



Minutes
Project Board Meeting
BarevBalik: Enhancing access to maternal and child healthcare services in Armenia

Date: 19 April 2022
Time: 3:00 pm
Format: Virtual Meeting

Attendees:

	Name, Last Name	Board members
1.	Konstantin Sokulskiy	Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP in Armenia
2.	Artak Jumayan	Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health of Republic of Armenia
3.	Kim Avanesyan	Internal Control and Audit Department Manager, Viva-MTS
		Participants
4.	Tatevik Koloyan	Team Leader, Innovation and SDG Finance portfolio, UNDP in Armenia
5.	Tigran Tshorokhyan	Armenia National SDG Innovation Lab Lead, UNDP in Armenia
6.	Nayiri Shorjian	“BarevBalik” Project Lead, UNDP in Armenia
7.	Khachatur Adumyan	Interpreter

1. Welcoming remarks

Mr. Tshorokhyan welcomed the participants to the meeting and emphasized the importance of the Project in complementing UNDP’s efforts towards integrating innovation into the healthcare system in Armenia.

The floor was given to Mr. Konstantin Sokulskiy, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP in Armenia for welcoming remarks. Mr. Sokulskiy briefed the history of UNDP’s collaboration

with the Ministry of Health in contexts as diverse as medical procurement processes, implementing Non communicable Disease (NCD) Investment case, and crisis response aligning interventions with the government's healthcare priorities. He also highlighted SDG Innovation Lab's role in incorporating innovative approaches into the healthcare sector in Armenia. He briefly reflected on SDG Innovation Lab's support to the Government in the COVID-19 pandemic context, and in general. Mr. Sokulskiy acknowledged Ministry's willingness to collaborate and embrace evidence-based and citizen-centric approaches in the context of policymaking and appreciated the valuable partnership that has been developed with MoH to continuously modernize the healthcare system and institutionalize novel approaches and tools. Mr. Sokulskiy also asserted the importance of UNDP's unprecedented partnership with Viva-MTS, hoping that the partnership will continue in the context of future projects as well.

Mr. Artak Jumayan, Deputy Minister of Health, also welcomed the participants and remarked the importance of BarevBalik platform for pregnant women. He applauded the commitment of UNDP and partners in undertaking the responsibility of an important and huge work. Mr. Jumayan also demonstrated the Ministry's willingness to continue supporting innovative projects in the healthcare sector.

Mr. Kim Avanesyan, Internal Control and Audit Department Manager, Viva-MTS congratulated the BarevBalik team for their achievement in implementing an impactful project that is the first of its kind in Armenia. Mr. Avanesyan also noted that the project has been implemented with high quality and with the involvement of important partners and highlighted the importance directing joint efforts towards promoting BarevBalik platform to the public in the next two years.

2. Presentation of Project Outputs and Results

Ms. Nayiri Shorjian, BarevBalik Project Lead, presented the results of the Project vis-à-vis set targets per major project components. In 2022, maternal and child health information, including information on available healthcare services and assistance programs have been made easily accessible online through BarevBalik website and mobile application, business processes analysis of maternal and child healthcare providers has been conducted with the purpose of digitalizing children's vaccination record, for authentication of users Mobile ID has been integrated into BarevBalik platform. Ms. Shorjian highlighted the challenges and lessons learned, along with the key partnerships and sustainability mechanisms established throughout the course of the project.

Ms. Shorjian also noted that the project team was planning fundraising for the second phase of the project including expansion of online services and health information, and integration of AI in analyzing personal health records.

3. Discussion and Closing Remarks

Ms. Shorjian thanked the Board members and participants for attending the Board Meeting and for the continued fruitful collaboration. The floor was open for questions and closing remarks.

Mr. Sokulskiy thanked the Project team for their efforts and achievements in delivering the project results. He also thanked the Deputy Minister for his support and mentioned the importance of ensuring the sustainability of the initiative and expanding the collaboration with the Ministry in other policy areas as well.

Mr. Tshorokhyan affirmed that the Project team has been working closely with the key partners to ensure the sustainability of the project in the coming years and highlighted the importance of this commitment for SDG Innovation Lab.

The Project Board endorsed the project achievements and results and approved the ongoing efforts to expand BarevBalik project and work with key partners to conceptualize the second phase and sustainability of the platform.

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