

Closure Stage Quality Assurance Report

Form Status: Approved

Overall Rating:	Satisfactory
Decision:	
Portfolio/Project Number:	00112632
Portfolio/Project Title:	Future Skills and Jobs for Youth in Regions of Armenia
Portfolio/Project Date:	2019-02-01 / 2021-12-31

Strategic

Quality Rating: Satisfactory

1. Did the project pro-actively identified changes to the external environment and incorporated them into the project strategy?

- 3: The project team identified relevant changes in the external environment that may present new opportunities or threats to the project's ability to achieve its objectives, assumptions were tested to determine if the project's strategy was valid. There is some evidence that the project board considered the implications, and documented the changes needed to the project in response. (all must be true)
- 2: *The project team identified relevant changes in the external environment that may present new opportunities or threats to the project's ability to achieve its objectives. There is some evidence that the project board discussed this, but relevant changes did not fully integrate in the project. (both must be true)*
- 1: The project team considered relevant changes in the external environment since implementation began, but there is no evidence that the project team considered these changes to the project as a result.

Evidence:

Since March 2020, the Government has announced a State of Emergency, restricting mobility and specific types of activity in the country. This has caused major disruption in the project plans associated with regional travel, public events and VET infrastructure support. The project team has managed to repurpose some interventions, so that they do not deviate from the overall goals and objectives of the project, but also respond to the challenges of the new reality. War in Fall of 2020 has frozen project activities and awareness raising components, causing delays in the implementation timeline. For this the project was extended for 3 months to allow complete commitment, conduct monitoring and review of all activities, ensuring everything is delivered of required quality by the end of the project.

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2. Was the project aligned with the thematic focus of the Strategic Plan?

- 3: The project responded to at least one of the development settings as specified in the Strategic Plan (SP) and adopted at least one Signature Solution .The project's RRF included all the relevant SP output indicators. (all must be true)
- 2: *The project responded to at least one of the developments settings1 as specified in the Strategic Plan. The project's RRF included at least one SP output indicator, if relevant. (both must be true)*
- 1: While the project may have responded to a partner's identified need, this need falls outside of the UNDP Strategic Plan. Also select this option if none of the relevant SP indicators are included in the RRF.

Evidence:

As part of Output 2 Digital Skills for youth the project has created pathways for poverty eradication in four regions of Armenia through paid internships, start-up seed funding.

As part of Output 3 Regional Resource and Development Centers set up the project has done capital investment in learning spaces in VET colleges to ensure local youth received education, which will help them to enter labor market and have sustainable income.

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Relevant**Quality Rating: Satisfactory**

3. Were the project's targeted groups systematically identified and engaged, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized, to ensure the project remained relevant for them?

- 3: Systematic and structured feedback was collected over the project duration from a representative sample of beneficiaries, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized, as part of the project's monitoring system. Representatives from the targeted groups were active members of the project's governance mechanism (i.e., the project board or equivalent) and there is credible evidence that their feedback informs project decision making. (all must be true)
- 2: *Targeted groups were engaged in implementation and monitoring, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized. Beneficiary feedback, which may be anecdotal, was collected regularly to ensure the project addressed local priorities. This information was used to inform project decision making. (all must be true to select this option)*
- 1: Some beneficiary feedback may have been collected, but this information did not inform project decision making. This option should also be selected if no beneficiary feedback was collected
- Not Applicable

Evidence:

The whole project implementation cycle was highly engaging and included participatory consultations with local communities, with particular focus on rural youth living in Lori, Tavush, Shirak and Gegharkunik regions (as specified in the Project Document).

The project regularly received feedback through social media channels, and even in times of total lockdown remained responsive and active for its beneficiaries (see details of social media reach in the attached document).

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4. Did the project generate knowledge, and lessons learned (i.e., what has worked and what has not) and has this knowledge informed management decisions to ensure the continued relevance of the project towards its stated objectives, the quality of its outputs and the management of risk?

- 3: Knowledge and lessons learned from internal or external sources (gained, for example, from Peer Assists, After Action Reviews or Lessons Learned Workshops) backed by credible evidence from evaluation, corporate policies/strategies, analysis and monitoring were discussed in project board meetings and reflected in the minutes. There is clear evidence that changes were made to the project to ensure its continued relevance. (both must be true)
- 2: *Knowledge and lessons learned backed by relatively limited evidence, drawn mainly from within the project, were considered by the project team. There is some evidence that changes were made to the project as a result to ensure its continued relevance. (both must be true)*
- 1: There is limited or no evidence that knowledge and lessons learned were collected by the project team. There is little or no evidence that this informed project decision making.

Evidence:

Because of dual crisis in 2020, some activities were re-shaped. The project has turned the challenge of limited mobility into the opportunity of getting wider outreach and not limiting beneficiaries to community of target marzes, and to scale webinars, trainings and public talks' reach to national level. In doing so, the communications strategy was reshaped and online events gave opportunity to reach more users on national level. Skill building components, including online courses and remote internships have proven to be very effective.

However, the activities that required face-to-face interaction and more intense communication, such as co-design workshops and other crowdsourcing activities had to be reshapes.

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5. Was the project sufficiently at scale, or is there potential to scale up in the future, to meaningfully contribute to development change?

- 3: *There was credible evidence that the project reached sufficient number of beneficiaries (either directly through significant coverage of target groups, or indirectly, through policy change) to meaningfully contribute to development change.*
- 2: While the project was not considered at scale, there are explicit plans in place to scale up the project in the future (e.g. by extending its coverage or using project results to advocate for policy change).
- 1: The project was not at scale, and there are no plans to scale up the project in the future.

Evidence:

All planned indicators were reached (as mentioned in the RRF), activities of the concluded projects helped to scale the programmatic interventions. For instance, results of the skills technological foresight and future modelling have informed one of the early recovery project activities, having the same target markets as "Future Skills and Jobs project". Sustainability of renovated regional colleges will be ensured not only through partnership with Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport, but also bringing additional re-skilling and up-skilling schemes provided by private sector at this newly equipped educational spaces (as part of MPTF-funded "Accelerating women's empowerment for economic resilience and renewal - the post COVID-19 reboot in Armenia" project).

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Principled**Quality Rating: Satisfactory**

6. Were the project's measures (through outputs, activities, indicators) to address gender inequalities and empower women relevant and produced the intended effect? If not, evidence-based adjustments and changes were made.

- 3:** *The project team gathered data and evidence through project monitoring on the relevance of the measures to address gender inequalities and empower women. Analysis of data and evidence were used to inform adjustments and changes, as appropriate. (both must be true)*
- 2:** The project team had some data and evidence on the relevance of the measures to address gender inequalities and empower women. There is evidence that at least some adjustments were made, as appropriate. (both must be true)
- 1:** The project team had limited or no evidence on the relevance of measures to address gender inequalities and empowering women. No evidence of adjustments and/or changes made. This option should also be selected if the project has no measures to address gender inequalities and empower women relevant to the project results and activities.

Evidence:

In order to eliminate social injustice and to ensure equal opportunities for all, the project approach looks at the development targets through a gender perspective too. The project ensured balanced participation of women in capacity building trainings (at least 40%) and startups incubation and acceleration (over 50%). Gender mainstreaming of the program was achieved through the following main directions:

- Gender empowerment: the project increased the role of women on municipal level by advocating for equal participation and engagement of women. Through project activities women living in rural areas were empowered to realization of their potential through self-employment opportunities.
- The monitoring and evaluation methodology of the project provided gender-segregated data collection.

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7. Were social and environmental impacts and risks successfully managed and monitored?

- 3: Social and environmental risks were tracked in the risk log. Appropriate assessments conducted where required (i.e., Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for High risk projects and some level of social and environmental assessment for Moderate risk projects as identified through SESP). Relevant management plan(s) developed for identified risks through consultative process and implemented, resourced, and monitored. Risks effectively managed or mitigated. If there is a substantive change to the project or change in context that affects risk levels, the SESP was updated to reflect these changes. (all must be true)
- 2: *Social and environmental risks were tracked in the risk log. Appropriate assessments conducted where required (i.e., Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for High risk projects and some level of social and environmental assessment for Moderate risk projects as identified through SESP). Relevant management plan(s) developed, implemented and monitored for identified risks. OR project was categorized as Low risk through the SESP.*
- 1: Social and environmental risks were tracked in the risk log. For projects categorized as High or Moderate Risk, there was no evidence that social and environmental assessments completed and/or management plans or measures development, implemented or monitored. There are substantive changes to the project or changes in the context but SESP was not updated. (any may be true)

Evidence:

SESP was conducted during the project design phase, as well as reviewed bi-annually and reflected in the relevant monitoring reports.

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8. Were grievance mechanisms available to project-affected people and were grievances (if any) addressed to ensure any perceived harm was effectively mitigated?

- 3: Project-affected people actively informed of UNDP's Corporate Accountability Mechanism (SRM/SECU) and how to access it. If the project was categorized as High or Moderate Risk through the SESP, a project-level grievance mechanism was in place and project affected people informed. If grievances were received, they were effectively addressed in accordance with SRM Guidance. (all must be true)
- 2: *Project-affected people informed of UNDP's Corporate Accountability Mechanism and how to access it. If the project was categorized as High Risk through the SESP, a project-level grievance mechanism was in place and project affected people informed. If grievances were received, they were responded to but faced challenges in arriving at a resolution.*
- 1: Project-affected people was not informed of UNDP's Corporate Accountability Mechanism. If grievances were received, they were not responded to. (any may be true)

Evidence:

No grievances were received, the project acted quite open and transparent.

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9. Was the project's M&E Plan adequately implemented?

- 3: The project had a comprehensive and costed M&E plan. Baselines, targets and milestones were fully populated. Progress data against indicators in the project's RRF was reported regularly using credible data sources and collected according to the frequency stated in the Plan, including sex disaggregated data as relevant. Any evaluations conducted, if relevant, fully meet decentralized evaluation standards, including gender UNEG standards. Lessons learned, included during evaluations and/or After-Action Reviews, were used to take corrective actions when necessary. (all must be true)
- 2: *The project costed M&E Plan, and most baselines and targets were populated. Progress data against indicators in the project's RRF was collected on a regular basis, although there may be some slippage in following the frequency stated in the Plan and data sources was not always reliable. Any evaluations conducted, if relevant, met most decentralized evaluation standards. Lessons learned were captured but were used to take corrective actions. (all must be true)*
- 1: The project had M&E Plan, but costs were not clearly planned and budgeted for, or were unrealistic. Progress data was not regularly collected against the indicators in the project's RRF. Evaluations did not meet decentralized evaluation standards. Lessons learned were rarely captured and used. Select this option also if the project did not have an M&E plan.

Evidence:

All monitoring reports were submitted on time, providing data and evidence of required quality.

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10. Was the project's governance mechanism (i.e., the project board or equivalent) function as intended?

- 3: *The project's governance mechanism operated well, and was a model for other projects. It met in the agreed frequency stated in the project document and the minutes of the meetings were all on file. There was regular (at least annual) progress reporting to the project board or equivalent on results, risks and opportunities. It is clear that the project board explicitly reviewed and used evidence, including progress data, knowledge, lessons and evaluations, as the basis for informing management decisions (e.g., change in strategy, approach, work plan.) (all must be true to select this option)*
- 2: The project's governance mechanism met in the agreed frequency and minutes of the meeting are on file. A project progress report was submitted to the project board or equivalent at least once per year, covering results, risks and opportunities. (both must be true to select this option)
- 1: The project's governance mechanism did not meet in the frequency stated in the project document over the past year and/or the project board or equivalent was not functioning as a decision-making body for the project as intended.

Evidence:

The project was implemented by UNDP through “Support to National Implementation Modality (NIM) under coordination with the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development (MTAD) as the Project Implementing Partner. The UNDP CO ensured project accountability, transparency, effectiveness and efficiency in implementation.

Financial oversight, including approval of expenditures and independent audits, monitoring and mid-term and final evaluation of progress and results were ensured by the country office. Management of project funds including budget revisions, disbursements, record keeping, accounting, reporting, and auditing strictly followed UNDP rules and procedures.

Due to dual crisis in 2020, the project received approval for three months non-cost extension from the donor (Russia Trust Fund) with agreement with National Implementing Partner.

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11. Were risks to the project adequately monitored and managed?

- 3: The project monitored risks every quarter and consulted with the key stakeholders, security advisors, to identify continuing and emerging risks to assess if the main assumptions remained valid. There is clear evidence that relevant management plans and mitigating measures were fully implemented to address each key project risk and were updated to reflect the latest risk assessment. (all must be true)
- 2: *The project monitored risks every year, as evidenced by an updated risk log. Some updates were made to management plans and mitigation measures.*
- 1: The risk log was not updated as required. There was may be some evidence that the project monitored risks that may affected the project's achievement of results, but there is no explicit evidence that management actions were taken to mitigate risks.

Evidence:

The project closely monitored all risks, initiating mitigation measures to address each key project risk and were updated to reflect the latest risk assessment. The risk log was reviewed and updated because of the global crisis of 2020.

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Efficient**Quality Rating: Highly Satisfactory**

12. Adequate resources were mobilized to achieve intended results. If not, management decisions were taken to adjust expected results in the project's results framework.

- Yes
 No

Evidence:

The project has built strong partnerships and mobilized Parallel funding for the Future Skills for Rural Youth project in the amount of 852000 USD.

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13. Were project inputs procured and delivered on time to efficiently contribute to results?

- 3: The project had a procurement plan and kept it updated. The project quarterly reviewed operational bottlenecks to procuring inputs in a timely manner and addressed them through appropriate management actions. (all must be true)
- 2: *The project had updated procurement plan. The project annually reviewed operational bottlenecks to procuring inputs in a timely manner and addressed them through appropriate management actions. (all must be true)*
- 1: The project did not have an updated procurement plan. The project team may or may not have reviewed operational bottlenecks to procuring inputs regularly, however management actions were not taken to address them.

Evidence:

The project initially had draft plan for procurement, which was implemented as the project progressed.

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14. Was there regular monitoring and recording of cost efficiencies, taking into account the expected quality of results?

- 3: *There is evidence that the project regularly reviewed costs against relevant comparators (e.g., other projects or country offices) or industry benchmarks to ensure the project maximized results delivered with given resources. The project actively coordinated with other relevant ongoing projects and initiatives (UNDP or other) to ensure complementarity and sought efficiencies wherever possible (e.g. joint activities.) (both must be true)*
- 2: The project monitored its own costs and gave anecdotal examples of cost efficiencies (e.g., spending less to get the same result,) but there was no systematic analysis of costs and no link to the expected quality of results delivered. The project coordinated activities with other projects to achieve cost efficiency gains.
- 1: There is little or no evidence that the project monitored its own costs and considered ways to save money beyond following standard procurement rules.

Evidence:

Finance Associate together with Technical Task Lead regularly monitored the spending of the project to ensure that maximum results were delivered with given resources. Also the project has shared information about the ongoing process during UNDP Program Meetings, Portfolio meetings and discussions to ensure synergies with other project (when applicable, e.g. joint activities)

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Effective

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15. Was the project on track and delivered its expected outputs?

- Yes
- No

Evidence:

The project delivered expected outputs.

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16. Were there regular reviews of the work plan to ensure that the project was on track to achieve the desired results, and to inform course corrections if needed?

- 3: Quarterly progress data informed regular reviews of the project work plan to ensure that the activities implemented were most likely to achieve the desired results. There is evidence that data and lessons learned (including from evaluations /or After-Action Reviews) were used to inform course corrections, as needed. Any necessary budget revisions were made. (both must be true)
- 2: *There was at least one review of the work plan per year with a view to assessing if project activities were on track to achieving the desired development results (i.e., outputs.) There may or may not be evidence that data or lessons learned were used to inform the review(s). Any necessary budget revisions have been made.*
- 1: While the project team may have reviewed the work plan at least once over the past year to ensure outputs were delivered on time, no link was made to the delivery of desired development results. Select this option also if no review of the work plan by management took place.

Evidence:

Workplan was reviewed annually during Board meetings.

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17. Were the targeted groups systematically identified and engaged, prioritizing the marginalized and excluded, to ensure results were achieved as expected?

- 3: The project targeted specific groups and/or geographic areas, identified by using credible data sources on their capacity needs, deprivation and/or exclusion from development opportunities relevant to the project's area of work. There is clear evidence that the targeted groups were reached as intended. The project engaged regularly with targeted groups over the past year to assess whether they benefited as expected and adjustments were made if necessary, to refine targeting. (all must be true)
- 2: *The project targeted specific groups and/or geographic areas, based on some evidence of their capacity needs, deprivation and/or exclusion from development opportunities relevant to the project's area of work. Some evidence is provided to confirm that project beneficiaries are members of the targeted groups. There was some engagement with beneficiaries in the past year to assess whether they were benefiting as expected. (all must be true)*
- 1: The project did not report on specific targeted groups. There is no evidence to confirm that project beneficiaries are populations have capacity needs or are deprived and/or excluded from development opportunities relevant to the project area of work. There is some engagement with beneficiaries to assess whether they benefited as expected, but it was limited or did not occurred in the past year.
- Not Applicable

Evidence:

The project targeted youth in specific geographic locations based on the project document.

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Sustainability & National Ownership**Quality Rating: Satisfactory**

18. Were stakeholders and national partners fully engaged in the decision-making, implementation and monitoring of the project?

- 3: Only national systems (i.e., procurement, monitoring, evaluation, etc.) were used to fully implement and monitor the project. All relevant stakeholders and partners were fully and actively engaged in the process, playing a lead role in project decision-making, implementation and monitoring. (both must be true)
- 2: *National systems (i.e., procurement, monitoring, evaluation, etc.) were used to implement and monitor the project (such as country office support or project systems) were also used, if necessary. All relevant stakeholders and partners were actively engaged in the process, playing an active role in project decision-making, implementation and monitoring. (both must be true)*
- 1: There was relatively limited or no engagement with national stakeholders and partners in the decision-making, implementation and/or monitoring of the project.
- Not Applicable

Evidence:

Apart from implementing partner (Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure), the project has also partnered with Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport who supported implementation of Output 2 in terms of professional expertise and further ownership of project investments.

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19. Were there regular monitoring of changes in capacities and performance of institutions and systems relevant to the project, as needed, and were the implementation [arrangements](#)⁸ adjusted according to changes in partner capacities?

- 3: Changes in capacities and performance of national institutions and systems were assessed/monitored using clear indicators, rigorous methods of data collection and credible data sources including relevant HACT assurance activities. Implementation arrangements were formally reviewed and adjusted, if needed, in agreement with partners according to changes in partner capacities. (all must be true)
- 2: Aspects of changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems were monitored by the project using indicators and reasonably credible data sources including relevant HACT assurance activities. Some adjustment was made to implementation arrangements if needed to reflect changes in partner capacities. (all must be true)
- 1: Some aspects of changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems may have been monitored by the project, however changes to implementation arrangements have not been considered. Also select this option if changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems have not been monitored by the project.
- Not Applicable*

Evidence:

The project didn't aim at capacity building of national partners.

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20. Were the transition and phase-out arrangements were reviewed and adjusted according to progress (including financial commitment and capacity).

- 3: The project’s governance mechanism regularly reviewed the project’s sustainability plan, including arrangements for transition and phase-out, to ensure the project remained on track in meeting the requirements set out by the plan. The plan was implemented as planned by the end of the project, taking into account any adjustments made during implementation. (both must be true)
- 2: *There was a review of the project’s sustainability plan, including arrangements for transition and phase-out, to ensure the project remained on track in meeting the requirements set out by the plan.*
- 1: The project may have had a sustainability plan but there was no review of this strategy after it was developed. Also select this option if the project did not have a sustainability strategy.

Evidence:

As part of Output 3 Sustainability model with private sector was introduced regarding the renovated and equipped educational spaces in VET Colleges.

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QA Summary/Final Project Board Comments

Knowledge accumulated in the project through this component helped to fundraise and ensure continuity of specific programmatic direction. Talent attraction and retention strategy has become basis for spin off project launched in 2021 in Lori region, with Stepanavan municipality. The project explores how might small cities attract talent and leapfrog their development.

o Results of the skills technological foresight and future modelling have informed one of the early recovery project activities, having the same target marzes as “Future Skills and Jobs project”. Sustainability of renovated regional colleges will be ensured not only through partnership with Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport, but also bringing additional re-skilling and up-skilling schemes provided by private sector at this newly equipped educational spaces (as part of MPTF-funded “Accelerating women’s empowerment for economic resilience and renewal - the post COVID-19 reboot in Armenia” project).

o The intellectual research product, branded under “Human Development (HD) Snapshot” headline, was the first in the series of multimedia research packages reflecting diverse aspects of human development. First research paper explores current trends on freelance and remote employment market (both globally and locally) aiming to collect additional evidence and details for further interventions. The study focuses not on a specific industry, but rather alternative ways and agile forms of employment in lockdown conditions applicable throughout all professions. The second research looks into talent attraction and retention strategies and how might human capital development be boosted in urban areas, considering foresight sessions results, having particular focus on opportunities of creative industry for small nations. The third ones looks into Veteran Support Models. This research products are supporting and validating the development interventions in target areas.

Recommendations: Post-COVID and post-war situation have sharpened the need for capacity building components on alternative employment opportunities, crash skill building (both re-skilling and up-skilling) activities of the project. Ensuring continuation of at least those two directions is seen very important in perspective of recovery actions.