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RESILAND: Armenia Resilient Landscapes Project (P179988)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Environment, Environmental Project Implementation Unit

1. OBJECTIVE

1.1 Development Objective

Original Development Objective (Approved as part of Approval package on 06-May-2024)

The Project Development Objectives (PDOs) are (i) to increase the area under sustainable landscape management in selected locations and (ii) to promote sustainable economic activities to communities in targeted landscapes in Armenia.

Has the Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

2. COMPONENTS

Name
Component 1. Institutional Capacity and Policy Development:(Cost 1,000,000.00)
Component 2. Landscape Restoration:(Cost 5,500,000.00)
Component 3. Promoting Communities' Benefits:(Cost 1,900,000.00)
Component 4. Project Management, Monitoring & Evaluation, and Communication:(Cost 700,000.00)

3. OVERALL RATINGS

Name	Previous	Current
Progress towards achievement of PDO	Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	Substantial	Substantial

4. KEY ISSUES & STATUS

4.1 Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The mission noted that considerable progress has been made since the last mission in October 2025 on advancing procurement processes of various project activities. This includes TOR preparation, preparation of Environmental and Social Framework documents for wetlands, mining and forest restoration. Further acceleration is necessary to ensure completion of all project activities by closing date. Mission agreed on key actions and completion timelines to ensure progress. Full assessment of progress will be undertaken at Mid Term Review in October 2026 and with proposed restructuring as relevant. Project activities so far are compliant with ESF and fiduciary requirements.

5. SYSTEMATIC OPERATIONS RISK-RATING TOOL

Risk Category	Rating at Approval Approval Package - 06 May 2024	Last Approved Rating ISR Seq. 03 - 11 Dec 2025	Proposed Rating
Political and Governance	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Macroeconomic	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Sector Strategies and Policies	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Technical Design of Project or Program	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Fiduciary	Substantial	Moderate	Moderate
Environment and Social	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Stakeholders	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Other	High	Moderate	Moderate
Overall	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial

6. RESULTS

6.1 PDO Indicators by PDO Outcomes

Increased area under sustainable landscape management in selected locations

Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Land area under sustainable landscape management practices (Hectare (Ha))	0.00	Jan/2024	0	31-Oct-2025	0	30-Apr-2026	25,800.00	Dec/2028
	Comments on achieving targets		The indicator measures, in hectares, the land area for which new and/or improved sustainable landscape management practices have been introduced. Land is the terrestrial biologically productive system comprising soil, vegetation, and the associated ecological and hydrological processes; Adoption refers to change of practice or change in the use of a technology promoted or introduced by the project; Sustainable landscape management (SLM) practices refers to a combination of at least two technologies and approaches to increase land quality and restore degraded lands for example, agronomic, vegetative, structural, and management measures that, applied as a combination, increase the connectivity between protected areas, forest land, rangeland, and agriculture land.					

Sustainable economic activities to communities in targeted landscapes promoted

Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
People benefiting from sustainable economic activities in targeted landscapes (sex disaggregated) (Number)	0.00	Jan/2024	0	31-Oct-2024	0	30-Apr-2026	5,000.00	Dec/2028
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator measures the number of people in the project areas that benefit from the range of sustainable economic activities that the project is able to promote and/or introduce in targeted landscapes. Sustainable economic activities mean economic activities promoted through the activities implemented under the project such as the development of apiculture or beekeeping, agroforestry, and commercialization of traditional use of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) such as collection and processing of wild fruits, berries, edible and medicinal herbs, edible mushrooms, as well as ecotourism activities, etc.					

6.2 Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Component 1. Institutional Capacity and Policy Development								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Regulatory and operational guidelines for community-based forest and wetland management developed and submitted for approved (Yes/No)	No	Jan/2024	No	31-Oct-2025	No	30-Apr-2026	Yes	Dec/2028
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator includes Regulatory and operational guidelines for community-based forest and wetland management					
Guidelines for development and management of ecotourism updated (Yes/No)	No	Jan/2024	No	31-Oct-2025	YES	30-Apr-2026	Yes	Dec/2028
	Comments on achieving targets		Recommendations from policy work have input into the Ecotourism Strategy being developed by the Government. Separate guidelines are not mandated at this stage.					
Beneficiaries with improved knowledge and skills on integrated landscape management (Number)	0.00	Jan/2024	0	31-Oct-2025	0	30-Apr-2026	3,000.00	Dec/2028
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator will measure number of beneficiaries with improved knowledge and skills on integrated landscape management, which would cover, inter alia, forest conservation, wetland restoration/ conservation, management, development of ecotourism and other alternative livelihood business models, etc.Beneficiaries include:(i) central and local government officials working on forest, wetland, PAs;(ii) communities in the project target areas.					
Percentage of beneficiaries reporting improvement in awareness on wetland management and	0.00		0		0		30.00	
	Comments on achieving targets		This sub-indicator will measure percentage of beneficiaries with improved knowledge on and awareness of wetland management and restoration, which would cover, inter alia, wetland restoration and conservation, management, development of other alternative economic or ecotourism activities, etc.					

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Percentage of female beneficiaries with improved knowledge in skills on integrated landscape management (Percentage)	0.00		0		0		50.00	
	Comments on achieving targets		This sub-indicator will measure percentage of female beneficiaries with improved knowledge and skills on integrated landscape management					

Component 2. Landscape Restoration

Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Wetland area restored (Hectare (Ha))	0.00	Jan/2024	0	31-Oct-2025	0	30-Apr-2026	1,200.00	Dec/2028
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator measures the area in hectares that has been restored and brought under integrated wetland management and restoration supported by the project interventions.Assumption: The area includes brackish marshes in Khor Virap and Armash (82ha), salt marshes in Ararat (68ha), area of Lori lakes (1000ha) and a pilot area in Sevan (Masrik) (50ha)					
Forest area restored and/or reforested (Hectare (Ha))	0.00	Jan/2024	0	31-Oct-2025	0	30-Apr-2026	12,500.00	Dec/2028
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator measures the area in hectares that has been reforested and/or restored and brought under sustainable forest management as a result of the project interventions.This indicator will cover:(i) reforestation of the fragmented forest;(ii) assisted natural regeneration;(iii) restoration of the forest on targeted abandoned mining dumpsitesAssumptions: This includes area of forest to be restored and/or reforested in two target marzes (Lori, Syunik) as well as a pilot in Sevan lakes area (120ha)					
Feasibility package for repurposing of the abandoned Kavart mining site in Kapan developed (Yes/No)	No	Jan/2024	No	31-Oct-2025	No	30-Apr-2026	Yes	Dec/2028
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator includes a Feasibility package for repurposing of the abandoned Kavart mining site in Kapan, Syunik Marze. The package will cover analyses, such as of geomorphology, hydrology, soil analysis, environmental and social analysis, as well as financial analysis.					

Net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (Metric tons/year)	0.00	Jan/2024	0	31-Oct-2025	0	30-Apr-2026	178,000.00	Dec/2028
	Comments on achieving targets		Project net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are calculated as an annual average of the difference between project gross (absolute) emissions aggregated over the economic lifetime of the project and the emissions of a baseline (counterfactual) scenario aggregated over the same time horizon. They are reported in metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year.					

Component 3. Promoting Communities' Benefits

Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
People benefitting from selected landscape management practices (sex disaggregated) (Number)	0.00	Jan/2024	0	31-Oct-2025	0	30-Apr-2026	22,500.00	Dec/2028
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator measures the number of people in the project areas that benefit from the range of sustainable landscape management (SLM) practices that the project is able to implement. Benefits include monetary (employment, income) and non-monetary (changes in aspects of well-being, and improved condition of natural resources, etc).Assumptions: The total number of people in the project communities is around 148,200. The number of beneficiaries is considered with the assumption of respective project interventions (wetland, forest) and the share of total population that would benefit from the project.					
Green jobs created as a result of project-supported interventions (sex disaggregated) (Number)	0.00	Jan/2024	0	31-Oct-2025	0	30-Apr-2026	800.00	Dec/2028
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator will measure the number of people reached by project interventions that generate income (monetary/in-kind) through 'green' jobs, meaning more/better/inclusive jobs to support forest, wetland, PAs, and ecotourism related interventions or jobs in businesses that produce goods or provide services that benefit the environment or conserve natural resources. Beneficiaries are individual, workers, farmers, SME members, other target group members, and their household members.					
New businesses developed/established as a result of the project (Number)	0.00	Jan/2024	0	31-Oct-2025	0	30-Apr-2026	20.00	Dec/2028
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator measures number of new businesses either developed (with a business plan) and/or established as a result of project interventions. New businesses could include, inter alia, development of apiculture or beekeeping, agroforestry, and commercialization of traditional use of NTFPs such as collection and processing of wild fruits, berries, edible and					

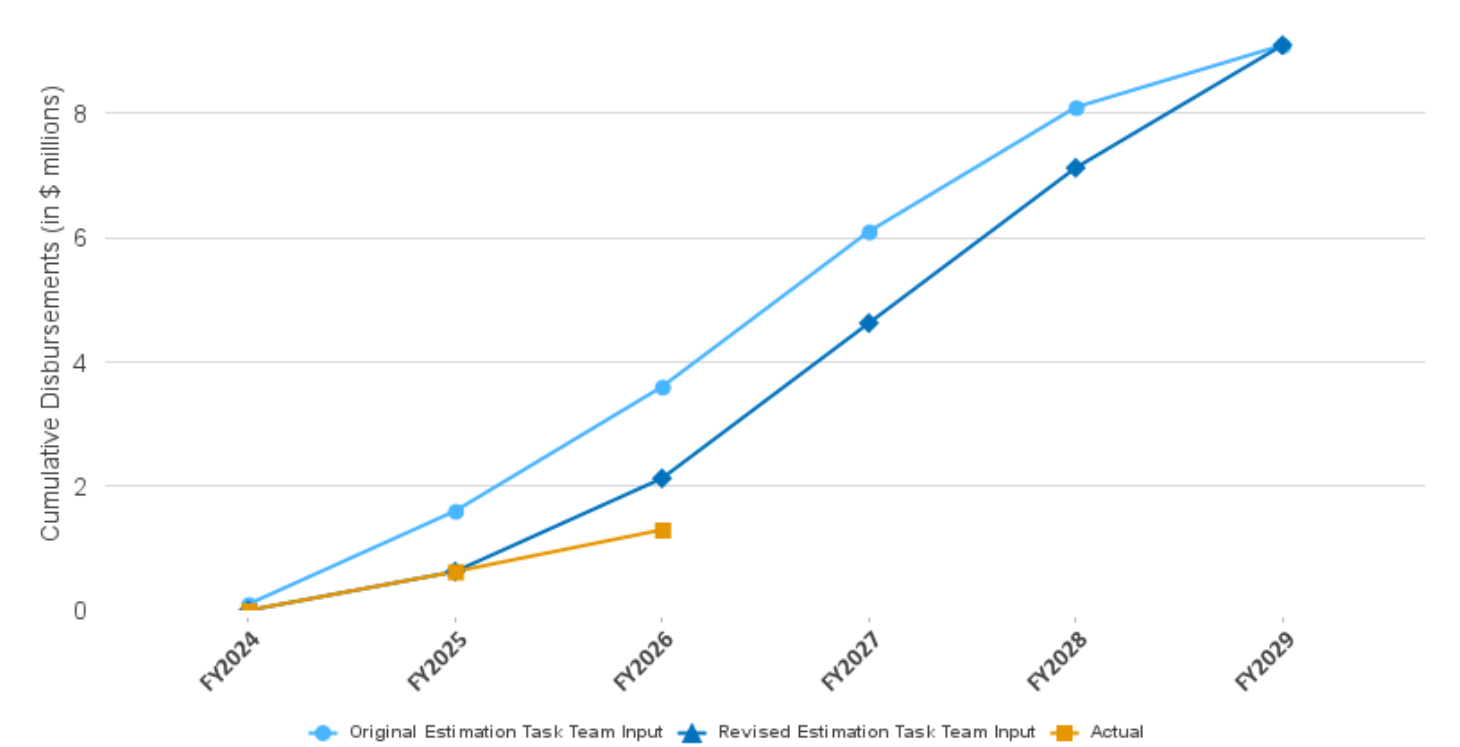
			medicinal herbs, edible mushrooms, etc. These could be individual entrepreneurs, microfirms, small enterprises.					
Female-headed new businesses developed/established (Percentage)	0.00		0		0		40.00	
	Comments on achieving targets		This sub-indictor will measure percentage of female-headed new businesses developed/ established					

Component 4. Project Management, Monitoring & Evaluation, and Communication

Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Grievances registered related to delivery of project activities and addressed (Percentage)	0.00	Jan/2024	0	21-Mar-2025	3	30-Apr-2026	100.00	Dec/2028
	Comments on achieving targets		This indicator will track grievances registered related to delivery of project activities and addressed within the required 30 days period					

7. DATA ON FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

7.1 Cumulative Disbursements



7.2 Disbursements (by loan)

Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Historical Disbursed	% Disbursed
TF-C4643	Effective	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.52	0.98	0.00	34.67%
TF-C4647	Effective	5.45	5.45	0.00	0.78	4.67	0.00	14.31%

7.3 Key Dates (by loan)

Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval	Signing	Effectiveness	Orig. Closing	Rev. Closing
TF-C4643	Effective	02-May-2024	22-May-2024	08-Aug-2024	31-Dec-2028	31-Dec-2028

TF-C4647	Effective	02-May-2024	22-May-2024	08-Aug-2024	31-Dec-2028	31-Dec-2028

8. KEY DATES

Key Events	Planned	Actual
Approval	02-May-2024	02-May-2024
Effectiveness	08-Aug-2024	08-Aug-2024
Operation Closing/Cancellation	31-Dec-2028	

9. RESTRUCTURING HISTORY

10. ASSOCIATED OPERATION(S)

There are no associated operations