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**UNPRPD 4th Funding**  
**Disability Mainstreaming Project**

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**Purpose:**

Presentation and validation of the key objectives of the UNPRPD 4th Funding “Disability Mainstreaming” Project, final appraisal and endorsement of stakeholders to sign the Project Document and to kickstart the Project implementation.

The LPAC Committee specifically reviewed:

- Necessity of the project and its alignment with national priorities, CPD/CPAP, other strategic frameworks
- Theory of change
- Expected results
- Results and Resources Framework

- Management arrangement and governance framework
- Risks
- Monitoring framework
- Gender equality parameter
- Social and environmental standards

**Documents presented:**

- Project Document and Annex 1: Social and Environmental Screening
- Quality Assurance
- Risk Log

**UNDP:** In the framework of UNPRPD’s 4th Funding Round, a comprehensive situational analysis of the rights of persons with disabilities in the Republic of Armenia was conducted. The findings of the analysis revealed the existence of the following development challenges, namely: lack of national data disaggregated by disability, absence of unified indicators for data collection among different competent bodies, and deficiency of a comprehensive policy structure focusing on disability inclusion.

In its attempts to advance the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and disability-inclusive Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the country level, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) proposes this project aiming at addressing the existing gaps in preconditions for disability inclusion through:

- enhancement of the capacities of national stakeholders and development of knowledge products;
- development of the legal framework (including by-laws, regulations, and policies);
- improvement of coordination among Organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) and systematic consultations among OPDs, UN, and government stakeholders.

**Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs:** Some editorial and terminology related observations and comments have been provided by Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs after review. All of those have been addressed and changes have been made accordingly.

**LPAC Conclusions, Recommendations:**

- LPAC endorsed the Project Document signature with the following recommendations:
  - The Project Team will be in touch with the stakeholders to finetune the timeline and project activities in line with priorities.
  - The Project Team will initiate respective consultations with the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and stakeholders to implement the Project with well planned, scheduled and budgeted workplan, under the overarching umbrella of the Project outcomes.

- The LPAC Committee recommended to keep the initial agreed duration of the Project until December 2023.

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