastructures and urban transport services provided in Armenian cities.

4. 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 is 19 July 2011. The date of loan closing was 30 June 2016 which was extended to 30 December 2017.

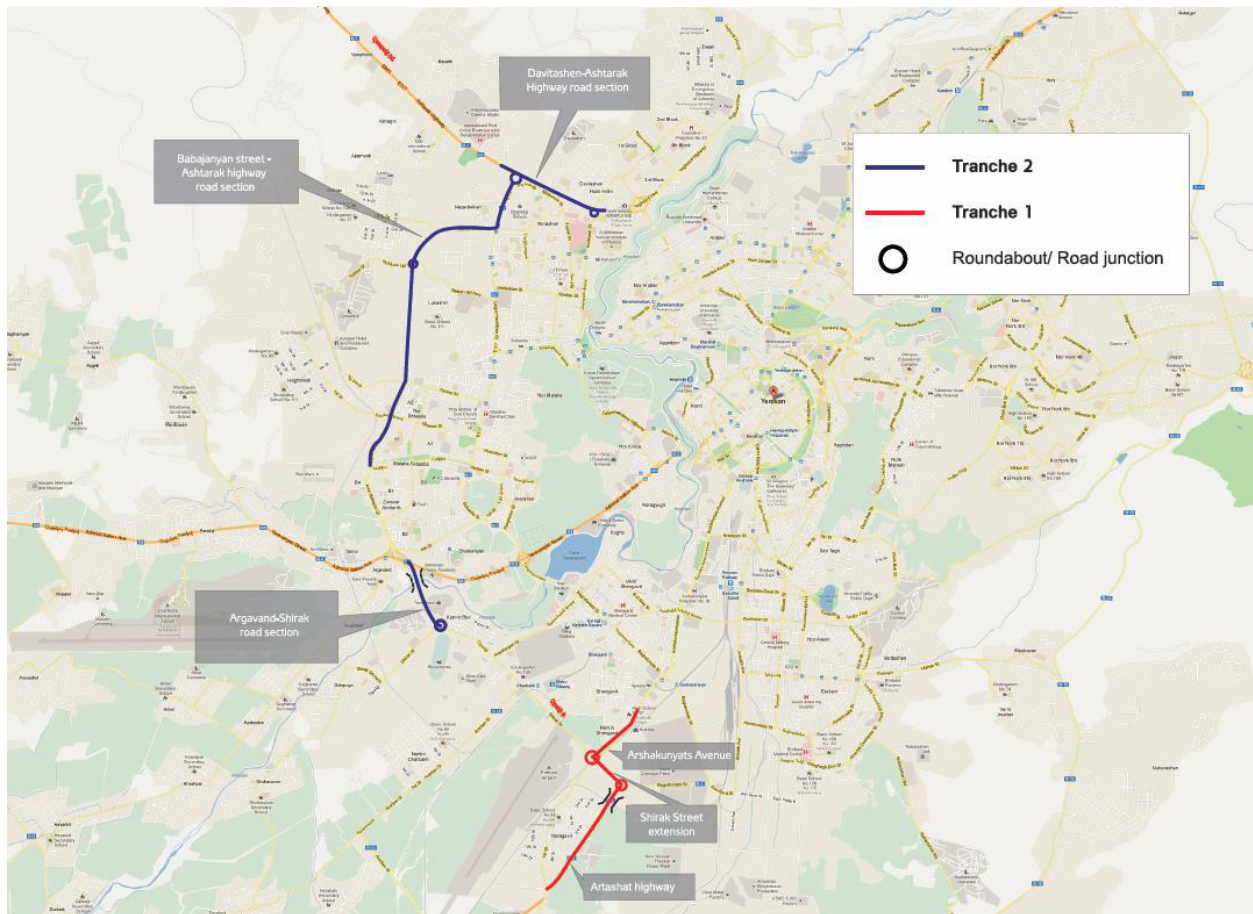
5. The Government submitted the periodic financing request for Tranche/Project 2, \$112.97 million from ADB's ordinary capital resources on 16 April 2015. ADB Management Review Meeting was held on 25 June 2015. The loan agreement between the RA and ADB for SUDIP- Tranche/Project 2 for a loan amount of of \$112.97 million was signed on 13 October 2015. Date of loan effectiveness is 11 January 2016 and the date of loan closing is 30 March 2020. Figure 1 below represents the map of Tranche/Project 1 and Tranche/Project 2 locations.

6. For the implementation of the MFF the RA Ministry of Economy (MOE) is designated as the executing agency (EA), and the Yerevan Municipality (YM) as the implementing agency (IA), which will act through Projects Implementation Unit (PIU) of Yerevan municipality.

### 1.3 LARF

7. The LARF for the MFF approved in 2010 was revised and approved on 7 March 2012 (Government decree N 273<sup>1</sup>). 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).

Figure 1: Map of Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 locations



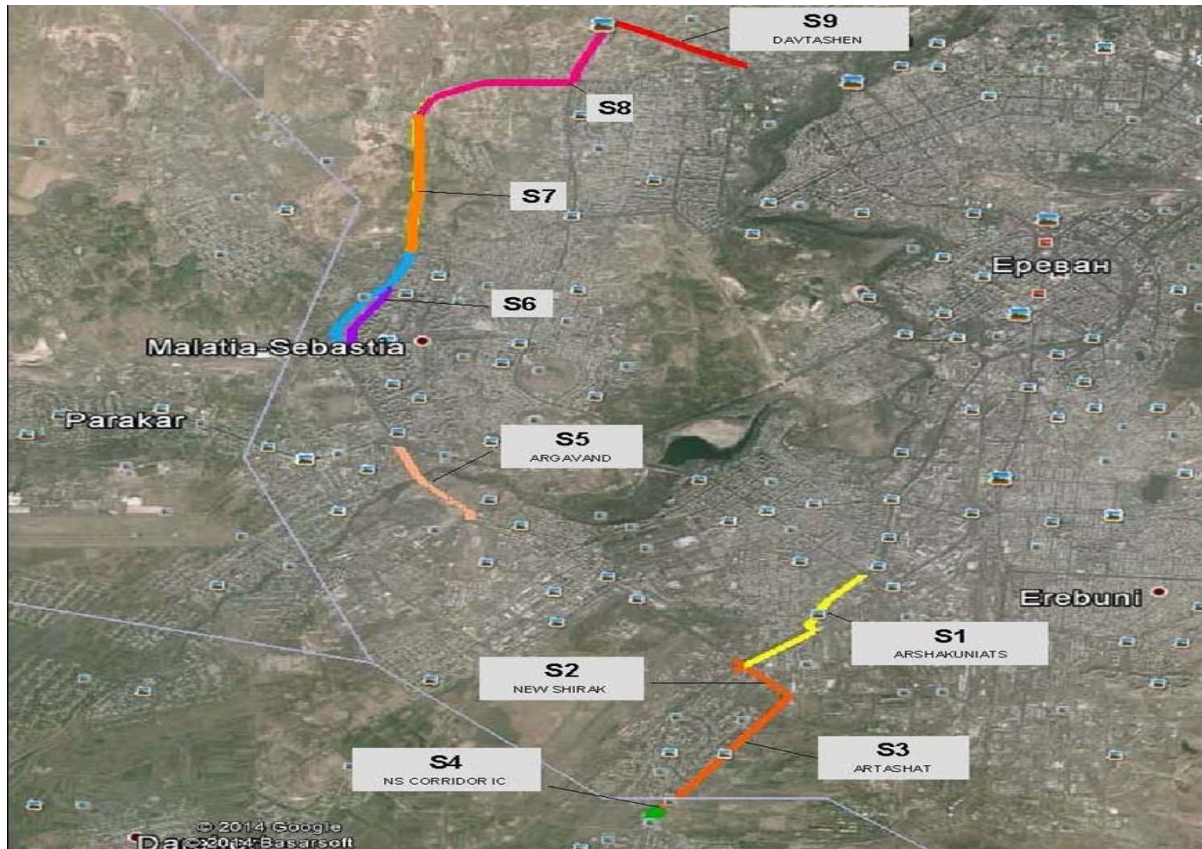
8. In order to facilitate LARP preparation and implementation, the area of Tranche/Project 1 and Tranche/Project 2 was divided into several sections numbered from S1 to S9 shown in the Table 1 and the Figure 2 below.

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

Table1: Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 sections

Tranche/Project	Section	Name	Length
Tranche/Project 1	S1	Arshakunyats	1 280 m
	S2	New Shirak	3 200 m
	S3	Artashat	
	S4	Artashat highway -North South Corridor Interchange	
Tranche/Project 2	S5	Argavand	1 350 m
	S6	Babajanyan-Tichina	2 220 m
	S7	Tichina-Old Silikyan	2 060 m
	S8	Old Silikyan - Ashtarak Highway	2 570 m
	S9	Davitashen - Ashtarak Highway	2 240 m

Figure 2: Google map of Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 sections





## 2 Tranche 1

### 2.1 Background

9. The project aims at improvement of urban transport in Yerevan aligned with the urban master plan of Yerevan city and promoting a sustainable, integrated, socially affordable and cost efficient urban transport system.

10. Tranche/Project 1 comprises the following components:

- i. Urban Transport Infrastructure Improvement, including
  - Subproject1 Argawand highway-Shirak street road (West)
  - Subproject2 Artashat highway-Shirak street and Arshakunyats avenue section road (South-West).
- ii. Institutional Strengthening to strengthen institutional framework and urban transport organization, increase coordination, monitoring and financing of urban transport subsector;
- iii. Program Management and Capacity Building: consulting services for subproject preparation, construction supervision, audit, social and environmental assessments, and institutional capacity development in the urban transport sector.

11. The Project area is in South-West Yerevan (Shengavit district) about 6 km of the City center. (Figure 2, Sections 1,2,3,4)

12. Tranche/Project 1 includes the widening of two main roads, namely Arshakunyats Avenue (1.3km) and Artashat highway (1.5km), and will result 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 will be constructed on 8-9m height. The design total length is about 500m. The roundabout will be constructed on the embankment. As the roundabout will be over railway and Noragavit 1st street, two tunnels will be constructed within the embankment in order to allow passing railway and Noragavit 1st street.

13. 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.

14. 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.

### 2.2 Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plans

15. 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.

16. 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 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

## 2.3 LARP Preparation and Implementation

### 2.3.1 LARP1

#### 2.3.1.1 Preparation

17. LARP1 was approved by ADB on 30 August 2013 and by the Government on 14 November 2013 (Government Decree N 1253<sup>2</sup>). 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.

#### 2.3.1.2 Implementation

18. 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.

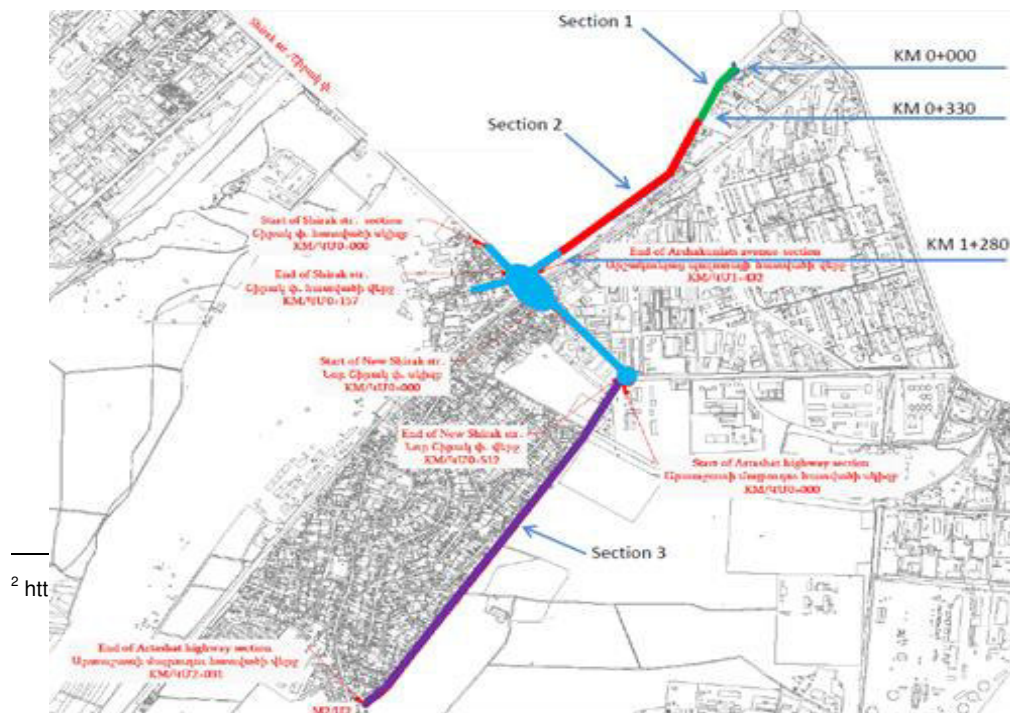


Figure 3: LARP1 split into sections

19. 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.

20. The commencement of construction works for Section 3 was granted in January 2015.

### 2.3.2 LARP3

#### 2.3.2.1 Preparation

21. The AH/AP Census and impacts surveys for LARP3 were carried out in March-August 2013 by DESC. LARP3 was approved by ADB on 12 May 2014 and by the Government on 11 September 2014 (GD 1018-Ն<sup>3</sup>) .

#### 2.3.2.2 Implementation

22. 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 02 September 2015.

23. In the reporting period 3 out of 4 cases in court were resolved. Description on 3 resolved cases as well as on 1 pending case are presented below.

1. According to LARP 3 only part of the AP's property must be acquired. The AP has applied to the court demanding to acquire the whole property. In the meantime the AP doesn't agree with the compensation amount. Conditioned with the failure to sign a contract within three months after sending the draft contract to the AP according to the RA legislation, on 18 April 2015 PIU transferred the compensation amount of 31.6 mln drams to the court's deposit account, and applied to the court. The court made a decision to satisfy the AP's claim. PIU submitted a claim to the Court of Appeal. The Court of appeal made a decision to send the case back to the Court of premier instance for the new hearing. As the deadlines for the construction period were being expired and taking into consideration the long duration of the court hearings (as it was decided to be started from the beginning), so the PIU agreed to alienate the AP's whole property and to pay the whole amount. Moreover, taking into consideration the lack of time for the implementation of the project, as well as the construction, the PIU made a petition to the Court, so that the decision will come into force on the day of its issuance. On 13 May 2016 the Court of premier instance made a decision to satisfy the claims of both parties. The court decided to satisfy the claim of PIU on the demand of property alienation and to satisfy the counterclaim of the AP against PIU on the demand to oblige the alienation of the whole property As the AP claimed for the expropriation of the whole property, 61.9 mln drams were paid to the AP in addition to the compensation amount transferred to the court's deposit account on 18 April 2015. The decision came into force on 13 May 2016. The Court case is resolved.

2. Due to a dispute between the co-owners regarding the proportions of their shares, it was not possible to sign the contract within three months after PIU submitted the draft contract to the AP's. On 28 April 2015 (3 months after submission of a draft contract) PIU transferred the

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.arlis.am/DocumentView.aspx?DocID=98598>

compensation amount of 98.9 mln drams to the court's deposit account, and applied to the court in accordance with RA law requirements. The Court of premier instance satisfied PIU's claim, the AP appealed to the Court of Appeal. The AP was requesting compensation for the property which was actually used by him and not by the co-owner of the property. The claim was not against the PIU, but the co-owner of the property . On 20 November 2015 the court of Appeal made a decision to leave the verdict of the court of Premier instance unchanged. The decision came into force on 20 January 2016. The Court case is resolved.

3. The AP doesn't agree with the compensation amount for the residential property to be acquired. Conditioned with a failure to conclude a contract within three months after sending the draft contract to the AP according to the RA legislation, on 01 April 2015 PIU transferred the compensation amount of 12.2 mln drams to the court's deposit account and applied to the court. An expertise has been appointed by the Court. Based on the results of re-examination of the property, as well as taking into consideration the lack of time for the implementation of the project and the construction, the parties came to an agreement to compensate the AP in the amount of 14 mln AMD. On 05 April 2016 the Court made a decision on acceptance of the PIU's claim. PIU paid 1.8 mln drams to the AP in addition to 12.2 mln drams transferred to the court's deposit amount on 01 April 2015. The Court case is resolved.

4. Conditioned with a failure to conclude a contract (the property is pledged in the Interstate bank) in three months period after sending the draft contract to the AP according to the RA legislation, on 30 June 2015 PIU transferred the compensation amount to the court's deposit account. The Company was noticed accordingly. The hearing was appointed on 21 February, 2016. The hearing was not held because there were no one present from the Defendant's side. The next hearing is not yet appointed. However the owners have given the permission to start construction works.

According to RA legislation construction cannot start before compensation and re-registration of the the property. In all 3 resolved cases construction started as soon as the APs were compensated.

#### 2.3.2.3 Social risks/impacts and their mitigation during construction period.

24. As a result of construction works needed for the excavation of the bridge foundation 1 property was to be affected in Artashat highway under LARP3. The CAP due to construction issues was submitted to ADB on 14 October 2015 and was approved by ADB on 19 November 2015. According to the CAP all the improvements (trees, crops, fences etc.) and 3 support structures on the affected part of the land plot were to be alienated. In total 12.8 million drams compensation were to be paid to the AP. As there was a legacy issue regarding the property used by the AP it was suggested the AP (the potential heir) to initiate the legacy admission process and to separate the property in accordance with RA law. By the end of December 2015 the AP resolved the legacy issue. PIU provided the measurements of the AP's property and assisted the AP also in registration of the AP's ownership. On 18 April 2016 an agreement was signed with the AP and the compensation amount of 12.8 mln drams was transferred to his bank account.

25. ERP for 4 cases - 3 residential houses in Noragavit 1<sup>st</sup> street 1<sup>st</sup> impass (houses 16, 16/1 and 18) located near the big roundabout (New Shirak Road Link and Artashat Highway) were not in seismic stable conditions and during the construction works the cracks on the walls

became wider and bigger. The crack issue of the other residential house located on Arshakunyants 286/27 revealed when the residential house of another AP acquired under LARP 3 had been demolished. The both residential houses had a common wall. An Emergency Reinforcement Plan for 4 cases (ERP) was prepared by PIU and submitted to ADB on 12 May 2016. ADB approved the ERP for 4 cases on 13 May 2016. A total 18.2 mln drams compensation will be paid to the 4 AP's for reinforcement of their houses. By the end of June 2016 3 out of 4 AP's had signed the compensation agreements with PIU and a compensation amount of 14.8 mln drams was transferred to their bank accounts. One of the AP's had a legacy issue as one of the co-owners had passed away. The AP was advised to initiate a legacy admission process and to reregister the property in accordance to the legislation. PIU also organized a meeting with the notary and the AP in order to speed up the process of heritage acceptance. It is expected that the AP will finalise the reregistration of the property in July 2015. An agreement will be signed and the compensation amount will be transferred to the AP's bank account in 5 days after she submits to PIU the certificate of ownership.

#### 2.3.2.4 Public consultations and documents disclosure

26. No public consultations were held in the period of January-June 2016 with the AP's of LARP3.

27. A consultation with 4 APs who were included in the ERP for 4 cases was organized on May 10, 2016 in Yerevan municipality. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the AP's about the survey results and present them the reinforcement entitlement. The AP's were informed about the Grievance redress mechanism (GRM) and their right to submit their cases to a court of law at any time regardless of the set grievance mechanism and procedures. During the meeting the Deputy Mayor Mr. Vahe Nikoyan presented the current situation, the results of the seismic surveys of the APs houses and informed the APs about the estimated compensation amount that will be given to the APs for reinforcement of their houses. The APs had no objections in regard. According to the seismic surveys conclusions dated December 7, 2015 and January 25, 2016 the reinforcement of the houses will ensure its further safe operation.

28. The ERP for 4 cases was posted on SUDIP's website in Armenian and on ADB's website in English.

### 2.3.3 LARP for Artashat highway - North South Corridor Interchange

#### 2.3.3.1 Preparation

29. The junction of Artashat highway with N/S Corridor (Table1 Section 4) is the continuation of works under Tender2 (LARP3, Artashat highway, Section 3). The total length of the junction is 300m, with average width of 24m. The detailed design for this section was finalised in November 2015. In November-December 2015 PIU requested and obtained from Cadaster Committee the Cadastral map of S4 as well as information about affected properties based on detailed design. AH/AP Census Survey and DMS of all affected assets was carried out from November 2016 to January 2016.

30. The Census identified 15 project affected households, including owners and users of the

lands/buildings, business owners and employees with a total of 82 household members. In total, 13 land plots, 15 buildings and structures, 5 fences, 6 businesses and 6 employments will have some impact. Out of 13 affected land plots only 2 land plots are legally owned. 4 AHs out of 15 are severely affected losing 10% or more of agricultural income. There are no AHs with residential losses as well as vulnerable AHs.

31. Based on the LARP methodology references with the maps prepared for the illegally used plots were submitted to the head of Shengavit administrative district for approval on 8 December 2015. The Description protocols were prepared and submitted to AP's in February 2016 after obtaining abovementioned approved references from the head of the administrative district. PIU didn't receive any complaints from the APs regarding the Description protocols.

32. The LARP for Artashat highway-North South Corridor Interchange was submitted to ADB on 4 March 2016. Based on ADB comments the LARP was revised and resubmitted to ADB on 18 March 2016. ADB approved the LARP for Artashat highway-North South Corridor Interchange on 21 March 2016.

33. The Government approved the LARP for Artashat highway-North South Corridor Interchange on 02 June 2016 (GD N 577-Ն<sup>4</sup>). The GD came into force on 25.06.2016.

#### 2.3.3.2 Implementation

34. Implementation of the LARP for Artashat highway-North South Corridor Interchange began after approval of the LARP by ADB and the Government. All the compensation agreements and contracts were sent to the AP's on 24 June 2016 after approval of the LARP by the Government. By the end of June 2016 13 agreements were signed with 5 AH's out of 15. 18,171,171 drams were transferred to the APs' bank accounts which makes 12,4% of the total compensation amount envisaged by the LARP. The duration of LARP implementation will depend mainly on the results of negotiations with 2 legal owners. In case if the negotiations with those legal owners fail PIU will have to initiate a GD on Eminent domain which will influence LARP implementation time constraints negatively. Tables 2 and 3 below present a record of LARP implementation.

Table 2: LARP for Artashat highway-NS coridor interchange. Implementation Milestone Achievements

Task/Activity	Planned		Achieved	
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish
Submission of LARP for Artashat highway-North South Corridor Interchange to ADB for comments	03.03.2016		04.03.2016	
Submission of finalised LARP to ADB for approval	30.03.2016		18.03.2016	
ADB approves the LARP	05.04.2016	05.05.2016	21.03.2016	

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.arlis.am/DocumentView.aspx?DocID=106442>

RA Government approves the LARP	24.05.2016	03.07.2016	02.06.2016	
RA Government approves LAR budget	24.05.2016	03.07.2016	02.06.2016	
Posting approved LARP document on ADB website	04.07.2016	05.07.2016	Posted	
Posting approved LARP document on YM website	04.07.2016	05.07.2016	Posted	
Agreement with commercial bank with best conditions for AP's	N/A		04.12.2013	
Bank accounts for AP's opened			26.06.2016	
Draft contracts sent to APs	23.07.2016	30.07.2016	24,06,2016	
Signing contracts/agreement	24.07.2016	28.10.2016	29.06.2016	
Distribution of compensation	04.08.2016	07.11.2016	30.06.2016	
Finalization of expropriation, provision of expropriation injunctions	27.12.2016	25.02.2017		
Preparation of LARP Compliance Report	23.07.2016	27.11.2016	24.06.2016	
Revision of the LARP Compliance Report by ADB	01.12.2016	15.12.2016		
Submission of the revised Compliance report to ADB	16.12.2016	20.12.2016		
Approval of Compliance report by ADB	21.12.2016	21.12.2016		
Hanging over the site to the Contractor	22.12.2016	27.12.2016		
Commencement of civil works	28.12.2016	28.12.2016		

Table 3. LARP for Artashat highway-N/S Corridor Interchange. Implementation output indicators

NO of row	Definition	Unit	Targeted	Achieved	Comment
1	No of AH signed contracts/agreements	N	15	5	
2	No of AH received compensation	N	15	5	
3	Compensation amount disbursed	AMD	146.852.425	18.171.171	

4		% of total planned <sup>5</sup>		12.4%	
5	No of contracts signed	N of contracts	2		
6	Compensation based on contracts	AMD	71.120.539		
7	No of agreements signed	N of agreements	27	13	With some AHs/APs more than one agreement will be signed
8	Compensation based on agreements	AMD	75.731.888	18.171.171	
9	No of cases in court	N			
10	Amount of compensation transferred to the courts deposit amounts	AMD			
11	No of identified new AHs	N			
12	No of identified new AHs received compensation	N			
13	Amount of compensation paid to identified new AHs	AMD			
14	No of AHs removed from the LARP	N			
15	Amount of compensation not paid due to removal of AHs from the LARP	AMD			

### 2.3.3.3 Public consultations and documents disclosure

35. No public conversations were held with the APs from this section in the reporting period. As it was reported in the monitoring report for the previous period a public consultation with the AP's from N/S junction was held on 01 December 2015. The entitlements for compensation, GRM were presented to the AP's. The AP's were informed about permanent and temporary impacts.

36. The Description protocols and draft contracts/agreements were submitted to the AP's in the reporting period. The implementation-ready LARP in English and Armenian was posted on SUDIP's website.

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<sup>5</sup> Calculations are based on Yerevan Mayors decree N2187 made on 15 June 2016.



## 2.4 Grievance Redress

37. As elaborated in the LARP, several parties are involved in the grievance redress mechanism: (i) PIU, (ii) YM, and (iii) 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. Based on Tranche 1 experience and ADB request the GRM was revised for Tranche 2. The revised GRM in details is presented under Tranche 2 (see subchapter 3.4).

38. In the first half of 2016 PIU didn't receive any complaints from the AP's of Tranche 1 regarding LARP preparation and implementation.

## 2.5 Compliance of Loan Covenants Related to Resettlement

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

Table 4: 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 2(Argavand-Shirak road link) was approved by ADB on 9 January 2014. Due to design changes the LARP for Argavand-Shirak road link was updated. The updated LARP was approved by ADB on 09 June 2015 and by RA government on 31 August 2015.Implementation of LARP 2 started in October 2015 and was completed in December 2015</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</p>
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A detailed grievance redress mechanism was established through the LARPs to receive and facilitate the resolution of affected persons' concerns and grievances.

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:

Compensation and other entitlements have been provided to affected people in accordance with the LARPs; and

A comprehensive income and livelihood restoration program has been established in accordance with LARPs.

Being complied with:

All AHs from LARP1, LARP2 and LARP3 signed the agreements/contracts and were compensated before physical or economic displacement was made.

Human and Financial Resources to Implement Safeguards Requirements

The Borrower shall make available necessary budgetary and human resources to fully implement the EMP, the LARPs and IPP.

Being complied with:

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.

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. Contracts with the team leader, one lawyer and one social specialist were extended to assist PIU with LARP2 implementation. A contract was signed with 1 social specialist to assist PIU with the implementation of the LARP for Artashat highway – N/S Coridor Junction.

Adequate budgetary resources are being available in accordance with the financing plan described in periodic financing request.

Safeguards Monitoring and Reporting

Being complied with:

The borrower shall do the following

- (a) submit semi-annual Safeguards Monitoring Reports to ADB and disclose relevant information from such reports to affected persons promptly upon submission;
- (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;
- (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.

- (a) Semi-annual Social Safeguards Monitoring Reports are being submitted to ADB on semi-annual basis.
- (b)
  - 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 13 May 2016
- (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 and for LARP 2 on 18 February 2016.
- (d) None.

### 3 Tranche 2

#### 3.1 Background

40. Tranche 2 will improve the access to efficient, reliable, and sustainable urban infrastructures and services as a continuation of Tranche 1.

Tranche 2 comprises the following components:

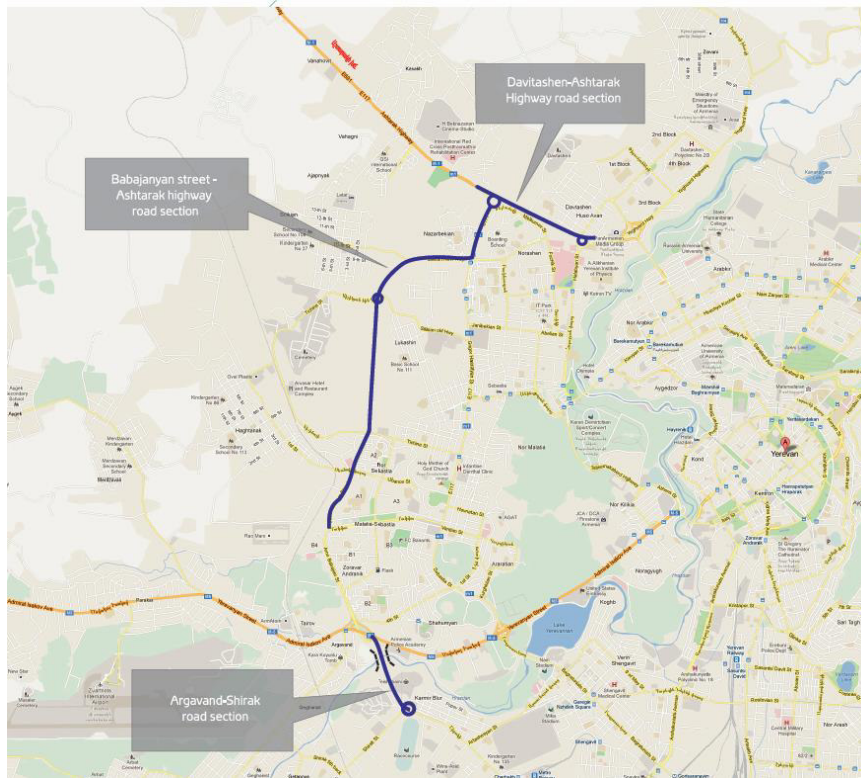
- (i) Urban Transport Infrastructure
- (ii) Institutional Capacity;
- (iii) Program Implementation.

41. Tranche/Project 2 subprojects of the first component are focused on three road missing links (Figure 6) to complete the Yerevan Western Ring Road. These three links are divided into five sections(Figure2, Table1)

1. Argavand-Shirak road link; (section 5) the construction of a link between Argavand highway and Shirak street West of length approximately 1.3km. The section is covered by LARP 2, originally prepared under Tranche 1 projects.
2. Davitashen - Ashtarak highway; (Section 9) of 2.24 km.
3. Babajanyan-Ashtarak highway -6.9 km long divided into three sections:
  - 3.1 Section 6 of 2.2 km, Babajanyan street to Tichina street
  - 3.2 Section 7 of 2.1km, Tichina street to Old Silikyan highway
  - 3.3 Section 8 of around 2.6 km, Old Silikyan highway to Ashtarak highway;

42. Each section will provide dual two or dual three lane carriageways.

Figure 4: Tranche 2



### 3.2 Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plans

43. Tranche/Project 2 is categorized by ADB as A for the involuntary resettlement safeguard. To facilitate the implementation of the LARP for Tranche/Project 2, Tranche/Project 2 area initially was divided into the following 4 parts for which separate LARPs were to be prepared.

- (i) LARP for Argavand-Shirak Road Link (Section 5)
- (ii) LARP for Davitashen-Ashtarak Road Link (Section 9)
- (iii) LARP for Ashtarak-Old Silikyan Road Link (Section 8)
- (iv) LARP for Old Silikyan-Babajanyan Road Link (Sections 6, 7)

Further based on results of the field works it was decided to remove Section 7 from the LARP for Babajanyan-Old Silikyan and to join in one LARP with Section 8. Herewith 4 LARPs that will be prepared and implemented under Tranche/Project 2 area are as follows

- (i) LARP for Argavand - Shirak Road Link (Section 5)
- (ii) LARP for Davitashen - Ashtarak Road Link (Section 9)
- (iii) LARP for Ashtarak - Tichina Road Link (Sections 8, 7)
- (iv) LARP for Tichina - Babajanyan Road Link (Section 6)

### 3.3 LARP Preparation and Implementation

#### 3.3.1 LARP for Argavand-Shirak Road Link

##### 3.3.1.1 LARP preparation

44. LARP for Argavand-Shirak road link addresses the LAR impact of Section 5 (Figure2, Table1), which foresees construction of a link between Argavand highway and Shirak street West of length approximately 1.3km. The alignment passes through the archaeological site known locally as Karmir Blur. This LARP was prepared under Tranche/Project 1 and was approved by ADB on 09 January 2014. The LARP was not sent to the GoA for approval, as Argavand-Shirak section was removed from Tranche/Project1 to Tranche/Project 2 because of shortage of funds. ADB and the PGC gave their no objection on removing this section to Tranche/Project 2 on 14 March 2014 and on 20 June 2014 accordingly.

45. Due to minor changes in design, the LARP was updated in April and May 2015. The updated LARP for Argavand-Shirak road link was approved by ADB on 09 June 2015 and by the Government on 31 August 2015 (GD N 997-Ն<sup>6</sup>).

46. In total the LARP for Argavand-Shirak road link identifies 26 families, including owners, renters and users of the lands/buildings, business owners and employees with a total of 105 members. Land plots of 22 families, buildings and structures of 12 AHs, trees/crops of 6, businesses of 5, and employment of 3 persons from 3 AHs will be affected. Out of 26 AH 3 AHs are severely affected losing 10% or more of agricultural income and 2 are vulnerable AHs.

##### **3.3.1.2 LARP implementation**

47. The Implementation of the LARP for Argavand-Shirak road started in October 2015 after GD on Eminent Domain (GD N 997-Ն) came into force on 25 September 2015 and was completed in December 2015. 15 contracts and 25 agreements were signed with 25 AH's and 4 contracts were signed with Argavand and Getapnya rural communities (3 with Argavand and 1 with Getapnya). The total amount of the contracts and agreements signed was 265,2 mln AMD compared to 276,7 million envisaged by Yerevan Mayors decree N3055 made on 29 September 2015, which defines the compensation amount of each AH based on valuation reports provided by DESC. The difference was due to discrepancies regarding some land plots in Argavand community. During LARP implementation it turned out that DMS and valuation of the affected properties in Argavand community were done by DESC based on cadastral map of 2012, while the cadastral map was updated in 2014. The PIU requested DESC to update the data. As a result 1 land plot came out of the list of affected land plots and data of 6 affected land plots were changed. Tables 5 and 6 present a record of the LARP2 implementation progress made during the period covered by the report. The Compliance Report for LARP for Argavand-Shirak was submitted to ADB in on 11 February 2016 and was approved by ADB on 18 February 2016.

48. On 16 March 2016 a contract was signed with Serenissima Costruzioni S.p.A. for the construction of Argavand -Shirak Road Link. The commencement of construction works for this section except the area of Karmir Blur where archeological investigation was still ongoing was granted on 25 May 2016.

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<sup>6</sup> <http://www.arlis.am/DocumentView.aspx?DocID=100206>

### 3.3.1.3 Public consultations and documents disclosure

49. No public consultations were held in the reporting period.

50. The first round of public consultations was held in 2010 and 2012 PPTA stage. Further consultations were held in May 2013 with the affected persons. The PIU organised a consultation with 2 new AP's from Argavand on 30 March 2015. Another consultation was organised with the APs from Shirak street on 6 May 2015.

51. On 18 September 2015, prior to LARP implementation PIU conducted a meeting with APs from Argavand-Shirak LARP with participation of deputy mayor.

52. PIU sent the notification of signed description protocols to the AP's from Shirak Street on 30 April 2015. The description protocols of the AP's from Argavand were send on 08 June 2016.,

53. PIU submitted description protocols of 5 AP's from Argavand in November-December 2015 after resolving discrepancies beetwen the size of the land according to the owners' sertificates and the actual sizes. Draft contracts and information pamphlets were send to the AP's in period from 1 October to 17 December 2015.

54. The final updated implementation-ready LARP in Armenian was disclosed on YM and SUDIP official websites.

Table 5: LARP for Argavand-Shirak road link. Implementation Milestone Achievements

Task/Activity	Planed		Achieved	
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish
ADB approves LARP for Argavand-Shirak road link	09.01.2014		09.01.2014	
Submission of the Updated LARP to ADB for comments	13.05.2015		13.05.2015	
ADB review and comments	01.06.2015		21.05.2015	
Submission of revised Updated LARP to ADB for approval	18.06.2015		01.06.2015	
ADB approves Updated LARP	23.06.2015		09.06.2015	
GoA approves Updated LARP	23.07.2015		31,08,2015	
Posting approved LARP document on SUDIP website	23.07.2015		September 2015	
Distribution of the final information pamphlet	25.07.2014		01.10.2015	17.12.2015

Agreement with commercial bank with best conditions for AP's	N/A		04.12.2013	
Bank accounts for AP's opened	25.07.2015	02.08.2015	06.10.2015	
Draft contracts sent to APs	02.08.2015	12.08.2015	01.10,2015	17.12.2015
Signing contracts/agreement	03.08.2015	10.11.2015	09,10,2015	23.12.2015
Distribution of compensation	13.08.2015	20.11.2015	09.10.2015	28.12.2015
Finalization of expropriation, provision of expropriation injunctions	17.11.2015	16.01.2015	N/A	
Preparation of LARP Compliance Report	02.08.2015	30.11.2015	01.10.2015	11.02.2016
Submission of LARP draft Compliance Report to ADB	01.12.2015		11.02.2016	
ADB approves the LARP final Compliance Report	01.01.2016		18.02.2016	
Hanging over the site to the Contractor	02.01.2016		25.05.2016	
Commencement of civil works	03.01.2016		25.05.2016	

Table 6:LARP for Argavand-Shirak road link. Implementation output indicators

NO of row	Definition	Unit	Targeted	Achieved	Comment
1	No of AH signed contracts/agreements	N	26	25	One AH came out of the list of AH due to update of cadastral map  Including 5new APs(row11)
2	No of AH received compensation	N	26	25	
3	Compensation amount disbursed	AMD	276.704.910	265.150.404.	



4		% of total planned <sup>7</sup>		95.8%	
5	No of contracts signed	N of contracts	20	19	Including 4 contracts with rural communities
6	Compensation based on contracts	AMD		184.246.789	
7	No of agreements signed	N of agreements	25	25	
8	Compensation based on agreements	AMD		80.783.910	
9	No of cases in court	N		0	
10	No of identified new AHs	N		0	
11	No of identified new AHs received compensation	N			
12	No of AHs removed from LARP for Argavand-Shirak	N		1	

### 3.3.2 LARP for Davtashen-Ashtarak Road Link

#### 3.3.2.1 LARP preparation

55. The LARP for Davtashen-Ashtarak road link addresses the LAR impact of Section 9 (Figure2, Table1), which foresees construction of a road between Davtashen and Artashat highway of length approximately 2.24km. with average width of 28m. The road will provide dual 3 traffic lanes each with width of 3.5-4m, and a service road with width approximately 6m. Detailed design for Section 9 was finalized in October 2015. AH/AP Census Survey and DMS of all affected assets was carried out from July-August 2015 and verified in February 2016.

56. The Census in the area of the LARP for Davtashen-Ashtarak road link identified 76 project affected households, including owners, renters and users of the lands/buildings, business owners and employees with a total of 302 household members. 11 out of 76 AH 32 AHs will lose 10%, or more agricultural income from lost fruit trees and crops from the affected land plots and 19 AHs will be relocated from their place of residence. 13 AHs are vulnerable. In total, this LARP will impact 77 land plots, 103 residential and non-residential buildings and structures, 11 businesses and 15 employees.

57. The GD on Preliminary study (589-Ն<sup>8</sup>) was approved on 26 May 2015 and the GD on Eminent domain (1429-Ն<sup>9</sup>) on 3 December 2015. In January-February 2016 after obtaining the approved/refused references from the head of administrative district the Description protocols

<sup>7</sup> Calculations are based on Yerevan Mayors decree N 3055 made on 29 September 2015.

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.arlis.am/DocumentView.aspx?DocID=98231>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.arlis.am/DocumentView.aspx?DocID=100911>

were prepared and submitted to AP's.

58. The LARP was submitted to ADB for comments on 18 April 2016. Based on ADB comments PIU submitted the revised LARP on 09 May 2016. However ADB didn't accept the LARP due to a complaint from an AP. The issue was the refusal of the head of administrative district to confirm the reference of illegal usage of the land by that particular AP. After several site visits and meetings with the head of administrative district, the AP and AP's neighbors on 13 June 2016 ADB instructed PIU to include the illegal land plot and all the improvements on that particular land plot in the LARP. In addition PIU was requested to add a local focal point in the grievance redress mechanism. Based on these requests the LARP was revised accordingly and resubmitted to ADB on 24.06.2016. It is expected the LARP for Davtashen-Ashtarak road link will be accepted by ADB in the beginning of July 2016.

### 3.3.2.2 LARP implementation.

59. Implementation of the LARP for Davtashen-Ashtarak road link will begin after approval of the LARP by ADB and the Government. Based on previous experience it is expected that the implementation of the LARP will take 3-4 months after the GD on approval of the LARP comes into force. Milestone achievements and output indicators of LARP implementation will be presented in the next report after approval of the LARP by ADB and the Government.

### 3.3.2.3 Public consultations and documents disclosure

60. 2 public consultations were held with the AP's from Davtashen-Ashtarak road link on 25 June 2015 and 18 December 2015. The GD on Preliminary Study of properties (589-Ն) and GD on Eminent Domain (GD N 1429-Ն) as well as the works to be initiated in their communities and properties were introduced to the AP's accordingly. The AP's were also introduced the Project, the phases of the project implementation, design of the road, the entitlements matrix, the GRM and the valuation methodology. Another public consultation with the AP's from this section will be held in July 2016 after approval of the LARP by ADB and GoA. The revised GRM, will be presented to the AP's.

61. During the public consultation a local focal point(s) will be selected by the AP's for the duration of the project, including LARP implementation and construction stages. After the selection of the focal point(s) PIU/DESC will organize orientation training to them.

62. The GD on Eminent Domain (GD 1429-Ն) was published in the newsletter "Republic of Armenia" on 24 December 2015. On 25 December 2015 the owners of the properties included in the GoA Decree on Eminent Domain (GD N 1429-Ն) were officially notified. Maps indicating affected and non-affected parts of the properties were presented to the AP's. The Description protocols were submitted to AP's in January-February 2016.

### **3.3.3 LARP for Ashtarak-Tichina Road link<sup>10</sup>**

#### **3.3.3.1 LARP preparation**

63. Detailed design for Ashtarak-Babajanyan Road link (Sections 6, 7, 8) was finalized in February 2016. The LARP for Ashtarak-Tichina addresses the LAR impact of Sections 8 and 7 of around 4,6km (Figure2, Table1). The road will provide dual 2-3 traffic lanes each with width of 3.5-4m, and a service road with width approximately 6m.

64. The GD (N 1531-Ն<sup>11</sup>) on Preliminary study of properties in Ashtarak-Old Silikyan section (Section8) was approved by the Government on 24 December 2015 and the GD (N 447-Ն<sup>12</sup>) on preliminary study of properties in Old Silikyan-Babajanyan Road Link (Sections 6 and 7) was approved by the Government on 28 April 2016. In the reporting period DESC finalised field work envisaged by the GD (N1531-Ն) on preliminary study of properties located in section 8 and field work for section 7 included in the GD (N 447-Ն). Based on the results of preliminary study PIU initiated a GD on Eminent Domain which was approved by the Government on 30 June 2016 (N 683-Ն). 34 legally owned properties were included in the Eminent Domain list. Based on LARP methodology references with the maps prepared for the illegally used plots were submitted to the head of Ajapnyak administrative district for approval on 21 June 2016. It is planned to submit the LARP for Ashtarak-Tichina to ADB in September 2016.

#### **3.3.3.2 LARP implementation**

65. Implementation of the LARP for Ashtarak-Old Silikyan road link will begin after approval of the LARP by ADB and the Government. A tentative schedule of the LARP preparation and implementation for the next reporting period is presented at the end of the document (see Table 7)

#### **3.3.3.3 Public consultations and documents disclosure**

66. The first public consultation with the AP's from Ashtarak-Old Silikyan section (section 8) was held on 21 January 2016, prior to commencement of field works based on GD (1531-Ն) on Preliminary study of properties. AP's from Old Silikyan-Tichina (section 7) participated in a public consultation held on 14 June 2016 after approval of GD (N447-Ն). AP's were introduced the Project, the phases of project implementation, design of the road, the GD on preliminary study and the works to be initiated in their communities and properties. Another public consultation with the APs of the LARP for Ashtarak-Tichina road link will be held in July 2016 to present the GD (683-Ն) on Eminent domain. The entitlements matrix, the GRM and the valuation methodology also will be presented to the AP's.

67. The GD (683-Ն<sup>13</sup>) on Eminent domain will be published in the newsletter "Republic of Armenia" in July 2016. Announcement on the GD on Eminent domain will be posted on

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<sup>10</sup> Table 9 at the end of document represents inclusion of each section in corresponding GDs on Preliminary study and GD on Eminent domain to avoid misunderstanding as a result of removal of S7 from the LARP for Old Silikyan-Babajanyan (S 6 and 7) to the LARP for Ashtarak-Old Silikyan (S 8).

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.arlis.am/DocumentView.aspx?DocID=102810>

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.arlis.am/DocumentView.aspx?DocID=105415>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.arlis.am/DocumentView.aspx?DocID=107079>

SUDIP's website. All the owners of the properties included in the GD on Eminent domain will be officially notified. Maps indicating affected and non-affected parts of the properties will be presented to the AP's. The description protocols will be submitted to the AP's.

### **3.3.4 LARP for Tichina-Babajanyan Road link**

#### **3.3.4.1 LARP preparation**

68. The LARP for Tichina-Babajanyan includes section 6 of around 2.2km. with average width of 28m.

69. The GD (N 447-ᵁ) on preliminary study of properties in Old Silikyan-Babajanyan Road Link (Sections 6 and 7) was approved by the Government on 28 April 2016. DESC will finalise field work envisaged by the GD (N 447-ᵁ) on preliminary study of properties located in Tichina - Babajanyan section (section 6) in July-August 2016. A GD on Eminent Domain will be initiated based on the results of preliminary study. The schedule on LARP preparation for the next reporting period is presented in Table7.

#### **3.3.4.2 LARP implementation**

70. The implementation of the LARP for Tichina-Babajanyan Road link will commence after approval of the LARP by ADB and by the Government. A schedule on LARP implementation will be presented in the next report.

#### **3.3.4.3 Public consultations and documents disclosure**

71. APs from Tichina-Babajanyan participated in the public consultation held on 14 June 2016 after approval of GD (447-ᵁ) on Preliminary study of properties in Old Silikyan-Babajanyan. The information pamphlet on the LARP as well as the GD (447-ᵁ) were distributed to the AP's during the public consultation.

### **3.4 Grievance Redress**

72. The Grievance redress mechanism (GRM) was revised in the LARPs for Tranche 2 compared with those of Tranche 1. To make the process accessible to APs the GRM will be presented during public consultations and disseminated through SUDIP website. Several parties are involved in the revised GRM such as the PIU, Grievance Review Group (GRG) and YM. Figure 5 below represents the Grievance resolution process scheme

73. Complaints and grievances will be addressed through the following steps and actions:

#### **Step 1**

The PIU will accept the complaints in the first instance and within a period of maximum 30 days from the day of receiving the grievance PIU will officially answer the AP.

If the AP is not satisfied with the response or PIU responsible staff needs additional capacity to response the APs' grievance, the Grievance Review Group (GRG) can be formulated. The following composition of the GRG is proposed:

Members	Position
(a) Representative of PIU	Chairperson
(b) Representative of safeguards team (PIU)	Member
(c) Representative of Local Government, as relevant	Member
(d) Certified technical expert, as relevant	Member
(e) Representative of Engineer/Contractor, as relevant	Member
(f) Representative of the APs	Member
(g) Independent party (for example NGO)	Observer

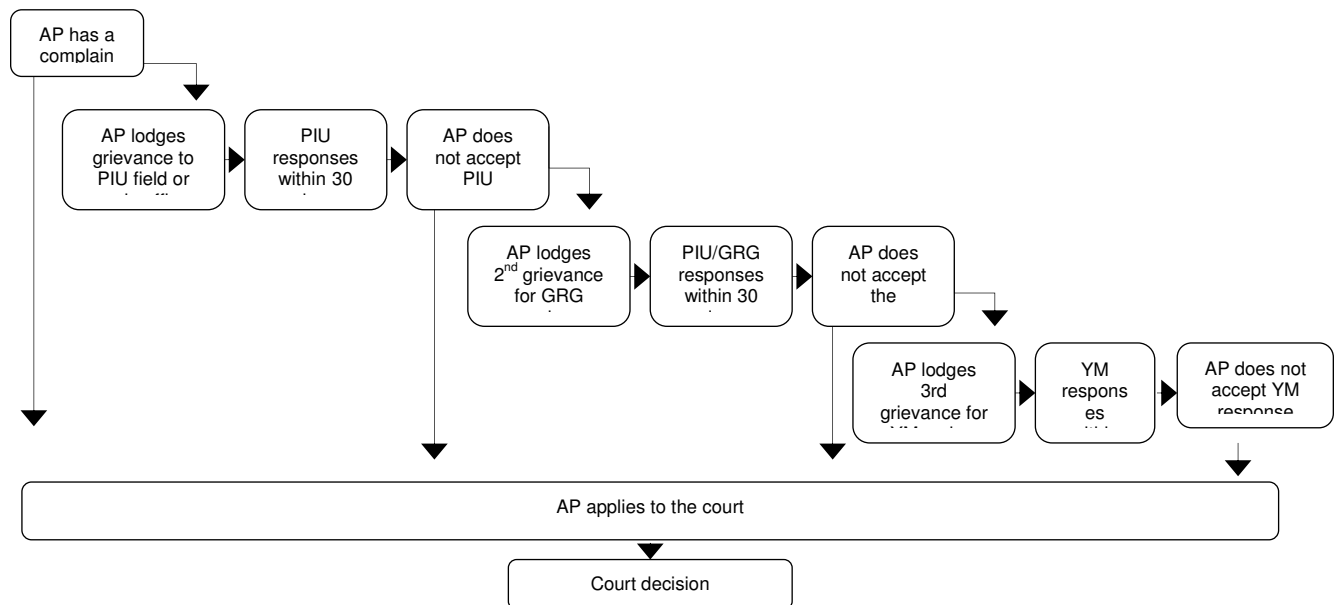
74. During the grievance review process by GRG, several experts can be involved such as valuation expert, agronomist, measurement specialist, design engineer etc. Independent party (for example NGO representative) can be invited upon request of AP. A settlement will be made within 30 days.

### Step 2

75. If the AP does not agree with the PIU's answer he/she should address their grievance to the YM. YM must respond to the complaint within 30 days.

76. Regardless of the set grievance mechanism and procedures, APs will have the right to submit their cases to a court of law at any point in time of the grievance redress process. A template for recording grievance has been developed and is available to the APs when they lodge the complaint.

Figure 5: Grievance resolution process scheme



77. Also a local focal point will be appointed by the APs for each LARP who will have the following functions: transfer of information from PIU to APs and vice versa, collection of complaints from APs, particularly, registering APs verbal complaints in the log book, consultation to APs regarding GRM, participation in the GRG as needed, participation in PIU, GRG field visits as needed etc., assistance to APs in application through GRM as needed. A local focal point(s) will be selected during the public consultations.

78. In the first half of 2016 PIU received 10 complaints from the APs of Davtashen-Ashtarak road link regarding LARP preparation. In 4 cases out of 10 the APs have expressed their disagreement with the description protocols. 2 out of those 4 complaints were resolved in favor of AP's. New description protocols were prepared and submitted to the APs. In the remaining 8 cases the AP's complaints were rejected by PIU. It must be noted that in two cases (see Table rows NN 2 and 7) though the AP's complaints were initially rejected however the issues were resolved in favor of the AP's and included in the LARP for Davtashen-Ashtarak road link. The list of the complaint is presented in table 8

79. By the end of June 2016 there were no any court cases regarding Tranche 2 LARPs.

#### **4 Conclusion, Lessons Learned and Recommendations for next period**

80. In the reporting period of January-June 2016 no any issues occurred in regard to LARP implementation. This may be conditioned with the fact that LARP implementation commenced at the end of June 2016 and the problems probably will occur in the next reporting period.

81. Following 2 issues regarding LARP preparation can be mentioned as lessons learned based on previous experience of LARP preparation.

- (i) The refusal of the head of the administrative district of Davtashen to confirm the illegal usage of the land by the AP which resulted in delay of LARP approval. The case in details is described under subchapter 3.3.2.1 paragraph 58.

In this regard PIU/DESC will work closely with authorities of the administrative districts of Yerevan and will explain them that it is under their responsibility only to provide information regarding the illegal usage of the land and not to decide if the AP is eligible for compensation or not.

- (ii) Besides the affected land plots included in LAR boundaries, there are cases when some parts of land plots need to be used temporarily during construction. In such cases CAPs were prepared and implemented by PIU after ADB's approval. This in turn may cause several problems including
  - a. delays during construction,
  - b. complaints from the APs,
  - c. need for additional measurements, valuations and calculation of compensations,
  - d. problems related to the LARP planned budget etc.

82. In the LARP for Artashat highway-NS junction and in the LARPs for Tranch 2 impact assessment and compensation mechanisms are applied also for the temporary usage of land. In particular (a) In cases, when public utilities planned to be located in the affected land plots such as sewerage, water pipeline etc. and (b) In cases, when the foundation of retaining wall is planned to be constructed on the affected part of the land.

83. The private-owned land plots are considered as subject for acquisition and compensation both for land and improvements (actually considered as permanent impacts). For the illegally used affected land plots compensation is considered only for improvements done on the affected land. In these cases no allowance will be paid for illegal use of land. However, those lands should be covered and returned to the user.

Table7: Implementation Schedule for the next Reporting Period

TASK	Planned	Achieved
Tranche1		
LARP3		
Finalization of expropriation, provision of expropriation injunctions	August 2015	Ongoing
LARP for Artashat highway -North South Corridor Interchange		
Approval of the LARP by ADB	May 2016	March 2016
Approval of the LARP by Government	July 2016	June 2016
Submission of draft agreements/contracts to AP's	July 2016	June 2016
Signing agreements/contracts	July-November 2016	Ongoing
Distribution of compensation	August-November 2016	Ongoing
Submission of draft Compliance report to ADB	November 2016	
Submission of revised Compliance report to ADB	December 2016	
Approval of Compliance report by ADB	December 2016	

Tranche2	Planned	Achieved
LARP for Davtashen-Ashtarak road link		
Submission of the signed Protocols to the APs	February 2016	January-February 2016
Submission of LARP to ADB for comments	April 2016	April 2016
Finalizing LARP according to ADB comments	May 2016	June 2016
Submission of finalized LARP to ADB for approval	May-June 2016	June 2016
Approval of the LARP by ADB	July 2016	ongoing
Approval of the LARP by Government	July-August 2016	
Submission of draft agreements/contracts to AP's	September-October 2016	
Signing agreements/contracts	October 2016-January 2016	
Distribution of compensation	October 2016-January 2017	
Submission of draft Compliance report to ADB	February 2017	
LARP for Ashtarak-Tichina Road Link		
Approval of GD on Eminent Domain	May 2016	June 2016
Public consultation	July 2016	
Submission of maps with notification of affected/not affected parts	July 2016	
Submission of description protocols	August 2016	
Preparation of the LARP	August 2016	
Submission of LARP to ADB for comments	September 2016	
Finalizing LARP according to ADB comments	September-October 2016	
Approval of LARP by ADB	October 2016	



Approval of LARP by Government	November-December 2016	
LARP for Tichina-Babajanyan Road Link		
Final detailed design	February 2016	completed
GD on preliminary study	March-April 2016	April 2016
Field work envisaged by GD on preliminary study	July-August 2016	
Initiation of GD on Eminent domain	August-September 2016	
Approval of GD on Eminent domain	October 2016	
Preparation of the LARP	October-November 2016	
Submission of LARP to ADB for comments	December 2016	

Table 8: LARP for Davtashen-Ashtarak road link. Complaints received and addressed in January-June 2016

No	AP	Received by PIU on	Type of complaint	Answered by PIU on	PIU'S answer	Comments
1	A.D.& M.R.	20.01.16	request to acquire whole property	04.02.16	Rejected	The APs justification was that the remaining part of the property will lose its economic value as well as purpose of usage. PIU rejected the request as only 320m land out of 901m is affected. From the buildings (house 340.3sqm, unfinished

						building 28.6sqm, pool 20sqm, kennel 1,1sqm.) only the kennel of 1.1sqm is affected.
2	N.Gh.	22.01.16	request to include in the LARP illegally used land plot	12.02.16	Rejected	Based on ADB's request the illegally used land plot was included in the LARP (see para 58)
3	A.D.& M.R	01.03.16	disagreement with description protocol	22.03.16	Corrected	Technical errors
4	G.G.	29.02.16	disagreement with description protocol	24.03.16	Corrected	Technical errors
5	A.D.& M.R	29.02.16	request of information on acquisition price	10.03.16	Rejected	The request was rejected as the AP's are being notified on the compensation amount before commencement of LARP implementation
6	M.A.	29.02.16	request to acquire the whole property	10.03.16	Rejected	The request was rejected, as it was not justified.
7	N.Gh. (group complaint)	30.03.16	request to provide a knew sewage pipeline	06.04.16	Rejected	The request was rejected by Municipaliyy but after further discussions it was decided that a knew pipeline will be provided. The information is included in the LARP.

8	N.S.	24.03.16	request to include in the LARP illegally used land plot	22.04.16	Rejected	PIU answered to the AP that the reference of illegal usage of land was not approved by the municipality. No further complaints were received from the AP.
9	L.A.	31.03.16	disagreement with discription protocol	16.05.16	Rejected	The AP requested compensation for big containers. PIU answered that only non movable assets are being compensated. Only transportation and demolition costs will be provided for movable assets. PIU rejected also the AP's request to provide land for the containers as this is not envisaged by the LARF.
10	L.A.	23.05.16	disagreement with discription protocol	03.06.16	Rejected	

Table 9: Inclusion of each sections 8,7 and 6 in corresponding GDs on Preliminary study and GD on Eminent domain

LARP	SECTION		GD on preliminary study of the properties	GD on Eminent domain
Artashat-Tichina	8	Artashat-Old Silikyan	GD N 1531-Ն 24.12.2015	GD N 683-Ն 30.06.2016
	7	Old Silikyan-Tichina	GD N447-Ն 28.05.2016	
Tichina-Babajanyan	6	Tichina-Babajanyan		pending