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FOREWORD



Within the commitments undertaken by the Republic of Armenia with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, I am pleased to present Armenia's Third Biennial Update Report, accompanied with the stand-alone 1990-2017 National Inventory Report.

The last two years were severe worldwide due to COVID-19 breakdown followed by the deepest recession of the global economy, and Armenia was no exception. Though facing this severe crisis, climate change remains on the agenda, being a significant challenge to the global community, with intensified consequences on human life and the

environment. This is especially true for Armenia, as being a landlocked mountainous country, Armenia is vulnerable to the climate change impacts.

Athough Armenia's contribution to anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions is very small, Armenia is committed to supporting the global call for enhanced climate action.

Thus, The Republic of Armenia ratified the Paris Agreement in 2017, and on April 22, 2021 the Government of Armenia approved Armenia's Nationally Determined Contributions for a ten-year implementation period (2021-2030), setting the new unconditional mitigation target of 40 per cent reduction below 1990 emissions levels, to be achieved in 2030.

As we rebuild from the pandemic, significant further efforts will be needed to promote a "green recovery" and ensuring a low-carbon further development trend. This will require a concerted effort across all sectors of economy and society and primarily in the Energy sector, as a strategic sector for the country to achieve economic growth and national security and the largest emitter of greenhouse gases. It is planned to be done through continuation of legislative and regulatory reforms aimed. The most recently adopted Energy Sector Development Strategic Program aimed at increasing the share of solar energy generation in total to at least 15% by 2030.

I would like to express my appreciation for continued support for climate change mitigation and adaptation measures promotion in Armenia through both bilateral and multilateral international cooperation.

I would also like to use this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Global Environment Facility and the United Nations Development Programme for facilitating the preparation of this report.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB AFOLU BUR CBIT CDM CEPA CIF CJSC CNG EBRD E5P EE	Asian Development Bank Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use Biennial Update Report Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency Clean Development Mechanism Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement Climate Investment Funds Closed Joint-Stock Company Compressed natural gas European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Eastern Europe Energy Efficiency and Environment Partnership Energy Efficiency
EEU	Eurasian Economic Union
EIB ENA	European Investment Bank Electric Networks of Armenia
EU	European Union
FAO	United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization
GAF	German-Armenian Fund
GCF	Green Climate Fund
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GEFF	Green Economy Financing Facility
GGF	Green for Growth Fund
GHG	Greenhouse gas
GoA	Government of Armenia
GWP	Global Warming Potential
HFHA	Habitat for Humanity Armenia
HPP	Hydropower plant
IFC	International Financial Corporation
IBRD INDC	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
IPCC	Intended Nationally Determined Contributions Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IPPU	Industrial Processes and Product Use
KCA	Key Category Analysis
KfW	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau
LED	Light-emitting diode
LLC	Limited liability company
MOE	Ministry of Environment
MRV	Measurement, Reporting and Verification
NA	Not applicable
NE	Not estimated
NO	Not occurring
NIF	Neighborhood Investment Facility
NCs	National Communications
NDC	Nationally Determined Contributions
NIR	National Inventory Report
NMC	National Mortgage Company
NMVOC	Non methane volatile organic compounds
OECD PPP	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
PSRC	Purchasing power parity Public Services Regulatory Commission
PV	Photovoltaics
QA/QC	Quality assurance/ Quality control
R2E2	Renewable Resources and Energy Efficiency Fund

Units of Measurement

mm	millimeter
cm	centimeter
m	meter
km	kilometer
m ³	cubic meter
km ²	square kilometer
ha	hectare
g	gram
Gg	gigagram $(10^9 \text{ g}, \text{ or thousand t})$
t	ton
toe	tones oil equivalent
GJ	gigajoule (10^9 J)
TJ	terajoule (10^{12} J)
kWh	kilowatt hour (10^3 Wh)
MW	megawatt (10^6 W)
GWh	gigawatt hour (10^9 Wh)
m/sec	meters per second

Chemical Combinations

CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
CH₄	Methane
N ₂ O	Nitrous oxide
HFCs	Hydrofluorocarbons
PFCs	Perfluorocarbons
SF ₆	Sulfur hexafluoride
CO	Carbon monoxide
NOx	Nitrogen oxides
SO ₂	Sulfur dioxide
CFCs	Chlorofluorocarbons
HCFCs	Hydrochlorofluorocarbons

Energy Units Conversion

1 toe = 41.868 GJ= 11.63 MWh 1 GWh = 3.6 TJ = 86 toe

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The Third Biennial Update Report of the Republic of Armenia is developed according to the United Nations Framework on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Decisions 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17 and provides the updated information reported in the Second Biennial Update Report on national circumstances, greenhouse gas inventory, progress in mitigation policies and actions, Measurement, reporting and verification system as well as on support received and needs.

In addition, considering that Energy sector by far is the largest producer of greenhouse gas emissions in the country and has the highest mitigation potential, the Report also provides projections of greenhouse gas emissions in Energy sector up to 2030 based on the main provisions of the latest strategy papers on the Energy sector development adopted in 2021.

Armenia's Third Biennial Update Report was developed considering the recommendations provided during International Consultation and Analysis (ICA) process of the Armenia's Second Biennial Update Report, as well as the recommendations of the workshop on Quality Assurance of the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory Management System and National Greenhouse Gas Inventories of Armenia organized by the UNFCCC Secretariat with the collaboration of the FAO.

Armenia appreciates the support provided as these processes have greatly contributed to improving the quality of this report by providing more accurate and complete information and eliminating gaps to the extent possible.

S-1. National Circumstances

The Republic of Armenia (Armenia) is a landlocked mountainous country vulnerable to the climate change impacts. Its climate ranges from dry subtropical to cold alpine with four seasons. Armenia is an Upper Middle-income Country¹ with USD 13 654 per capita GDP purchasing power parity (PPP) (constant 2017 international \$)² and a population of 3.0 million in 2019.

The trade and services sector plays a key role in the national economy, accounting for 52.4% of the GDP in 2019. Given the geographic location of the country and the lack of indigenous industrial-scale fossil resources. development fuel and expansion of economically viable and technically available renewable energy sources, further development of nuclear energy and promotion of energy efficiency are key priorities for Armenia to ensure energy independence and security of the country.

Athough as a country Armenia is making very little contribution to anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, the country is taking active measures, such as the ratification of the Paris Agreement in September 2015, to continue its lowcarbon trend, thereby contributing to the international community's efforts to respond to climate change.

24 November 2017, On the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between the European Union and Armenia was signed (entered into force on 1 March 2021). The Agreement emphasizes the importance of strengthening the multilateral cooperation on the further development and implementation of the international climatechange framework under the UNFCCC and agreements and decisions related thereto, including the Paris Agreement. To address this obligation, the CEPA Implementation Roadmap has been approved by Decision 666-L of the Prime Minister and endorsed at the second meeting of the Armenia-EU Partnership Council on 13 June 2019.

On January 2, 2015, the Treaty on Armenia's accession to the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) came into force. The EAEU aimed at the implementation of coordinated policy in various branches of economy within the Union and creation of conditions for sustainable development.

¹ https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/ articles/906519

² https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.PP.KD

S-2. National Greenhouse Gas Inventory

The Republic of Armenia prepared the national greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory from 1990 to 2017 in accordance with the 2006 IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) Guidelines for national greenhouse gas inventories for: Energy, Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU), Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) and Waste Sectors.

The national GHG inventory includes carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HFCs) and sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) and they are expressed in units of mass and by carbon dioxide equivalent (CO_{2 eq.}) using the Global Warming Potentials (GWPs) in the IPCC Second Assessment Report (SAR). The national GHG inventory includes also estimates of carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NOx), non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOCs) and sulphur dioxide (SO_2) .

In 2017, the national GHG emissions were 10,624 Gg CO_{2 eq.} (excluding Forestry and Other Land Use) and net emissions including sinks were 10,153 Gg CO_{2 eq.} Total emissions in 2017 were 3% higher than those in 2016 mainly because of from increased emissions electricity generation, road transport, residential and cement production sectors. The increased emissions from electricity generation were due to the increased export volumes, in residential sector - due to cold winter, in road transport - due to increased fuel consumption caused by the increase in the number of vehicles and in cement production - due to the increased construction volumes.

S-3. Mitigation Policies and Actions

On April 22, 2021 the Government of Armenia approved Armenia's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) for a tenyear implementation period (2021-2030), setting the new unconditional mitigation target of 40% reduction below 1990 emissions levels, to be achieved in 2030.

In 2018, the Republic of Armenia joined the NDC Partnership to support the implementation of "Nationally Determined Contributions".

The Republic of Armenia is promoting policies to increase the share of renewable energy in the power generation sector, expanding solar generation on demand side, promoting energy savings in all sectors of the economy including expanding the supply of high-efficiency equipment in the industrial and buildings sectors, promoting eco-friendly vehicles and improving the road infrastructure in the transportation sector.

According to the Republic of Armenia Energy Sector Development Strategic Program (till 2040)", 2021, the RA Government has intended to increase the share of solar energy generation in total to at least 15% or 1.8 billion kWh by 2030. To this end, several legislative and regulatory reforms have been implemented in recent years, aimed at the development and comprehensive upscaling of renewable energy sources, in particular, towards increasing electricity production by solar photovoltaic (solar PVs) power plants to strengthen Armenia's energy security and competitiveness and ensure meeting Armenia's environmental goals and commitments.

S-4. Support Received and Needs

Armenia continued receiving support for climate change mitigation and adaptation measures. Assistance was provided through both bilateral and multilateral international cooperation, including the

climate finance, technology transfer, as well as capacity building.

The received international support was aimed at contributing to the country's lowemission development through implementation of sectorial policies and priority programs, as well as the promotion of business solutions which the best serve country's economic and environmental development goals.

Energy sector got the largest amounts of climate-related development finance, as

the key mitigation measures cover primarily the Energy sector, which is the most substantial contributor to national GHG emissions.

Developing and implementing the national Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system is essential for ensuring national reporting under the Convention and Paris Agreement covering all key reporting areas.

S-5. Measurement, Reporting and Verification

The basic national MRV system, comprising of horizontal inter-agency coordination and verification mechanism under the overall formal coordination by the Ministry of Environment, has already been established in the country.

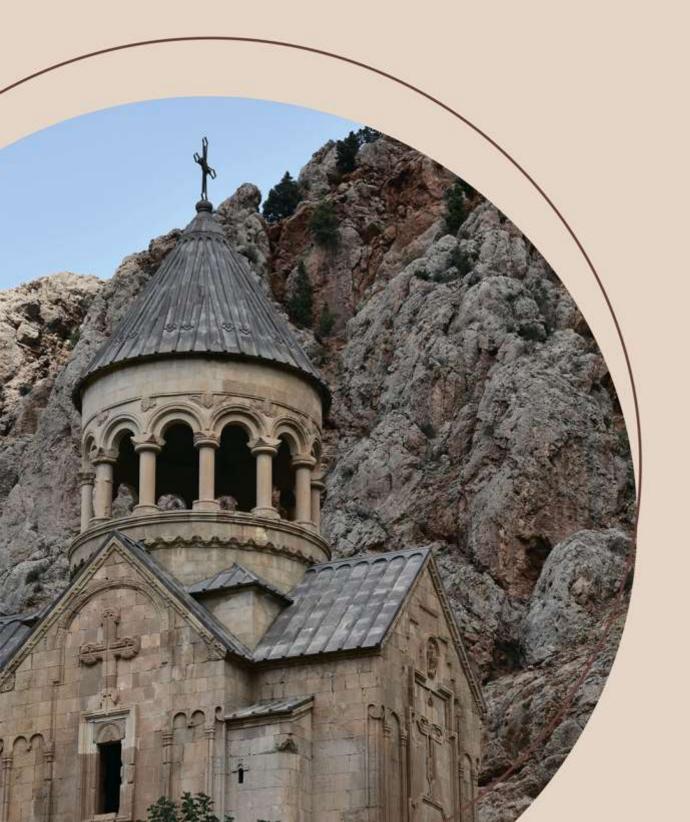
However, legal / formal arrangements are still needed to specify obligations of corresponding institutions in terms of climate-related data provision and quality assurance.

Ongoing developments in the country, including legal reforms, recent adoption of the EU-Armenia CEPA Implementation Roadmap, the envisaged reform of the Inter-agency Coordinating Council of Climate Change, etc. will facilitate establishment of comprehensive domestic MRV framework.

However, the main support with establishment of an enhanced transparency framework enabling shifting from the current practice of ad hoc reporting to a continuous process of MRV is to be provided through the UNDP-GEF "Building Armenia's national transparency framework under Paris Agreement" project to be implemented under the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT). This will allow the country to track its progress against its commitments under the NDC and ensure national reporting under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

CHAPTER 1

NATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS



1.1 Location, State Administration, Climate and Natural Resources

Geographical location

The Republic of Armenia (RA) is a landlocked country in the South Caucasus region. The total area of the country is 29,743 km². Armenia is located in the

western part of Asia, in the north-eastern part of the Armenian Highlands, between the Caucasus and Central Asia. The country borders with Georgia in the north, with Azerbaijan in the east, with Turkey in the west and southwest, and with Iran in the south.

State administration and administrative-territorial units

In 1991, as a result of the referendum held on September 21, the Republic of Armenia was declared an independent democratic state. In 2018, according to the constitutional amendments adopted in 2015, transition was made to a parliamentary government system. The country's administrative-territorial division is comprised of 10 marzes (regions) and the capital city of Yerevan. With about 36% of the Republic's population, Yerevan is the main driver of the economy.

Relief and climate

Armenia is located in a seismically active zone and due to its highly rugged and complex mountainous terrain. is characterized by a high risk of natural disasters. Mountain ranges occupy about 14 thousand km² or 47% of the total area. 90% of the country is located at an altitude higher than 1,000 m above sea level, of which 40% - at higher than 2,000 m. The highest point is 4,090 m - Mount Aragats peak, the lowest point is 375 m - the downstreamof the Debed River. The average absolute height is 1,830 m. Intermountain Ararat Valley, the country's most important agricultural region is in the southwest of the country.

Due to its geographical location and complex mountainous terrain, Armenia is distinguished by its climatic diversity. Because of the high-mountainous character, the climate is rather dry continental with hot summers (average temperature +25°C) and cold winters (average temperature -6°C). 6 climatic zones, from dry subtropical to cold alpine, can be distinguished here. Natural climatic conditions in Armenia are enough favorable for solar energy use. Annual average value of sunshine hours is 2500 hours. Average annual flow of solar radiation on horizontal surface is 1720 kWh/m².

In recent decades, a significant increase in temperature has been observed in Armenia. During the period of 1990-2019 deviation of the average annual temperature from the baseline period (1961-1991) was in average 0.9°C. The average annual air temperature in 2019 was 7.0°C. In 2019, a deviation of 1.5°C from annual average temperature for the period of 1961-1990 was recorded. In January 2019, the average temperature was -4.2°C (representing a deviation from the average annual value by 2.6°C), furthermore, in some communities of Shirak region -29°C temperature has been recorded. The average temperature in July was 18.3°C (representing a deviation from the average annual value by 1.2°C), whereas 40°C has been recorded in Yerevan and in some communities of Aragatsotn, Ararat, Armavir and Vayots Dzor marzes.

Along with increasing temperature, an overall tendency for decreased precipitation is observed, with volatilities in the precipitation levels varying by years. The average annual precipitation in 2019 was 448.8 mm, and the deviation from the 1961-1990 average annual precipitation was - 143.2 mm.



Figure 1.1 Deviation of the average annual air temperature from the baseline period of 1961-1990¹

The country is characterized by high frequency and intensity of hydrometeorological hazardous events, which lead to the damages caused by the events. Heat waves, droughts, landslides, floods, hail and violent storms are among the most common more extreme weather events.

This hydrometeorological environment has a significant negative impact not only on the population, but also on the most sensitive economic sectors, in particular, agriculture, energy, water resources management.

Natural Resources

Land resources. According to the land balance, 68.7% of the territory of the Republic of Armenia is agricultural lands. More than 50% of them are pastures, about 22% - arable lands.

Lands of specially protected areas account for 11.3%, forests – for 11.2%, land of settlements - 5.1% of lands in total³.

Water resources. The proper management of water resources plays a key role in the socioeconomic development of Armenia. These water resources are not evenly divided in space and time with significant seasonal and annual variability in river runoff. Thus, the density of the river network in the country varies within a significantly large range - 0-2.5 km/km². Armenia has two major river basins. About 9500 rivers and tributaries flow through the The rivers country. and lakes in Armenia are mainly powered by fresh water. There are about 100 freshwater lakes and ponds in Armenia.Lake Sevan, the largest freshwater body in Armenia, is an important multipurpose water reservoir

for irrigation and hydropower. Its mirror surface in 2019 was 1,279.18 km², with the water level mark at 1,900.57 meters⁴. It is planned to raise the level of Lake Sevan by 6.5 m within a period of 30 years. This will provide additional water reserves, which will serve as a highly important and strategically significant natural resource for energy and other economic sectors⁵.

Mineral resources. Armenia lacks industrial-scale fossil fuel resources and rich in mineral resources. Almost all the rocks present in the Earth crust can be found here. Volcanic eruptions have resulted in emergence of significant reserves of natural building materials - tuff, basalt, andesite, perlite and other minerals construction. used in Armenia has deposits significant of coppermolybdenum, polymetallic, building stone, mineral water, precious metals and semiprecious stones. About 900 mineral deposits with approved reserves are accounted for in the State Mineral Resources Balance⁶.

³ The Government of Armenia Decree N1927-N, 03.12.2020

⁴ RA SC, Statistical Yearbook of Armenia

⁵ Excerpt N54 from the minutes of the RA Government session dated 28.12.2017, Concept of reforms and development of

[&]quot;Sevan" National Park

⁶ http://www.minenergy.am/page/472

1.2 Socio-demographic outlook

Population

The permanent population of the Republic of Armenia as of the beginning of 2019 was 2,965.3 thousand. Since 1993 the RA population dynamics was on downward trend due to a decrease of natural growth and emigration rates exceeding natural growth. In 2019, compared to the year 1990, the population of Armenia decreased by 549.6 thousand people or by 15.6%. The natural growth of the population is also on downward trend, which reached 3.4 % in 2019. Life expectancy from birth increased by 8.2% making 76.5 years.

Table 1.1 Key demographic indicators⁷

	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Population at the beginning of the year, thousand people	3514.9	3226.9	3055.2	3010.6	2998.6	2986.1	2972.7	2965.3
Rate of natural increase (per 1000 population), %	16.3	3.1	5.5	4.6	4.1	3.5	3.6	3.4
Life expectancy from birth, year	70.7	72.9	73.3	75.0	75.0	75.4	75.9	76.5

The population density is 100 people/km². The distribution of the population is highly disproportionate due to the country's mountainous landscape and disproportionate economic development of the regions. The highest population density is observed in the city of Yerevan - 4861 people/km² and the lowest - in Vayots Dzor marz - 21 people/km².

As of the beginning of the year 2019, the urban population was 1,894.9 thousand people (63.9%) and the rural population was 1,070.4 thousand people (36.1%). 52.7% of the population are women. Compared to 1990, the share of women increased by 1.2 percentage point.

Labour market

Labour force participation rate in 2019 was 59.9%, employment rate - 48.9%, the unemployment rate -18.4%.

Women predominate in the structure of labour resources, while men prevail in the number of labour force, employed and unemployed. In 2019, the gender gap in labour force participation rates of female and male was 30.8%, and the gender gap in the average monthly nominal salary - 34.7%⁸, despite the fact that the share of women with higher education in the number of the employed within this group was

36.0%, compared to men - 29.2%.

One of the key characteristics for the Armenian labour market is labour migration. According to 2019 annual Integrated Living Conditions Survey (ILCS) results, 5.1% of household members were involved in migration flows.

For 69.6% of migrants who left and have not yet returned as of 2019, and for 80.2% of those who returned, the movement is of a cross-border nature

⁷ RA SC, Statistical Yearbook of Armenia

⁸ RA SC, Women and men in Armenia

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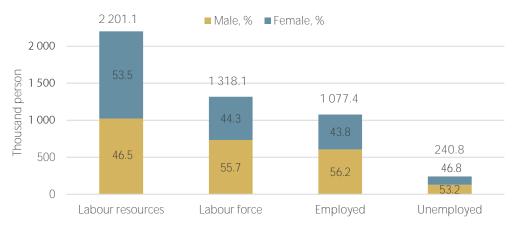


Figure 1.2 Composition of labour resources, 2019⁹

Since 1990, the sectoral structure of employment has undergone a number of changes, mainly due to changes in the structure of the economy. The most significant changes include the decrease in

Social snapshot

National poverty ratio in 2019 was 26.4% and the level of extreme poverty was 1.4%. (International Poverty Line, currently set at \$1.90 a day, made up 1.1% in 2019). Despite the substantially decreased poverty level in recent years and the the share of employment in industry from 30.4% to 13.8% and the increase in services and trade sector from 40.6% to 55.3%.

positive dynamics of the minimum and average wages, the dispersion of income (Gini index) in recent years is on insignificant growth trend, amounting to 0.381¹⁰ in 2019.

1.3 Economy

Dynamics of economic growth

According to the world classification of countries by income groups, Armenia is among the countries with upper middle-income since 2017. In 2019 Armenia's GDP reached 13.7 billion USD, and GDP per capita amounted to 4622.7¹¹ USD.

Armenia's economy has undergone a profound transformation since independence, making a transition to market-driven economy. The past 29 years have been characterized by two sharp economic downturns followed by a dynamic recovery. Thus, the post-independence recovery started in 1994 and continued until 2008, Armenia has registered strong economic growth with an average annual GDP growth of 8.9%. In 2004 the 1990 GDP level was exceeded. In the early years the economic growth was mostly due to agriculture, while later economic growth was ensured mainly to the growth of construction and service sectors.

Until the 2008-2009 world financial crisis the economic growth of Armenia was mostly based on non-tradable sectors, as a result of which Armenia's economic recession was one of the deepest in the world: in 2009 the GDP decreased by 14.1%. The recovery began in 2010, mainly through the expansion of the external debt. In 2010-2019 the average GDP growth was 4.5%. In the post-crisis period, the sector of services was the main driver of economic growth.

⁹ RA SC, Statistical Yearbook of Armenia

¹⁰ RA SC, Social Snapshot and Poverty in Armenia

¹¹ WB database. The indicators are presented based on current prices. https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.CD

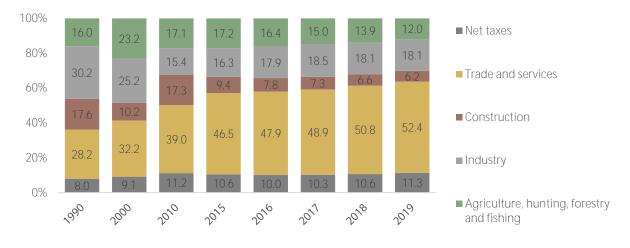
Table 1.2 Main macroeconomic indicators¹²

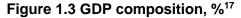
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
GDP (current prices), billion AMD	10.1	1,031.3	3,460.2	5,043.6	5,067.3	5,564.5	6,017.0	6,569.0
GDP growth, %	-5.5	5.9	2.2	3.2	0.2	7.5	5.2	7.6
GDP (constant 2010 mln US\$)	6,352.0	4,306.7	9,260.3	11,479.0	11,502.0	12,364.6	13,007.6	13,996.2
GDP, PPP (constant 2017 international mln \$)	18,327.9	12,426.5	26,719.3	33,121.2	33,187.5	35,676.5	37,531.7	40,384.1
GDP per capita, PPP (constant 2017 international \$)	5,180.1	4,048.3	9,286.2	11,321.4	11,303.1	12,115.1	12,715.0	13,653.7
Consumer price index, %	7.8	-0.8	8.2	3.7	-1.4	1.0	2.5	1.4

Since transition to market economy Armenia reached quite favourable positions in international rankings thanks to institutional and structural reforms. Thus, Armenia is 47th among 190 countries in the "Doing Business" 2020 rating of the World Bank¹³, 34th among 180 countries in the 2020 Index of Economic Freedom published by the Heritage Foundation and is classified in the "mostly free" group¹⁴, 69th among 141 countries in the Global Competitiveness Index 2019 Rankings published by the World Economic Forum¹⁵, and 81st among 189 countries according to the 2019 UN Human Development Index and is classified in the high human development group of countries¹⁶.

GDP composition

During 1990-2019, Armenia's economy has undergone a profound transformation. Thus, in 1990 industrial sector accounted for 29.7% of GDP, in 2000 - 25.2%, while in 2019 this indicator was 18.1%. Similarly, Agriculture, being one of the main sectors of the economy, has been declining since 2000, and reached 12.0% of GDP in 2019. Instead, the share of trade and services continuously expanded from 28.2% in 1990 to 52.4% in 2019 - increased 1.9 times as compared to 1990 and 1.6 times as compared to 2000.





¹² Source: 1,2,6, lines from the RA SC database, 3,4,5 lines from the World Bank database

¹³ https://www.doingbusiness.org/en/reports/global-reports/doing-business-2020

¹⁴ https://www.heritage.org/index/

¹⁵ http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_TheGlobalCompetitivenessReport2019.pdf

¹⁶ http://hdr.undp.org/en/content/2019-human-development-index-ranking

¹⁷ RA SC database

Foreign trade

In 2019, exports of goods and services accounted for 41.2% (56.9% - goods, 43.1% - services) and imports accounted for 54.5% (67.1% - goods, 32.9% - services) of GDP. Armenia's current account balance is still negative, at the level of GDP's 7.2%¹⁸.

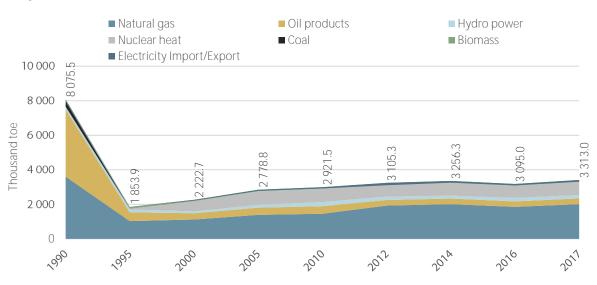
The main commodities for exporting goods are mining products (copper, zinc, molybdenum ore, etc.), food products (alcoholic, non-alcoholic beverages, tobacco, etc.), precious and semi-precious stones, precious metals and items thereof, non-precious metals and items thereof and textile. Most of the exported services -62.9%, are connected with tourism services.

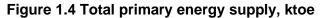
The main commodity groups for importing goods are machineries, equipment and mechanisms, mineral products, mainly fossil fuels - natural gas, oil and oil products, as well as means of transport, etc.

1.4 Energy

Total primary energy supply

Total primary energy supply in 2017 amounted to 3,313 ktoe. Armenia lacks indigenous fossil fuel resources, and the country's fuel demand is met through imports.





As a result of the economic downturn and subsequent energy crisis during 1991-1993, a sharp decline in primary energy supply was recorded (primary energy supply was reduced 4.3 times in 1995 compared to 1990). Armenia managed to overcome the difficulties of the transition period and to ensure economic growth.

Since 1995, there has been gradual increase in the primary energy supply. As a result, primary energy supply in 2017 made up 41% of the 1990 level, and 49% - per capita. As compared to 2000, primary energy supply in 2017 increased by 49%, and per capita - by 61%.

¹⁸ RA SC Database, RA Balance of Payments

		1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2012	2014	2016	2017
Notural goo	ktoe	3,608.2	1,029.2	1,122.4	1,394.6	1,459.0	1,924.5	2,008.0	1,851.1	2,013.2
Natural gas	%	44.7	55.5	50.5	50.2	49.9	62.0	61.7	59.8	60.8
	ktoe	3,887.6	508.6	357.7	413.4	430.8	326.6	325.4	316.0	328.6
Oil products	%	48.1	27.4	16.1	14.9	14.7	10.5	10.0	10.2	9.9
Hudro power	ktoe	160.0	169.5	107.5	152.8	245.9	198.8	171.3	202.4	195.1
Hydro power	%	2.0	9.1	4.8	5.5	8.4	6.4	5.3	6.5	5.9
	ktoe	0.0	52.5	593.2	802.8	770.9	702.3	753.3	713.8	784.2
Nuclear power	%	0.0	2.8	26.7	28.9	26.4		23.7		
Coal	ktoe	320.6	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.7	2.4	0.8	1.2	1.2
Cuar	%	4.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Diamaga	ktoe	20.1	83.6	81.9	82.2	82.2	87.7	92.7	92.6	87.1
Biomass	%	0.2	4.5	3.7	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.6
Import/ export	ktoe	79.0	1.0	-40.0	-67.0	-68.0	-137.0	-95.3	-82.0	-96.3
of electricity	%	1.0	0.1	-1.8	-2.4	-2.3	-4.4	-2.9	-2.6	-2.9
Total	ktoe	8,075.5	1,853.9	2,222.7	2,778.8	2,921.5	3,105.3	3,256.3	3,095.0	3,313.0

Table 1.3 Total primary energy supply, 1990-2017, ktoe

The overall structure of primary energy supply has also changed. As compared to 1990, in 2017 the share of oil products in the structure of primary energy supply decreased from 48.1% to 9.9% (in absolute terms, by about 91%). The 4% share of coal in 1990 was almost entirely excluded in 2017. The share of natural gas increased from 44.7% to 60.8% (while in absolute value it decreased by about 44%), and the share of nuclear energy was 23.7% against the zero level in 1990. The share of solar and wind power was negligible and therefore not reflected in primary energy supply.

Electricity generation. As of the year 2017, electricity generation in Armenia was carried out by the nuclear power plant, large hydro power plants and natural gas fired thermal power plants (including small cogeneration plants), as well as by small renewables (small hydro, wind, solar), with the share of 33.7%, 18.1%, 37.0% and 11.1%, respectively. As of 2017, renewable energy was mainly represented by hydropower plants (small and large).

		1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2012	2014	2016	2017	2018	2019
Thermal power	million kWh	8,822.3	3,353.4	2,692.1	1,827.7	1,438.3	3,399.1	3,288.6	2,581.5	2,871.8	3,375.6	3,046.9
plants	%	85.0	60.1	45.2	28.9	22.2	42.3	42.4	35.3	37.0	43.4	39.9
Hydropower	million kWh	1,555.1	1,918.8	1,261.1	1,772.9	2,556.1	2,311	1,992.6	2,351.4	2,269	2,318.2	2,370.9
plants	%	15.0	34.4	21.2	28.1	39.4	28.8	25.7	32.1	29.2	29.8	31.1
Nuclear	million kWh	-	303.7	2,005.4	2,716.3	2,490	2,322	2,464.8	2,380.5	2,619.6	2,076.1	2,197.8
power plant	%	-	5.4	33.7	43.0	38.4	28.9	31.8	32.5	33.7	26.7	28.8
Wind farms	million kWh	-	-	-	-	7.0	4.1	4.0	1.8	2.1	1.9	3.3
	%	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solar power plants	million kWh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	5.2	13.4
	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.1	0.2
Total	million kWh	10,377.4	5,575.9	5,958.6	6,316.9	6,491.4	8,036.2	7,750.0	7,315.2	7,762.9	7,776.9	7,632.3

Table 1.4 Electricity generation by power plant types, million kWh¹⁹

¹⁹ Public Services Regulatory Commission

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Further development and expansion of economically viable and technically available renewable energy sources, development of nuclear energy and promotion of energy efficiency are key priorities for sector development, being critical for Armenia in addressing energy security.

To this end, several legislative and regulatory reforms have been implemented in recent years, aimed at the development and comprehensive upscaling of renewable energy sources, in particular, towards increasing electricity production by solar photovoltaic (solar PVs) power plants.

As a result, as of October 1, 2020, the total installed capacity of the grid connected solar PVs was 80.7 MW, and the total installed capacity of the solar PVs which

Final energy consumption

As a result of the energy crisis of the early 1990s, final energy consumption also declined sharply. In 1995 as compared to the year 1990 final energy consumption decreased by 4.3 times or by 76.5%. Steady growth in final consumption has been recorded since 1995 (except in 2016). were licensed for power generation was 206.8 MW.

It is planned by 2022 to commission Masrik-1 utility scale solar PV with a peak capacity of 55 MW. Further, new tenders will be held for the construction of another 7 solar PVs with a total installed capacity of about 520 MW, whereby the capacity of two of these plants will be 200 MW each²⁰.

According to "The Republic of Armenia Energy Sector Development Strategic Program (till 2040)", 2021, it is planned to increase the share of solar energy generation in total to at least 15% or 1.8 billion kWh by 2030. To this end, solar power plants with the capacity of about 1000 MW, including autonomous ones, are planned to be constructed.

As a result, in 2017 final energy consumption increased by about 75% compared to 1995 level, amounting to 2,200.6 ktoe. Whereas compared to the 1990, the final energy consumption in 2017 decreased by 59% and per capita - by 51.2%.

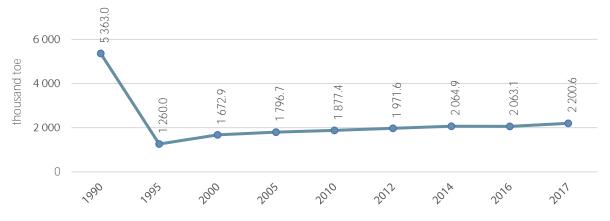


Figure 1.5 Final energy consumption, ktoe

Natural gas predominates in final energy consumption with the share of about 60%. This is explained by the high deliverability level in the country - 96% as well as considering that 1 kWh of thermal energy produced by natural gas is about twice cheaper than 1 kWh of electricity. Natural gas is also commonly used in road transport.

Households are the largest consumers of energy, with consumption in 2017 reaching 35.6%, followed by transport - 30.4%.

²⁰ RA Energy Sector Development Strategic Program (until 2040)

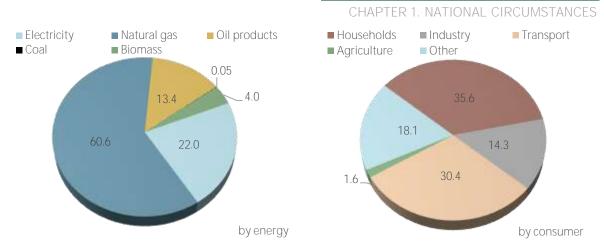


Figure 1.6 Final energy consumption structure in 2017, %

Sector Regulation

The Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure is responsible for Armenia's Energy sector policy, while the sector is regulated by the independent body - the Public Services Regulatory Commission (PSRC). Armenia is among the countries where fuel prices are taxed and not subsidized.

Gazprom Armenia CJSC owned by Russia's Gazprom imports natural gas from Russia and Iran as well as owns and operates the gas transmission and distribution networks in Armenia. The Armenian electricity market has stepped into a phase of liberalization, which means that the market will move from a "one buyer" model to a free electricity purchase and sale mechanism. In the coming years it will move to a new liberalized market model, which will still be for limited competition, but will have a clear path to full liberalization, considering the EEU common energy market development process as well as the Armenia-EU Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement²¹.

1.5 Industry

The breakdown of the former USSR and the common economic area coupled with the challenges of transition to a marketdriven economy resulted in significant downturn in the industrial sector in 1991-1993: the volume of industrial production in 1993 accounted for 43% of the 1990 level. The country managed to overcome the challenges and during the period from 1995 to 2019 the average growth of industrial production volume was 5.4%. As a result, in 2019 the level of industrial production exceeded the 1990 level 1.6 times making 18.1% of GDP, the index of physical volume of industrial output compared to the previous year was 108.8%.

The structure of the industry also underwent significant changes. In 2019, the manufacturing sector made up 69.6% of the total industry, with the following key branches; food production (37.6%), tobacco production (13.5%), production of beverages (12.7%), production of basic metals (11.5%).

Mining and quarrying sector accounted for 17.1% of the industry, prevailing segment of which - 96.1% is formed by non-ferrous metal ore mining.

²¹ RA Energy Sector Development Strategic Program (until 2040)

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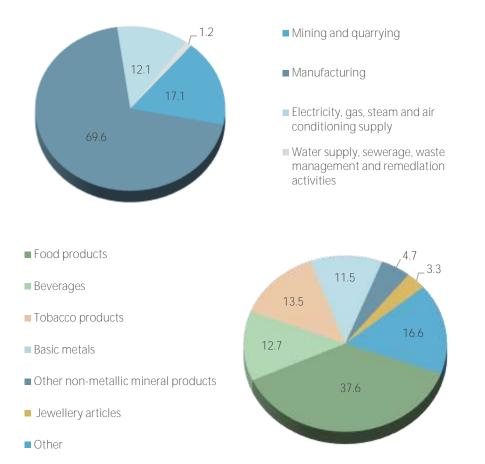


Figure 1.7 Industry structure by sections (left) and manufacturing sector structure (right), 2019, %²²

66.6% of those employed in industry are men and 33.4% are women. This imbalance is mainly because about 90% of those employed in the mining industry, and about 88% in the field of electricity, gas, steam and conditioned air supply, are men.

The industrial development vision is essentially based on the further

1.6 Transport

Armenia is a landlocked country, with geopolitical relationships that limit crossborder transport. For economic development purposes, Armenia has serious transport constraints that affect economic competitiveness due to - high transport costs, particularly for traded goods, and expensive infrastructure development and maintenance.

In these conditions, the further development of road transport, the expansion of the enhancement and diversification of the manufacturing industry, development of new scientific branches, increase of labour productivity, energy saving. The government targets to achieve the longest possible production chain of raw material processing, strictly adhering to high environmental standards²³.

transport network and routes becomes especially important. That is why in recent years, priority has been given to rehabilitation and reconstruction of infrastructure.

The minimum volume of freight transportation was registered in 2000, which was approximately 25 times lower than the 1990 level. In 2019 the volume of freight transportation exceeded the 2000 volumes 3.3 times. Similar tendencies have been registered in the area of passenger

²² RA NSS, RA statistical yearbook

²³ RA Government Decree N65-A dated 8.02.2019, RA Government program

transportation. In 2000, compared to 1990, it has decreased 3.95 times, and in 2019, compared to 2000 it has increased 1.5 times.

In the structure of freight transportation and passenger transportation, road transport predominates with the share of 65.6% and 84.7% in 2019, respectively. It is noteworthy that with the relatively intensive development of road transport, railroad transport, with some variations maintains its market share (21.8% of cargo

1.7 Housing

Households are the largest consumers of energy, accounted for 35.6% of final energy consumption in 2017.

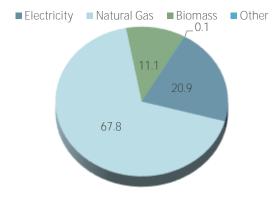


Figure 1.8 Household energy consumption structure, 2017, %

The natural gas predominates in the structure of final energy consumption by households with the share of about 68% in 2017, the share of electricity - about 21% and biomass - about 11%.

As of 2019, 56.1% of Armenia's housing stock was in cities and 43.9% in villages. About 70% of the total housing stock is allocated to private houses, and 30% - to apartment buildings²⁴.

The exterior wall materials of apartment buildings in their majority - about 70%, are made of stone. The share of prefabricated panel-covered buildings is about 23%. transportation in 2019). This is especially related to the transportation of mining products - 83.4% of delivered freight in 2019 is comprised of non-ferrous metal ore.

Domestic flows significantly prevail in railroad and road freight transportation, amounting to 56.9% and 59.6% in 2019, respectively. Only foreign freight transportation is carried out by air transport due to the lack of domestic aviation, and in 2019 the export volume was almost twice as much as the import.

The age of apartment buildings in the housing stock of Armenia is 35-60 years, and during their construction, in fact, energy saving standards were not under consideration. According to various expert estimates, energy consumption per 1 sq.m. is about 3-5 times higher than in developed countries²⁵.

For this reason, back in 2014 the RA Government adopted a Decree "On the application of measures aimed at energy saving and increasing energy efficiency in facilities built at the expense of state funds", later- Amendment to the "RA Energy Saving and Renewable Energy" Law, 2016, providing for mandatory compliance with the EE requirements in newly constructed residential buildings and in facilities under construction (reconstructed, repaired) at the expense of state funds, with the subsequent adoption technical of regulation setting energy requirements for energy saving in the mentioned facilities (2018).

At the same time, internationally funded projects are implemented in the country aimed at increasing the energy efficiency of buildings, including the "De-risking and Scaling-up Investment in Energy Efficient Building Retrofits" project funded by the Green Climate Fund.

²⁴ RA SC, Housing stock and Public Utility in the Republic of Armenia

²⁵ http://www.minenergy.am/page/eneryefficency

1.8 Agriculture and Forestry

Agriculture

Agriculture is the third largest sector of economy, after services and industry. In 1993, after the land privatization and transition to market economy, the share of agriculture in GDP reached 49% Afterwards, since agricultural land is very fragmented because of privatization in the 1990s, preventing growth in scale and the increase in farm productivity, the share of the sector in GDP has decreased and after the financial and economic crisis of 2009. in 2010-2019 Agriculture sector accounted for 16.9% of GDP in average. As of 2019, Agriculture accounted for 12% of GDP.

the Agricultural sector is However, important in terms of ensuring food (food. processing industry security, etc.). beverages, tobacco products, expansion of the export portfolio, as well as employment in rural communities. As of the beginning of 2019, 36.1% of the population of Armenia is rural, and the number of farms reached 317 thousand. Agriculture accounts for 21.9% of total employment (51.1% men, 48.5% women), compared to 38.6% in the post-crisis period in 2010. At the same time, the reduction in the number of employees is accompanied by an increase in the production of the sector, which indicates a certain increase in sector's efficiency. The RA government intends to double the level of productivity in the sector²⁶ considering that with this index Armenia is tenfold behind the developed countries.

Designated use of arable lands is only

Forestry

The forests account for about 11% of the territory of Armenia and are distributed unevenly. According to the RA land balance approved as of July 1, 2019, the area of forest lands was 334 thousand

55%²⁷ of the total available arable lands, which is pretty low indicator, given the land scarcity in the country. Moreover, only 26.6% of arable lands are considered as irrigated.

During 2019 only 6.2% of agricultural output was produced by commercial organizations and 93.8% by households. Among the obstacles to increasing land use efficiency is the small scale of agricultural farms. This fact does not contribute to a more comprehensive use of innovative technologies in agriculture, which would result in increased overall productivity and efficiency in the sector.

The last decade demonstrated a clear trend of structural shifts within agriculture: crop cultivation has been gradually losing its dominant role in the structure of the sector. In 1995 the share of crop production was 68.5%, in 2010 - 61.7%, and in 2019 - it reached 48.2%. The RA Government targets to achieve equal distribution in the long run: 49.8% crop production and 50.2% cattle breeding by 2029²⁸.

Livestock breeding policy is aimed at boosting the supply of pedigree livestock, which, through crossbreeding will improve indicators of local species, including an increase in milk and meat production, and enhancing their competitiveness in relation to similar imported products²⁹.

The gross crop yield is mainly obtained from vegetables, potatoes, fruits and berries, grapes, grains and legumes.

hectares, of which about 86% - covered by forests³⁰. In terms of their ecological significance, forests in Armenia are classified as protection and special-purpose forests. That's why loggings are

²⁶ RA Government Decree N1886- L dated 19.12.2019, 2020-2030 strategy outlining key directions ensuring the economic development of the RA agricultural sector

²⁷ RA land balance as of July 1, 2019

²⁸ RA Government Decree N 1886-L from 19.12.2019, 2020-2030 Strategy of the main directions of economic development of Armenian agriculture sector

²⁹ RA Government Decree N327-L of 29.03.2019; RA Livestock breeding development program for the years 2019-2024.

³⁰ RA SC, Environment and Natural Resources in the Republic of Armenia.

allowed for sanitary purposes only.

On November 30, 2017, the Government of the RA approved the concept of reforms, strategy and action plan for Forest Sector. The reforms aimed at the establishment of a sustainable forest management system to develop and implement state unified policy in the field of preservation, protection, reproduction and use of the forests in Armenia, elimination or mitigation of the negative impact of climate change on the sustainability of forest ecosystems, increase of forest covered areas and improving the species composition,

1.9 Tourism

Tourism-related services account for 62.9% of Armenia's exports. This testifies to the significant role of the sector in the economy. The RA Government recognizes the sector as one with considerable potential for expansion and promising perspectives. In the last 10 years alone, the number of tourists visiting Armenia has tripled - from 586.8 thousand visitors in 2009 to 1,894.4 thousand visitors in 2019.

This substantial growth in tourism is due to the rich historical and cultural heritage such as historical sites, national cultural monuments and traditions. As the first Christian country in the world, Armenia is rich in ancient monasteries and churches that date back thousands of years. CHAPTER 1. NATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

increasing the effectiveness of the fight against illegal logging. The reforms are based on a change in the management model, according to which the Ministry of Nature Protection (now Ministry of Environment) was acknowledged as the authorized body in the field of forest conservation, protection, reproduction and sustainable use, instead of the previous model of joint management where 75% of the forests were supervised by the Ministry of Agriculture and 25%, which are specially protected areas, were supervised by the Ministry of Nature Protection.

Another large group of tourist attraction include the nature, natural monuments and areas with unique natural landscapes. Based on the above, dynamic development trends are recorded in tourism sub-sectors such as eco-tourism, gastro-tourism, extreme tourism, ethnic tourism, thus positioning Armenia in the global market as a country offering competitive, diversified tourism products.

To further develop the sector and raise awareness of the country, continuous efforts are needed to develop infrastructure, ensure access to transport routes, achieve affordable prices for air travel services and improve service quality.

1.10 GDP energy intensity and greenhouse gas emissions

In 2017 GDP energy intensity index decreased 4.7 times compared to 1990, and almost two-fold as compared to 2000. This is caused by the structural changes in the economy, in particular decreased share of industry and energy-intensive production, growth of the share of services, as well as the introduction of energy-saving technologies.

In 2017 GHG emissions per unit of GDP decreased 4.7 times compared to 1900, and 1.7 times compared to 2000, which in addition to the above-mentioned reasons, is also resulted from the rapid growth of renewable energy (during the period of 1999-2017 installed capacity of small HPPs increased from 31.7 MW to 353.2 MW, i.e., more than 11-fold).

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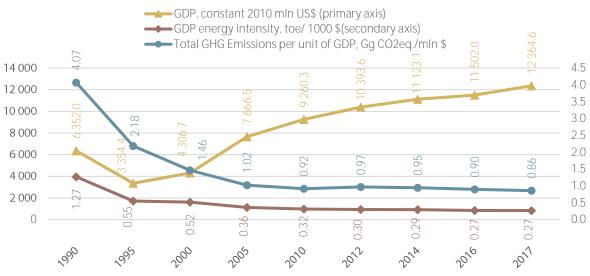


Figure 1.9 GDP, GDP energy intensity and GHG emissions per unit of GDP

	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2012	2014	2016	2017
GDP energy intensity, toe/1000 USD (2010 prices)	1.27	0.55	0.52	0.36	0.32	0.30	0.29	0.27	0.27
Per capita Total Primary Energy Supply, toe/person	2.28	0.57	0.69	0.88	0.96	1.03	1.08	1.03	1.11
GHG emissions per unit of GDP, t CO _{2 eq} /1000 USD (2010 prices)	4.07	2.18	1.46	1.02	0.92	0.97	0.95	0.90	0.86
CO ₂ emissions per unit of GDP, t/1000 USD (2010 prices)	3.39	1.14	0.76	0.55	0.50	0.54	0.51	0.44	0.46

Table 1.5 Energy intensity and greenhouse gas emissions³¹

1.11 Institutional arrangements for continuous development of national communications and biennial update reports

Republic of Armenia ratified the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in May 1993, the Kyoto Protocol in December 2002, and subsequently the Doha Amendment and Paris Agreement in February 2017.

The obligations of the Republic of Armenia under these international agreements are emanating from its non-Annex I developing country status under the UNFCCC. The country's position under the Convention and Paris Agreement was formulated in the "Intended Nationally Determined Contributions" (INDC) which was approved by the Government of Armenia on September 10, 2015 by Protocol Decree N 41-5 and submitted to the UNFCCC on September 22, 2015. The updated NDC for the period 2021-2030 approved by the Government of Armenia on April 22, 2021.

Since the ratification of the UNFCCC, the Government of Armenia once every five years approves a list of measures as well as assigns responsible agencies for implementing the country's commitments under international environmental conventions, including the UNFCCC. The list of measures to be implemented during 2017-2021 to fulfill obligations and provisions arising from the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement was approved by the Government Protocol Decree N 49-8 of December 8, 2016.

The Ministry of Environment (MoE) of the Republic of Armenia is the statutory entity responsible for the development and implementation of state policy addressing climate change issues and is responsible for fulfilling commitments under UNFCCC, including development of national

³¹ The calculations are based on 2010 GDP constant prices, and average annual population.

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communications, biennial update reports and GHG Inventories. The MoE is designated National Focal Point for the UNFCCC.

In 2015 a Climate Change policy division and from June 2020 - separate department has been established with the main functions of coordinating the UNFCCC implementation including development of national communications and biennial update reports.

National climate change policies and actions are coordinated by the Inter-agency Coordinating Council for Implementation of Requirements and Provision of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, which was established in 2012 by the Prime Minister's Decree. The Council has the authority to coordinate reporting on climate change and ensure coherent policies for achievement of Armenia's commitments under UNFCCC and is the decisionmaking body that approves the final drafts such as the national GHG inventories, NCs, BURs.

The Council is chaired by the Minister of Environment and is composed of representatives of ministries, state agencies, including the Statistics Committee and independent bodies (the Public Services Regulatory Commission and the National Academy of Sciences). Technical cooperation is ensured through *Working Group* under the *Council* that consists of professionals nominated by their respective ministries and agencies.

Given the changes in the Government structure and to improve the process of development of the low carbon and climateresilient policies and reporting under the Paris Agreement, the Inter-agency Coordinating Council composition is currently being revised.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through its Climate Change Program supports the Ministry of Environment, as an authorized national entity, in fulfilling the country's obligations under UNFCCC including the preparation of national communications, biennial update reports and GHG inventories.

The detailed description of the existing institutional arrangements, gaps and needs as well as improvements foreseen are provided in the Chapter 5.

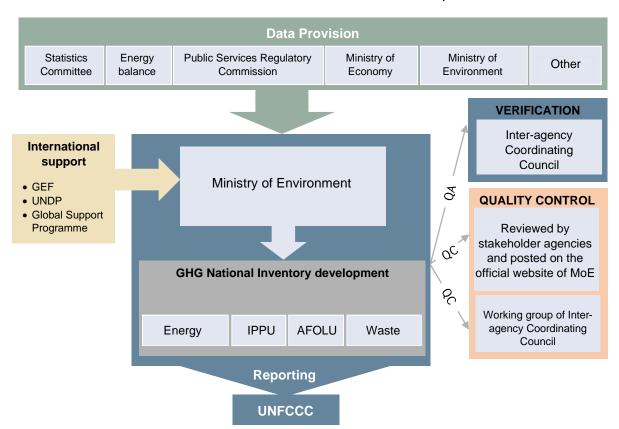


Figure 1.10 Institutional arrangements of GHG Inventory development in Armenia

CHAPTER 2

NATIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY



2.1 Basic Information on greenhouse gas inventory

Armenia's 1990-2017 National Inventory Report (NIR) has been prepared in accordance with the 2006 IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) Guidelines for national greenhouse gas inventories.

Full details of the results, the methodlogies, and the steps followed are provided in the Armenia's 1990-2017 National Inventory Report as a stand-alone report. The updates in the national GHG inventory are due to recalculations and the inclusion of new estimates in recent years. Recalculations have been conducted on GHG emission estimates for 1990 - 2017 for all sectors due to the discovery of new datasets and addition of new emission sources.

The national GHG inventory includes carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HFC_s) and sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) and they are expressed in units of mass and in carbon dioxide equivalent (CO_{2 eq.}) using the Global Warming Potentials (GWP_s) in the IPCC Second Assessment Report (SAR).

The national GHG inventory includes also estimates of carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NOx), non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOCs) and sulphur dioxide (SO₂).

According to 2006 IPCC Guidelines, GHG NIR includes the following sectors:

- Energy
- Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU)
- Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU)
- Waste

Given the key provisions in the Decision 1/CP.16 and following the guidelines in

Annex III of Decision 2/CP.17 on reporting information on national GHG inventories in the BUR for non-Annex I countries, the Armenia's GHG NIR includes:

- Summary report of national GHG inventory
- Inventory sectorial tables according to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines
- Key category analysis (KCA)
- Uncertainty analysis
- Consistent time series for years 1990-2017
- Summary information table of inventories for previous submission years from 1990 to 2017.

Within the frames of the 1990-2017 NIR certain improvements were made to the GHG inventory to align it more with TACCC principles (Transparency, Accuracy, Consistency, Completeness, and Comparability), in particular:

- Emissions of the sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) have been estimated for the first time
- GHG emissions of 6 new sub-categories
 were included
- Higher Tier for 5 sub-categories was introduced
- Key category analysis was done both by Level and Trend assessment
- Uncertainties have been assessed for all sub-categories of emissions and removals
- Emissions estimate for the entire time series were recalculated

Improvements to the GHG inventory are presented in detail in Armenia's 1990-2017 National Inventory Report.

2.2 Overview of used methodology

Guidelines

GHG inventory was prepared according to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories. The IPCC Inventory Software version 2.69.7235 was used for data entry, emission calculation, results analysis and conclusions. "Good Practice Guidelines and Uncertainty Management in National Greenhouse Gas Inventories" (IPCC 2000), "Good Practice Guidelines for Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry" (IPCC 2003) and 2013 Supplement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines

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for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetland, as well as if needed "1996 IPCC Revised Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories" were also used during the preparation of the National Inventory for default values of certain parameters.

Regarding the emissions of precursor gases, these were estimated mostly using the methodology *"Air Pollutant Emission Inventory Guidebook" (EMEP/EEA, 2009, 2016*), except for emissions derived from biomass burning (category 3C1; NOx and CO) which were estimated using the *2006 IPCC Guidelines and the IPCC Inventory Software*.

Global warming potentials

GHG	GWP
CO ₂	1
CH ₄	21
N ₂ O	310
HFC-32	650
HFC-125	2,800
HFC-134a	1,300
HFC-152a	140
HFC-143a	3,800
HFC-227ea	2,900
SF ₆	23,900

Table 2.1 Global warming potential(GWP) values

The estimated CH₄, N₂O, HFCs and SF₆ emissions were converted to CO₂ equivalent (CO₂ eq.) using Global Warming Potentials (GWPs) values provided by the IPCC in its Second Assessment Report ("1995 IPCC GWP Values") based on the effects of GHGs over a 100-year time horizon (Table 2.1).

Methodologies

The GHG inventory was prepared according to the principles described below:

- Clear observation of the logic and structure of 2006 IPCC Guidelines.
- Priority given to the use of national data and indicators.
- Utilization of all possible sources of information.
- Maximum use of the capacities of national information sources.

During the preparation of the GHG inventory the highest priority was given to the estimation of the emissions of CO_2 , CH_4 and N_2O from the key categories, as well as for emissions of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) compounds and sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆).

Estimations were also made for CO, NO_x , NMVOCs and SO_2 emissions.

Emission estimates were based on the sectoral approach applying Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 methods.

Country-specific approaches were used for key categories wherever possible to produce more accurate emissions estimate than Tier 1 approach.

The Tier 3 method was used for estimating emissions of CO₂ in:

- Energy sector from electricity generation by natural gas fired TPPs,
- IPPU Sector from cement production,

Considering that both sub-categories were identified as key and disaggregated data were available.

The Tier 2 method was used for estimating emissions from the following key categories:

In Energy sector:

• Emissions of CO₂ from stationary (with the exception of electricity generation) and mobile combustion of natural gas, as well as for CH₄ emissions estimating from fugitive emissions of natural gas (The Tier 1 method was used for the emission estimates from liquid fuel combustion).

In IPPU sector:

- Emissions of HFCs from refrigeration and air-conditioning were estimated applying the Method 2A (estimation performed at a disaggregated level with country-specific data by sub-application and a default emission factor selected by sub-application from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines) considering that this subcategory was identified as key and data were available in each sublevel.
- Emissions of HFCs from the other applications were estimated by applying Method 1a (estimation performed at an aggregated level, with country-specific data by application and default emission factor by application from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines).

In AFOLU sector:

- Emissions of CH₄ from enteric fermentation and manure management of cattle, buffalo and sheep.
- Net CO₂ removals from Forest Land Remaining Forest Land.

In Waste sector:

• CH₄ emissions from solid waste disposal.

Other emissions were estimated with the Tier 1 method with default estimation parameters from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines and country-specific activity data.

In addition to assessments based on Sectoral Approach the emissions of CO₂ from fuel combustion were also assessed by Reference Approach and the results were compared for checking purposes.

2.3 Main outcomes of greenhouse gas inventory

Armenia's greenhouse gas total emissions in 2017 were 10,624 Gg $CO_{2 eq.}$ (excluding *Forestry and Other Land Use*) - 3% higher than in 2016. Table 2.2 provides GHG emissions by gases and by sectors for 2017.

Sector	Net CO ₂	CH ₄	N ₂ O	HFCs CO _{2 eq.}	SF ₆ CO _{2 eq.}	Total CO _{2 eq.}
Energy	5,361.5	80.6	0.11	NA	NA	7,087.4
Industrial Processes ³²	262.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	262.6
F-gases ³³	NA	NA	NA	685.3	2.6	687.9
AFOLU (without Forestry and Other Land Use) ³⁴	2.7	48.2	3.1	NA	NA	1,965.4
Waste	4.3	25.9	0.2	NA	NA	620.7
Total GHG Emissions	5,631.1	154.8	3.4	685.3	2.6	10,624.0
Forestry and Other Land Use	-471.0	NA	0.001	NA	NA	-470.6
Net GHG Emissions	5,160.1	154.8	3.4	685.3	2.6	10,153.5

Shares of GHG emissions by the IPCC sectors are provided in Figure 2.1.

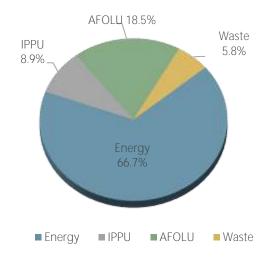


Figure 2.1 GHG emissions by sectors (without *Forestry and Other Land Use*), 2017, CO_{2 eq.}

The Energy sector is by far the largest producer of greenhouse gas emissions. In 2017, the Energy sector accounted for 66.7% of Armenia's total GHG emissions. The Energy sector includes emissions from all use of fuels to generate energy including fuel used in transport and the fugitive emissions related to the transmission, storage and distribution of natural gas.

The second largest source of emissions was AFOLU Sector (without *Forestry and Other Land Use*) with a share of 18.5%, followed by IPPU and Waste sectors - 8.9% and 5.8%, respectively.

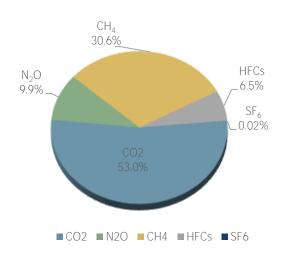
³² Excluding F-gases

³³ F gases refer to hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HFCs) and sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆)

³⁴ Forestry and Other Land Use refers to Land category

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Figure 2.2 provides greenhouse gas emissions by gases.



The most significant greenhouse gas of Armenia's inventory is carbon dioxide (CO_2) , with a share of about 53% of the total emissions in 2017, followed by methane (CH_4) - about 30.6%. Nitrous oxide (N_2O) accounted for 9.9% of the total emissions in 2017 and HFCs accounted for roughly 6.5% of all GHG emissions. The share of SF₆ is negligible.

Figure 2.2 Greenhouse gas emissions by gases, 2017

The Energy sector is mainly responsible for carbon dioxide emissions - it produced over 95% of all carbon dioxide emissions, because of high emissions volume from thermal power plants, road transportation and residential sector.

CO₂ emissions from IPPU sector are significantly less and made about 4.7% of total carbon dioxide emissions, CO₂ emissions from Waste sector are negligible.

Methane emissions accounted for nearly 31% of the total emissions in 2017. Methane emissions are also mostly from the Energy sector (about 52%) due to the fugitive emissions from the natural gas

Key Category Analysis

Key Category Analysis has been performed for absolute values of emissions and removals (level assessment) based on 2017 inventory, as well as for the trends based on 2000 and 2017 inventories, as Armenia has undergone significant administrative and economic transition system. The second one with its share of methane emissions is AFOLU sector (without *Forestry and Other Land Use*) - over 31% mainly due to the emissions from enteric fermentation, while the Waste Sector is the third (nearly 17%).

Nitrous oxide emissions made up close to 10% of the total emissions. Most of nitrous oxide emissions (about 90%) are from the Agriculture sector mainly due to the direct and indirect N_2O emissions from managed soils.

F-gases (HFCs and SF_6) accounted for roughly 6.5% of total GHG emissions, but their share has been growing continuously.

since 1990. Hence, 2000 has been used as a base year for trend assessment.

Key categories of Armenia's 2017 GHG inventory according to Level assessment are presented in Table 2.3 and according to Trend assessment - in Table 2.4

Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
IPCC Cate- gory codes	IPCC Category	Green- house gas	2017 Ex,t Gg CO _{2 eq.}	Ex,t Gg CO _{2 eq.}	Lx,t	Cumula- tive Total of Column F
1.B.2.b	Fugitive emissions from Natural Gas transportation and distribution	CH₄	1,626.88	1,626.88	14.45%	14.45%
1.A.1	Energy Industries - Gaseous Fuels	CO ₂	1,297.95	1,297.95	11.53%	25.98%
1.A.4.b	Residential- Gaseous Fuels	CO ₂	1,264.95	1,264.95	11.24%	37.22%
1.A.3.b	Road Transportation - Gaseous Fuels	CO ₂	971.86	971.86	8.63%	45.86%
3.A.1.a	Enteric Fermentation - Cattle	CH₄	849.02	849.02	7.54%	53.40%
1.A.3.b	Road Transportation - Liquid Fuels	CO ₂	721.73	721.73	6.41%	59.81%
3.C.4	Direct N2O Emissions from managed soils	N ₂ O	671.00	671.00	5.96%	65.77%
2.F.1	Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	HFCs	653.92	653.92	5.81%	71.58%
1.A.4.a	Commercial/institutional - Gaseous Fuels	CO ₂	531.42	531.42	4.72%	76.30%
3.B.1.a	Forest land Remaining Forest land	CO ₂	-523.92	523.92	4.65%	80.96%
4.A	Solid Waste Disposal	CH₄	426.22	426.22	3.79%	84.74%
1.A.2	Manufacturing Industries and Construction - Gaseous Fuels	CO ₂	407.67	407.67	3.62%	88.36%
2.A.1	Cement production	CO ₂	224.55	224.55	1.99%	90.36%
3.C.5	Indirect N2O Emissions from managed soils	N ₂ O	181.67	181.67	1.61%	91.97%
3.A.1.b-j	Enteric Fermentation - Other	CH₄	124.48	124.48	1.11%	93.08%
4.D	Wastewater Treatment and Discharge	CH₄	105.60	105.60	0.94%	94.02%
1.A.4	Other Sectors - Liquid Fuels Agriculture	CO ₂	69.49	69.49	0.62%	94.63%
4.D	Wastewater Treatment and Discharge	N ₂ O	68.16	68.16	0.61%	95.24%

Table 2.3 Key categories of Armenia's GHG inventory according to Level (2017) assessment

Α	В	С	D	E			F	G	Н
IPCC Cate- gory code	IPCC Category	Green- house gas	2000 Year Estimate Ex0 (Gg CO _{2 eq.})	2017 Year Estimate Ext (Gg CO _{2 eq.})	2000 Year Estimate (absolute) [Ex0] (Gg CO _{2 eq.})	2017 Year Estimate (absolute) Ext (Gg CO _{2 eq.})	Trend Asses sment (T _{xt})	% Contri- bution to Trend	Cumulative Total of Column G
1.A.1	Energy Industries - Gaseous Fuels	CO ₂	1,696.99	1,297.95	1,696.99	1,297.95	0.245	23.95%	23.95%
1.A.4.b	Residential- Gaseous Fuels	CO ₂	170.43	1,264.95	170.43	1,264.95	0.143	13.98%	37.93%
1.A.3.b	Road Transportation - Gaseous Fuels	CO ₂	55.20	971.86	55.20	971.86	0.129	12.65%	50.57%
2.F.1	Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	HFCs	0.90	653.92	0.90	653.92	0.096	9.42%	59.99%
1.A.4.a	Commercial/institutional - Gaseous Fuels	CO ₂	35.16	531.42	35.16	531.42	0.069	6.79%	66.78%
3.B.1.a	Forest land Remaining Forest land	CO ₂	-470.82	-523.92	470.82	523.92	0.059	5.81%	72.60%
1.A.3.b	Road Transportation - Liquid Fuels	CO ₂	626.80	721.73	626.80	721.73	0.055	5.35%	77.94%
1.B.2.b	Fugitive emissions from Natural Gas transportation and distribution	CH₄	1,106.49	1,626.88	1,106.49	1,626.88	0.044	4.34%	82.29%
3.A.1.a	Enteric Fermentation - Cattle	CH ₄	634.96	849.02	634.96	849.02	0.038	3.71%	86.00%
4.A	Solid Waste Disposal	CH₄	359.38	426.22	359.38	426.22	0.030	2.89%	88.89%
1.A.2	Manufacturing Industries and Construction - Gaseous Fuels	CO ₂	345.63	407.67	345.63	407.67	0.029	2.81%	91.70%
1.A.2	Manufacturing Industries and Construction - Liquid Fuels	CO ₂	89.23	62.19	89.23	62.19	0.014	1.35%	93.04%
3.C.4	Direct N2O Emissions from managed soils	N ₂ O	436.57	671.00	436.57	671.00	0.013	1.29%	94.34%
1.A.4	Other Sectors - Liquid Fuels	CO ₂	62.27	69.49	62.27	69.49	0.006	0.56%	94.90%
3.A.1.b-j	Enteric Fermentation - Other	CH ₄	93.09	124.48	93.09	124.48	0.006	0.54%	95.44%

Table 2.4 Key categories of Armenia's GHG inventory according to Trend (2017) assessment

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There are 19 key categories in Armenia's GHG inventory - 14 of which have been identified with both level and trend assessments, 4 - with only level assessment and 1 more - with trend assessment.

Total value of emissions of key categories in 2017 is 9,735 Gg $CO_{2 eq.}$ and they comprise 95.9% of overall net emissions.

Uncertainty Assessment

The uncertainty assessment of Armenia's inventory covers all source categories and all direct greenhouse gases. The uncertainty has been assessed based on the level in 2017 GHG inventory data, as well as trend, where the base year was selected to be 2000.

The calculations' results revealed that the level of emissions uncertainty is within 17.9%, and the uncertainty of trend is 16.7%.

The highest contribution to variance by category in 2017 have *Direct and Indirect* N_2O *Emissions from managed soils* (3.C.4 and 3.C.5), CH₄ and N₂O emissions for the use of natural gas in *Road Transportation* (1.A.3.b), N₂O emissions from *Wastewater*

Out of 19 identified key categories, 12 are estimated using the higher tiers, including the 5 top key categories in both level and trend assessment. Overall, the net emissions form these 12 categories that have been estimated using higher tiers comprised 87.6% of total net national emissions in 2017.

Treatment and Discharge (4.D) and CH₄ emissions from *Solid Waste Disposal* (4.A).

The highest contributors in the uncertainty of trend have CH₄ and N₂O emissions for the use of natural gas in *Road Transportation* (1.A.3.b), CH₄ emissions from *Solid Waste Disposal* (4.A), *Direct* N_2O *Emissions from managed soils* (3.C.4) and HFCs emissions from *Refrigeration and Air conditioning* (2.F.1).

As it can be seen, in all cases the highest uncertainties are related to non-CO₂ emissions. For CO₂ emissions, the categories with highest uncertainty contribution both in level and trend are the liquid fuel use in *Road Transportation* (1.A.3.b) and *Forest Land Remaining Forest Land* (3.B.1.a).

2.4 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trends

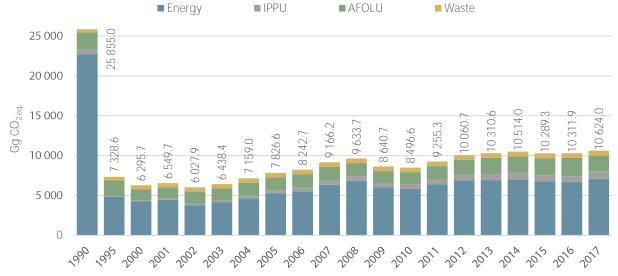


Figure 2.3 below provides greenhouse gas emissions trend by sectors for 1990-2017 (without *Forestry and Other Land Use*).

Figure 2.3 1990-2017 greenhouse gas emissions by sectors (without Forestry and Other Land Use), Gg $CO_{2 eq.}$

The Figure 2.3 shows contribution of the sectors to the total GHG emissions and highlights the absolute predominance of energy-related emissions.

As a whole, Armenia's total GHG emissions in 2017 decreased by nearly 59% (15,231Gg) compared to 1990, which was largely due to the decrease of Energy sector emissions, while 2017 emissions are 69% above 2000-year level.

Emissions resulted from Energy sector have varied considerably due to changes in electricity exports and production of electricity by natural gas fired thermal power plants. This variation has been the principal feature of the trend of CO₂ emissions from Energy sector since 2010.

In addition, Energy sector emissions are influenced each year by the economic situation in the country's energy intensive industries, the weather conditions and the volumes of energy produced by hydropower plants. Thus, increase of Energy sector emissions in 2017 compared with those in 2016 is due to GDP growth in 2017 and cold winter.

In industrial processes the most significant emission sources were CO2 emissions generated in cement production. A small amount of CO₂ emissions was also generated in lime and glass production, as well as from lubricant and paraffin wax use. Emissions caused by the industrial processes are mostly affected by the economic situation in the country. Total CO₂ emissions from industrial processes decreased markedly in the early 1990s when a number of factories shut down their operations. Similarly, after the decline of GHG emissions from IPPU sector in 2009 because of the economic recession, which resulted in the decrease of construction volumes and, consequently, cement production, in 2010 the construction volumes and cement production increased leading to the increase of GHG emissions. Increase of CO2 emissions in 2017

compared to those in 2016 resulted from the growth of construction volumes as well.

The increase in IPPU sector emissions over the last decade is primarily due to the F-gases' increase of emissions. Fluorinated gases, or F-gases, form a category of their own under industrial processes and accounted for roughly 6.5% of total national greenhouse gas emissions and over than 72% of the greenhouse gas emissions of IPPU Sector in 2017. In the period from 2010 to 2017, the biggest change occurred in F-gases emissions, which increased 2.6 times mainly due to the wide use of F-gases in refrigeration and cooling devices.

The decline in emissions in AFOLU sector in the 1990s was due to the liquidation of state-owned livestock farms which led to a sharp reduction in livestock and, accordingly, to a continuing reduction in emissions until 2000.

The increase in AFOLU sector emissions since 2000 (except for the period of economic crisis in 2009-2010), was due primarily to increase in livestock populations and increase in emissions from managed soils due to use of fertilizers.

The share of Waste sector emissions in the country's total emissions is relatively stable. Waste sector emissions accounted for 5.8% of the country's total emissions in 2017. During 2000-2017, Waste sector emissions increased by about 21% due to the growth in methane emissions from solid waste disposal because of high inertia and cumulative effect of organic matter decomposition process in anaerobic conditions.

Table 2.5 provides summary information of inventories for previous submission years from 1990 to 2017.

Total emissions in 2017 were 3% higher than those in 2016, approximately 59% (15,231 Gg $CO_{2 eq.}$) below the 1990 emissions level and about 69% higher than 2000 emissions level.

Table 2.5 Greenhouse gas emissions by sectors from 1990 to 2017, Gg $CO_{2 eq.}$

Sastar	1000	1995	2000	2005	2010	10 2012 2014 2016 2017		2017 emission change (%) compared to				
Sector	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	U10 2012 2014	2014	2010	2017	1990 Ievels	2000 Ievels	2016 Ievels
Energy	22,719.4	4,819.1	4,255.1	5,252.6	5,809.6	6,891.8	7,041.5	6,623.4	7,087.4	-68.8	66.56	7.0
Industrial Processes and Product Use	631.2	122.7	152.9	395.1	587.2	712.6	815.1	796.2	950.5	50.6	521.9	19.4
AFOLU (without Forestry and Other Land Use)	2,085.7	1,932.3	1,374	1,621.6	1,534.9	1,874.9	2,058.8	2,283.6	1,965.4	-5.8	43.1	-13.9
Waste	418.8	454.5	513.8	557.4	564.8	581.4	598.7	608.7	620.7	48.2	20.8	2.0
Total Emissions (without Forestry and Other Land Use)	25,855	7,328.6	6295.8	7,826.6	8,496.6	10,060.7	10,514	10,311.9	10,624	-58.9	68.8	3.0
Forestry and Other Land Use	-736.9	-514.4	-467.8	-523.7	-550.1	-510.1	-476.0	-488.0	-470.6	-36.1	0.6	-3.6
Total Net Emissions	25,118.1	6,814.2	5,828.0	7,302.9	7,946.5	9,550.7	10,038.0	9,823.9	10,153.5	-59.6	74.2	3.4

2.5 Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Sectors

2.5.1 Energy

The Energy sector is by far the biggest source of GHG emissions in the country - in 2017 its share of the total greenhouse gas emissions was 67% (7,087.4 Gg CO_{2 eq.}). The Energy sector emissions in 2017 made 31.2% of 1990 emissions' level and were 7.0% higher than in 2016.

Emissions from the Energy sector consist of two main categories: fossil fuel combustion and fugitive emissions from natural gas. The majority of the sector's emissions (77%) results from fossil fuel combustion.

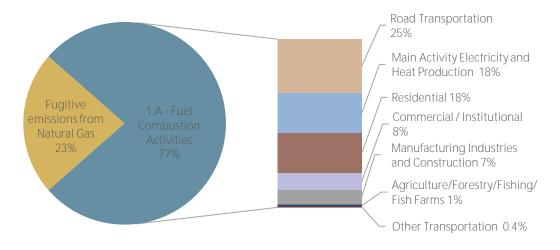
The Energy sector is mainly responsible for carbon dioxide emissions - it produced over 95% of all carbon dioxide emissions, because of high emissions volume from thermal power plants, road transportation and residential sector. Methane emissions are also mostly from the Energy sector (about 52% of all methane emissions) due to the fugitive emissions from the natural gas system.

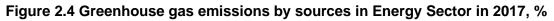
Armenia has no domestic resources of fossil fuel and imports all of its oil and gas. Vast majority of natural gas is imported from Russia - nearly 84% in 2017. Therefore, there is an urgent need for Armenia to increase its indigenous energy production, improve transmission infrastructure and reduce its dependence upon external suppliers. Armenia relies on electricity and gas to meet most of its energy consumption needs. Imported natural gas predominates in total primary energy supply in Armenia accounting for 61% of Armenia's TPES and 85% of the fossil fuel (including jet fuel) consumption in 2017.

Over 83% of CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion (without international bunker) in 2017 originated from natural gas. This is due to a very high gas deliverability level in the country - 96% and widespread use of natural gas for heating and cooking purposes, as it is less expensive than electricity, as well as widespread use of natural gas in transport as it is less expensive than gasoline.

The main power generation capacities in Armenia are nuclear power plant, natural gas consumed thermal power plants (including small cogeneration units), large hydropower plants, as well as small renewables (small hydro, wind and solar power plants), which provided 33.7%, 18.1%, 37.0% and 11.1% of total electricity generation in 2017, respectively. As of 2017, renewable energy consisted mainly of hydropower (small to large HPPs) however, in recent years solar energy has been growing rapidly.

The contribution of each source to the total of the sector is presented in Figure 2.4.





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Figure 2.4 shows that road transport, fugitive emissions, electricity production and households are the leading sources of GHG emissions within the sector.

Road transport generated 24.8% of the Energy sector emissions in 2017, other significant emission source in Energy sector was fugitive emissions of natural gas, share of which in 2017 was slightly less - 23.0%. Emissions attributable to

electricity production and energy use by households accounted to 18.3% each, emissions from the fuels used by Commercial/Institutional category and different industries made 7.6% and 6.6% correspondingly, while emissions from Offroad Vehicles and Machinery in agriculture accounted only for 1%.

Figure 2.5 shows the complete time series for Energy sector.

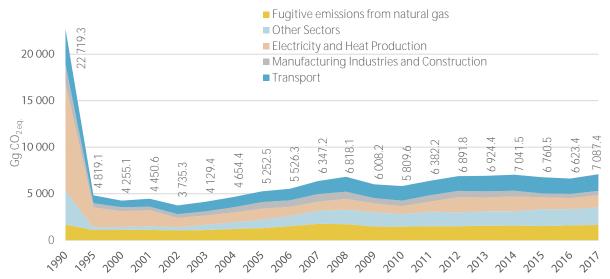


Figure 2.5 Greenhouse gas emissions in the Energy sector, 1990-2017, Gg CO_{2 eq.}

Energy sector emissions have decreased by 3.2 times compared to the year 1990 while Total Primary Energy Supply (TPES) decreased by 2.4 times, which is an evidence of low-carbon development trends in Armenia. Key factors for such trend are the structural changes in economy towards the services sector and decreased share of energy intensive industries, use of less carbon-intense fuel (switch from coal and mazut to natural gas for energy production and in transport from diesel and gasoline to natural gas), recommissioning of Armenia's Nuclear Power Plant, increasing share of renewable sources (strongest growth of the small hydropower plants), energy efficiency.

The increase of Energy sector emissions since 2000 (except for 2009-2010) amounts to nearly 67% due to economic growth, leading to the growth in traffic volume, which resulted in road transport emissions' growth (during 2000-2017 road transport emissions have increased by more than 150%), improved household living conditions resulted in the wide use of natural gas for space heating (during 2004-2017, emissions attributable to energy used by households increased over fivefold) and increased production of electricity by natural gas fired thermal power plants.

In 2009, the financial and economic crisis affected the energy consumption, however, since 2011 emissions increased again because of economic recovery.

Emissions resulted from Energy sector have varied considerably due to changes in electricity exports and production of electricity by natural gas fired thermal power plants. Thus, the sharp increase of GHG emissions from Energy sector in 2012 in comparison with 2010 was caused by a high export growth met by thermal power plants (thermal power plants generation in 2012 has been increased by 135%, in comparison with 2010). This variation has been the principal feature of the trend of CO_2 emissions from Energy sector since 2010.

2.5.2 Industrial Processes and Product Use

Emissions from this sector include nonenergy related CO_2 emissions from *Mineral Industry* - cement, lime and glass production, CO_2 emissions generated from lubricant and paraffin use, emissions of F-gases (HFCs) from refrigeration, air conditioning and other product use, as well as emissions of SF₆ from use of electrical equipment.

Emissions from this sector include SO₂ emissions from metal industry, NMVOC emissions from solvent use, asphalt production and Food and Beverage industry as well.

Emissions from the IPPU sector amounted to 950.5 Gg $CO_{2 eq.}$ in 2017, making up

approximately 8.9% of Armenia's total greenhouse gas emissions.

 CO_2 emissions from IPPU sector made about 4.7% of total carbon dioxide emissions in 2017. The prevailing part of CO_2 emissions were generated in Mineral Industry - 258.3 Gg CO_2 , while CO_2 emissions generated from lubricant use and paraffin use were much smaller - 4.24 Gg CO_2 . The most significant CO_2 emissions' source was cement production (224.55 Gg CO_2), which accounted for 23.6% of the emissions from the sector and 2.1% of Armenia's total emissions.

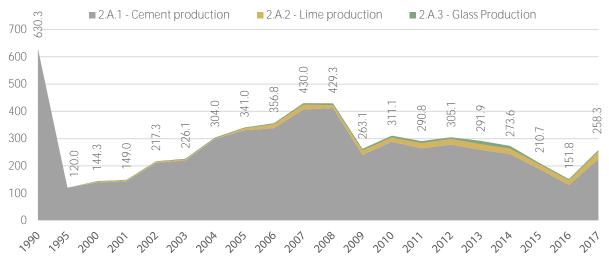


Figure 2.6 CO₂ emissions from Mineral Industry

Total CO_2 emissions from industrial processes decreased markedly in the early 1990s when several factories shut down their operations. Similarly, after the decline of GHG emissions from IPPU sector in 2009 because of the economic recession, which resulted in the decrease of construction volumes and, consequently, cement production, in 2010 the construction volumes and cement production increased leading to the increase of GHG emissions. Increase of CO_2 emissions in 2017 compared to those in 2016 resulted from the growth of construction volumes as well.

Fluorinated greenhouse gases or F-gases form a category of their own under IPPU sector.

F-gases emissions made $687.9 \text{ Gg CO}_{2 \text{ eq.}}$ with prevailing share - $685.3 \text{ Gg CO}_{2 \text{ eq.}}$ from *Product Uses as Substitutes for Ozone Depleting Substances*, while SF₆ emissions from *Use of Electrical Equipment* were negligible - only 2.6 Gg CO_{2 eq.}

Emissions of HFCs from *Product uses as Substitutes for Ozone Depleting Substances* and SF₆ accounted for roughly 6.5% of total national greenhouse gas emissions and nearly 72% of the greenhouse gas emissions of IPPU sector in 2017. HFCs emissions, which are caused by refrigeration systems, predominate in the overall picture of HFCs emissions with the share of 95.4% in 2017. The share of emissions from other applications is about 4.6% altogether.

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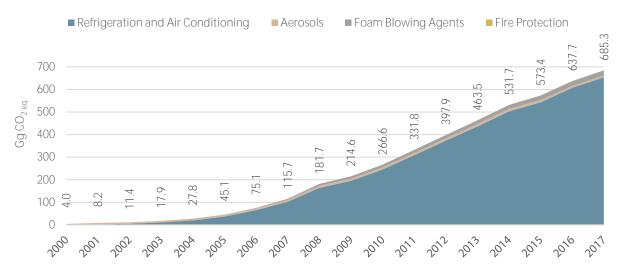


Figure 2.7 HFCs emissions by applications, Gg CO_{2 eq.}

HFCs emissions have grown continuously over the last decade – in the period from 2006 to 2017 they increased ninefold. HFCs have been used to replace ozone depleting compounds in many refrigeration and cooling devices and applications, which is the main reason for the increase in HFCs.

2.5.3 Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use

Agriculture

In 2017 agricultural emissions (3A and 3C categories) amounted to 1965.4 Gg $CO_{2 eq.}$ (18.5% of total emissions) - a decrease of about 14% compared to the previous year.

Emissions from the Agriculture sector include methane (CH₄) emissions from enteric fermentation of domestic livestock, manure management and biomass burning, nitrous oxide (N₂O) emissions from manure management, biomass burning and from managed soils, as well as CO_2 emissions from urea application.

Of the total agricultural emissions, CH_4 emissions from enteric fermentation accounted for 49.5% and from manure management 1.8%, while N₂O emissions from manure management (3A2 and 3C6) accounted for 4.8% and from soils - 43.4%.

The prevailing part (87%) of CH_4 emissions from enteric fermentation are generated by cattle while the prevailing part of N_2O emissions - about 90%, are from soils.

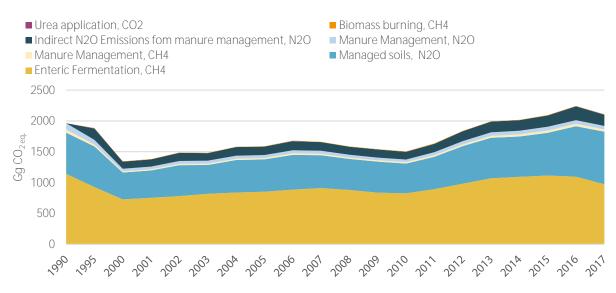


Figure 2.8 Greenhouse gas emissions in Agriculture, 1990-2017, Gg CO_{2 eq.}

Reduced agricultural emissions during 1990 - 2000 was caused by structural changes in agriculture, which led to a decrease in the size of farms and in the numbers of livestock. The significant increase in agricultural emissions since 2000 was due primarily to the increase in

Forestry and Other Land Use (Land category)

Armenia reports both greenhouse gas emissions and removals in *Land* category. Changes in carbon stocks in six land use categories covering the whole of Armenia are reported in this category.

In 2017, as in the previous years, *Land* category as a whole acted as a CO_2 sink: the net removals were -470.6 Gg CO_2 eq. Armenia's largest carbon sinks are the forests (-530.445).

The prevailing part of annual carbon loss is caused by harvested fuelwood. Energy crisis of the 1990s resulted in a widespread harvesting of trees and economically undesirable change in the tree species i.e., high-value species (beech, oak, pine) have been replaced with those of low-productivity livestock population and increase in emissions from managed soils due to use of fertilizers. The decrease of agricultural emissions in 2017 compared to those in 2016 was due to decrease in the number of cattle.

(mostly stump-sprig hornbeam, aspen, etc.). However, recently there is a trend that beech, pine and partially oak become dominate in tree species.

In general, carbon absorption by forests is relatively constant in recent years.

Even though the *Land* category has clearly been a net carbon sink, it also produces some emissions. The largest emissions come from *Other land* (29.63 Gg CO₂) as well as from *Grassland* and *Wetlands* categories (about 18 Gg CO₂ from each category).

The trend in emissions and removals from the *Land* category is presented in Figure 2.9.

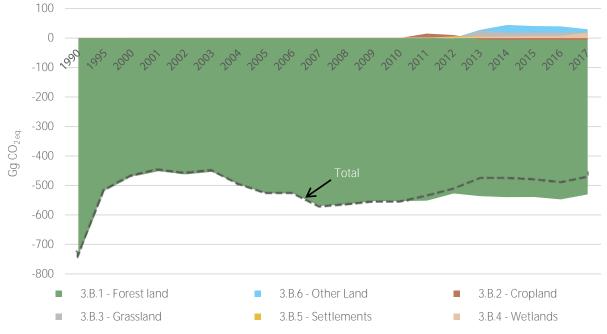


Figure 2.9 GHG Emissions and Removals from *Forestry and Other Land Use* category, Gg CO_{2 eq.}

2.5.4 Waste

 CH_4 emissions from landfills, CO_2 , CH_4 and N_2O emissions from the combustion of waste and CH_4 and N_2O emissions from

wastewater treatment and discharge are reported under the Waste sector.

The Waste sector emissions amounted to $620.7 \text{ Gg CO}_{2 \text{ eq.}}$ in 2014, which accounts for approximately 5.84% of Armenia's total emissions. Landfill emissions accounted for 68.7% of all Waste sector emissions (4% of the country's total emissions), while

emissions from the combustion of waste are insignificant and accounted for 3.33 %. The emissions from wastewater treatment accounted for 28% of the Waste sector emissions in 2017.

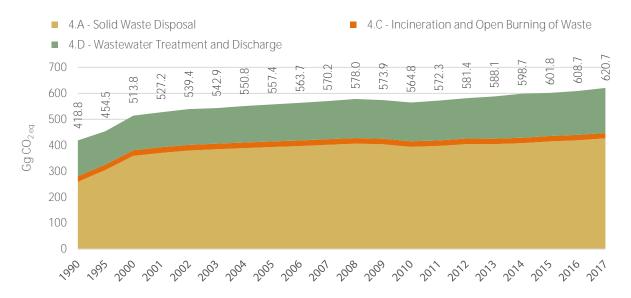


Figure 2.10 Greenhouse gas emissions in Waste sector, 1990-2017, Gg CO_{2 eq.}

2.6 National Inventory Arrangements

Since the ratification of UNFCCC, Government of Armenia once every five years approves a list of measures for implementing the country's commitments under international environmental conventions, including the UNFCCC, as well as assigns responsible agencies.

The list of measures to be implemented during 2017-2021 to fulfill obligations and provisions arising from the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement, including development of GHG Inventories every 2 years was approved by Government Protocol Decree N 49-8 of December 8, 2016.

The Ministry of Environment is the statutory entity responsible for the development and implementation of state policy addressing climate change issues and is responsible for fulfilling commitments under UNFCCC, including development of national communications, biennial update reports and GHG Inventories.

National climate change policies and actions are coordinated by the *Inter-agency*

Coordinating Council for Implementation of Requirements and Provision of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, which was established in 2012 by the Prime Minister's Decree. The Council has the authority to coordinate reporting on climate change and ensure coherent policies for achievement of Armenia's commitments under UNFCCC and is the decision-making body that approves the final drafts such as the national GHG inventory. The Inter-agency Council is an important established component of the National Inventory Arrangements.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through its Climate Change Program supports the Ministry of Environment, as an authorized national entity, in fulfilling the country's obligations under UNFCCC. The support includes the preparation of national communications, biennial update reports GHG and inventories.

CHAPTER 3

MITIGATION ACTIONS AND THEIR EFFECTS



This chapter provides information on climate change mitigation policies and measures implemented or ongoing in different sectors in RA in 2017-2019, as well as planned actions from the most recent strategy papers.

Considering that Energy is a strategic sector for the country in achieving economic growth and national security and the largest emitter of GHGs with the highest mitigation potential, this chapter also presents projections of Armenia's greenhouse gas emissions in the Energy sector up to 2030. These projections allow to assess Energy sector contribution to meeting the country's objectives under the NDC and are critical for evaluating realistic target for 2030 GHG emissions in 2020 NDC update.

Since Armenia lacks domestic industrialscale fossil fuel resources, dependence on imported fuel supply makes development and expansion of economically viable and technically available renewable energy sources, development of nuclear energy, promotion of energy efficiency, diversification of fuel supply chains key priorities for the sector development. Armenia adopted several policies and action plans aimed at development of the Energy sector while improving energy security and achieving energy independence.

The mitigation actions and projections of Armenia's greenhouse gas emissions for Energy sector described in this chapter are based on the main provisions of the recently adopted (2021) strategy papers on the Energy sector development, namely "The Republic of Armenia Energy Sector Development Strategic Program (till 2040)" (hereinafter referred to as the Strategy) and "Action Plan to Ensure the Implementation of the Republic of Armenia Energy Sector Development Strategic Program (till 2040)" (hereinafter referred to as the Action Plan).

3.1 Mitigation actions and their effects

The information on the mitigation actions implemented and ongoing during 2017-2019 has been obtained from the RA state agencies, private sector, international financial institutions and non-government organizations in response to the enquiry of the Ministry of Environment. The information on planned measures in Energy Sector is derived from the Strategy and Action Plan.

It should be noted that data collection and quality control of mitigation measures that are being implemented in the country are the main challenge faced while developing BURs, as these measures are not coordinated and there are risks of overlooking mitigation actions or double counting reductions. To address these risks, quality control procedures have been performed, which included the analysis of obtained data and their cross-checking using the publicly available data, as well as assessing the progress of those mitigation actions, which have been reported in the BUR2. These are followed by discussions with the data providers and clarifying data as needed.

Table 3.1 describes the implemented, ongoing, as well as planned mitigation actions in different sectors, while Table 3.2 describes possible additional measures in Energy sector, which provide more ambitious development of renewable energy sources and enhanced implementation of energy efficiency measures.

Table 3.1 Implemented, ongoing and planned mitigation actions and their effects by Sectors

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}
	Energy (gen	eration side	and distribution networl	ks)	
Coverage: CO ₂ , CH ₄ reduction thro distribution networks	ugh the increased share of renewable	s in power gene	eration mix and implementation of	of the energy efficiency measures of	n generation side and in
Methodology: The impact assessm	ent was carried out using the LEAP-A fugitive emissions due to reduced gen			greenhouse gas emissions from na	tural gas combustion and
Nature: Legislative, regulatory, tech	· · ·				
	U	tility-Scale So	olar Power Plants		
Name of the action: Construc	tion of medium utility-scale sola	r PV power p	lants		
	R2E2 with the financial support of EB				
 According to the Strategy and Action Plan, medium utility-scale solar power plants with total capa- city of 175 MW will be constructed by the end of 2024. It includes: PV "Masrik-1", with a peak capa- city of 55 MW (about 110 GWh of annually produced electricity) in 2022; Additional solar PVs with total capacity of 120 MW will be cons- tructed by the end of 2024 (about 192 GWh of annually produced electricity). 	The quantitative goal is to install 55 MW of utility-scale PV by 2022 and additional 120 MW by 2024. The progress indicator: installed capacity of medium utility-scale solar PV.	Ongoing	The tariff is based on the pro- posed lowest tariff resulted from international competition. For Masrik-1 an international competition was held, which was won by the consortium of Dutch Fotowatio Renew- able Ventures, B.V. and Spanish FSL Solar. In 2018, the RA Government signed a state assistance agreement, providing the developer of Masrik-1 with an electricity production license.	The impact assessment assumes that 55MW is added to power system in 2020 and another 120 by 2024. In both cases they substitute natural gas-based electricity generation in thermal power plants.	Expected annual emission reduction in 2030: 166.1 Gg CO _{2 eq.} (60.5 Gg CO _{2 eq.} from Masrik-1, 105.6 Gg CO _{2 eq.} from additional 120 MWs of PVs).
Name of the action: Construct	ion of the larger utility-scale sol	ar PV power	plants		
	Armenian National Interest Fund (ANI	F), R2E2, privat			
According to the Strategy and Action Plan construction of 2 Solar PVs with the capacity of 200 MW each is envisaged in 2023 and 2024.	The quantitative goal is to support the installation of 400 MW of larger utility-scale PVs by 2024. The progress indicator: installed capacity of large utility-scale solar PV.	Planned	Request for Qualification was announced in 2020 seeking private developers for a pro- ject to design, finance, build, own, and operate the first of considered 2 plants, which will be grid-connected 200 MW solar PV power plant called "Ayg-1".	The impact assessment assumes that 200MW of solar capacity is added to power system in 2023 and another 200MW in 2024. In both cases they substitute electri- city generation in thermal power plants.	Expected annual emission reduction after 2024: 352 Gg CO _{2 eq.} (176 Gg CO _{2 eq.} each)

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq}
	ioning of Solar PVs with capacity	y of up to 5 N	1W		
Coordination/Support/Financing: According to the Strategy and Action Plan, the construction of solar PV power plants with an installed capacity of up to 5 MW (inclusively) will be supported through tariff policy and power purchase agreement.	The quantitative goal is to support the installation of the total of 315 MW of solar PV power plants with an installed capacity of up to 5 MW (inclusively) by 2030. The progress indicator: The total installed capacity of solar PV power plants with an installed capacity of up to 5 MW (inclusively)	Ongoing 2018-2029	As of October 1, 2020, licen- ses for production of electri- city have been granted to 49 solar PVs with a capacity of up to 5 MW with the total ins- talled capacity of 200 MW. As of December 1, 2020, 2 plants with total of 10 MW capacity have been already connected to the grid.	The impact assessment has been done assuming that PVs with the total capacity of 200 MW will be commissioned in 2022 and PVs with the total capacity of 315 MW will be commissioned in 2030. The generation of solar power plants substitute electricity generation in thermal power plants.	Expected annual emission reduction after 2022: 176 Gg CO _{2 eq.} and in 2029: 277 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
	ioning of Solar PVs with capacity			ka	
	Private investors, KfW Bank which pro				
Construction of solar PV power plants with an installed capacity of up to 1 MW (inclusively).	The construction of the solar PVs of this group was limited to a total capacity of 10 MW.	Completed 2017-2019	The licenses for production of electricity for these PVs were granted from November 2016 before November 1, 2018, in- clusively. 12 solar PVs with the installed capacity of up to 1 MW each, and within the limits of total capacity of 10 MW, have been commissioned.	The impact assessment was done considering commissioning of 12 solar PVs with the total capacity of 10 MW in 2019.	Expected annual emission reduction in 2020: 9 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
			ower Plants		
	of the Contour Global (Vorotan)		Plant		
	ur Global (Vorotan) Hydropower Casc				
	140 mln financing package for Vorotar			T	A 1 · ·
The upgrade of Contour Global (Vorotan) Hydro Cascade to increase power generation	The quantitative goal was to achi- eve the annual electricity generati- on by Vorotan Cascade of up to 1,150 GWh. The progress indicators: The ave- rage annual electricity generation by Vorotan Cascade.	Completed 2018-2019	The upgrade of the plant was concluded in 2019 and the planned annual electricity generation has been achieved.	The assessment of the impact has been performed based on annual electricity generation of 1,150 GWh by the Vorotan Cascade.	Annual emission reduction in 2019: 105 Gg CO _{2 eq.}

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}
	oning of small Hydro Power Pla				
Coordination/Support/Financing: commercial banks.	Private investors; EBRD and KfW Bar	nk (through "Ge	erman-Armenian Fund" RE Progr	am) provided loans for lending thro	ough Armenian
The objective of the action is to create the favorable conditions for SHPPs development. In 2016 the GoA approved the Hydro Energy Development Concept of the RA, which envisages commissioning of new SHPPs. The Energy Law supports the development of SHPPs through the Power Purchasing Agreement for the 15- year period.	Quantitative goal: To reach the total capacity of SHPPs of 430 MW by 2023. The progress indicators: The total capacity of SHPPs.	Ongoing		Assessment was carried out considering the actual installed capacities of the SHPPs - 374.4 MW in 2020 and assuming that by 2023 the total capacity of SHPPs will reach 430 MW.	Expected annual emission reduction from 2023: 253 Gg CO _{2 eq} .
		Distribut	ion Networks		
	f distribution networks impleme	ented by the	Electric Networks of Armen	lia	
Coordination/Support: Electric Ne					
	r modernization of the grid over USD		27. EBRD and ADB provided lo	pans to ENA of USD 80 mln each to	o finance a 5-year USD
Reduction of the ENA losses through upgrading the distribution networks.	he modernization of the distribution n Reduction of distribution losses to 6.4% in 2027 (ENA 2016-2027 Investment program). Progress Indicators: electricity losses in distribution networks.	Ongoing 2016-2027	In 2017 the losses were 8.6%, in 2018 - 8.0%, in 2019 - 7.3% (PSRC data).	The assessment of the impact has been performed assuming reduction of losses to 6.4% by 2028.	Expected emission reduction in 2028: 298 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
		Eneray (c	lemand side)		
Methodology: The impact assessm reduction of fugitive emissions, resul Name of the action: "De-risking Nature: Combination of technology i Coordination/Support/Implemention	reduction through implementation of e ent was carried out using the LEAP-A ted from the natural gas and electricit and Scaling-up Investment in Ene improvement, regulations, incentives ng Partners: Ministry of Environment	energy efficienc Armenia softwar by savings throu Bu ergy Efficient l and education	y/energy saving measures and ir e by calculating the reduction of igh implementation of mitigation a ildings Building Retrofits" UNDP-GCI	greenhouse gas emissions, includi actions F project	ing the associated
Investment Bank (EIB)				<i></i>	
Financing: USD 20 min grant from t	he Green Climate Fund (GCF), Yerev	an Municipality	AIVID 8 min dram, State subver	ntion program	

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}
The objective of the Project is to scale-up investment in energy effi- ciency building retrofits in Armenia, reduce the overall investment risk profile of energy efficiency building retrofits to encourage private sector investment and reduce fuel poverty.	The overall goal is to reduce the GHG emissions over the 20-year lifetime of the EE interventions: Direct impact - 1.4 mln t $CO_{2 eq.}$ Indirect impact - 4.2 to 4.4 mln t $CO_{2 eq.}$ Progress indicator: Energy savings in retrofitted buildings.	Ongoing 2017-2023	Energy audit in 46 kindergartens in Yerevan was implemented. As of 2019, two pilot projects on EE retrofitting resulted in 1.2 GWh annual savings.	Emissions reduction assess- ment was done considering energy savings in 2023 of both natural gas and electricity. Expected annual energy savings in 2023: 264.3 GWh/year (provided in the Project Document).	Expected annual emission reduction from direct impact in 2023: 100 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Name of the action: Yerevan En Nature: Technology improvement	nergy Efficiency in Public Buildings	S			
Coordination/Support: The project Development Programme ("De-riskin Financing: Total cost: EUR 15 mln UNDP: EUR 1 mln	g and Scaling-up Investment in Energy	gy Efficient Build	ding Retrofit" Project).		the United Nations
The objective of the project is to support the Municipality of Yerevan in implementing a rehabilitation programme involving energy efficiency and integration of renewable energy measures in public buildings.	In total about 147 buildings (prima- rily kindergartens) in Yerevan will benefit from increased energy effi- ciency and seismic measures. Among these, about 48 kindergar- tens will receive comprehensive EE retrofits and refurbishment of building envelope. Other EE mea- sures, as well as on-site utilization of RE sources will be carried in remaining 99 other buildings. Progress indicator: Number of retrofitted buildings; Energy savings in retrofitted buildings.	Ongoing 2018-2022	Seismic surveys were completed in 30 buildings; Energy audits in 30 buildings were completed; Final designs of 10 kindergartens, together with technical expertise approval were provided to Municipality of Yerevan, the others are ongoing.	Emissions reductions assessment was done based on the projected energy savings (both thermal and electrical) for 147 buildings calculated using the assessments from the "Study on the selection of the buildings for the Energy Efficiency (EE) and Thermal Public Building Refurbishment Project in Yerevan".	Expected annual emission reduction from 2022: 18.8 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Name of the action: Household		S			
Nature: EE promotion, technology in					
	k of Armenia, KfW, GAF, French Dev				
Financing: The Program is financed Facility (NIF) to Partner Financial Ins Sustainable Housing Market" (GAF-H	titutions (PFI), non-refundable grant f IF) loan program (4th phase) in the a	unding from the	EU NIF to borrowers and KfW		
Implementing Partners: National M	ortgage Company				

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Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}
to finance energy efficiency invest- ments in housing for low and mid- dle-income families.	The quantitative goal is to provide loans to and achieve energy savings in approximately 3000 households. Progress indicators: number of beneficiaries, annual energy savings.	Ongoing 2014-2020	As of 2020, 1,348 households received EE loans in the frame of the French Develop- ment Agency financing and GAF has refinanced 1,103 (National Mortgage Com- pany's Report, 2019).	Emission reductions were as- sessed based on technical esti- mates and information provided by NMC (2019 Report), consider- ing natural gas savings resulted from EE investment in housing, which will lead to an average of 44% energy savings on demand side. Expected annual energy savings in 2020: 3.9 GWh.	Expected annual emission reduction in 2020: 1.1 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Name of the action: Investments		s and lighting i	n municipal buildings		
Nature: Technological improvement		.			
Coordination/Support/ Financing:				Environment and a discussion of the	Europeter de su su ce l
The objective is the replacement of doors and windows, heating systems, and inefficient lamps in municipal buildings.	The quantitative goal is to achieve energy savings from repair works of 8-10%, and to achieve annual energy savings of 385 MWh in lighting. Progress indicators: annual energy savings in public buildings.	Ongoing 2013-2020	The annual energy savings achieved through implementation of lighting measures by 2019 equals to 178.6 MWh.	Emissions reduction assessment was done based on natural gas savings of 9,788 MWh/year and electricity savings of 385 MWh/ year in 2020 provided in "Questi- onnaire for collection of data on implementation of Sustainable Energy Action Plan of Yerevan Municipality"	Expected annual emission reduction in 2020: 3.1 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Name of the action: Loan Mecha	anisms for Increasing Energy Effic	ciency in Multia	apartment Buildings (MABs)		
Nature: Promotion, financial, technol					
Coordination/Support/Financing:			cipality, USAID. Total financing I		
Habitat for Humanity Armenia (HFHA) has developed a model of providing loans for energy efficiency investments in condominiums.	The quantitative goal was the annual energy savings of 5,067 MWh starting from 2019. Progress indicators: Energy savings.	Completed 2013-2018	Loan mechanism was deve- loped and applied; reconstruc- tion /repair works have been implemented in 13 MABs; capacity-building activities were performed for increasing awareness on energy efficien- cy actions in MABs.	Emissions reduction assessment was done assuming the natural gas savings of 5,067 MWh, which was provided by the Project.	Expected annual emission reduction in 2020: 1.9 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Name of the action: Access to F	Renewable and Efficient Energy in	Municipalities	Vayk and Spitak (AREEM) F	Project	
Nature: Technology improvement, ca					
Coordination/Support: EU Delegati					
Financing: Total cost: EUR 1.687 m	In (EU contribution: EUR 1.35 mln, Sp	oitak and Vayk n	nunicipalities: EUR 0.337 mln).		

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Implementing Partners: Spitak and					
Support the municipalities of Spitak and Vayk to develop and test repli- cable and efficient model(s) of ener- gy savings through use of effective measures and renewable sources in residential buildings, incorporated with their Community Development Plans/or Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAPs) within the Covenant of Mayors (CoM) requirements.	Installations of solar PVs in Vayk and Spitak with total capacity about 86 kW, and implementation of energy saving measures in public and residential buildings. Progress indicators: installed solar capacity, Energy savings.	Completed 2014-2019	The solar PVs have been installed for 8 public consumers and EE activities have been carried out in residential buildings that entail at least 20% energy saving and improvement of comfort level.	Emissions reductions assessment was done based on annual ener- gy saving of 1891.57 MWh and RE generation of 123.432 MWh (According to the assessment made by HFHA team). Emissions reduction from PVs have been included in assess- ment of "Autonomous power generators (up to 500 kW)".	Emission reduction from EE measures in 2019: 0.7 Gg CO _{2 eq.} and from RE measures 0.09 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
			ghting		
Name of the action: Supporting Nature: Combination of technology, Coordination/Support: UNDP, Yere Financing: Yerevan Municipality Implementing Partners: UNDP-GE Cooperation continues between UNDP and Yerevan Municipality to introduce energy efficient lighting systems in the city. The partners used the accumulated resources of the revolving fund established in "Yerevan Municipal Illumination" CJSC of Yerevan Municipality in the framework of "Green Urban Lighting" UNDP-GEF project back in 2015.	education, capacity building, financia evan Municipality F Project, Yerevan Municipality Quantitative goal: Direct annual electricity savings of 3.1 GWh. Progress indicators: Energy savings.			Emissions reduction assessment was done considering electricity savings provided by the Project.	Expected annual emission reduction since 2020: 1.7 Gg CO _{2 eq} .
Name of the action: Green Urba			· · · ·		
Nature: Combination of technology, Coordination/Support: MOE, UND			gisiation		
Financing: GEF: USD 1.6 mln, UND			ties: LISD 0.2 mln		
Implementing Partners: MOE, Mun					
Promote energy efficiency in	Direct annual electricity savings:	Completed	The municipal minimum ener-	Emissions reduction assessment	Expected annual
municipal lighting through demonstration projects	1.2 GWh from demo projects and 20 GWh from replication of demo projects via municipal programs.	2013-2019	gy performance standard for lighting appliances has been adopted for public sector.	was done considering both direct annual electricity savings and indirect annual electricity	emission reduction in 2030: 131.6 Gg CO _{2 eq.}

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}
implementation, establishment of financial and institutional mecha- nisms for scaling up municipal EE lighting programs and policy instruments, educational and capacity building activities.	Indirect annual electricity savings: 125 GWh from the implementation of national lighting policy (Project document). Progress indicators: Energy savings.		 Project also implemented several demonstration projects where the inefficient street lighting bulbs were replaced by efficient (LED) ones. A revolving fund was created, which financed other similar projects. Annual electricity savings achieved in 2018 were: 1.564 GWh from demonstration projects. 20.56 GWh from replication of demonstration projects 188.2 GWh from the implementation of national lighting policy (Terminal evaluation of the Project). 	savings from implementation of national green lighting policy. Expected annual energy savings in 2030: 210.3 GWh, including both direct and indirect energy savings.	
Name of the action: Yerevan St	reet Lighting		• •		
Nature: Technology improvement					
	ng Partners: EBRD, E5P, Yerevan M				
	(EBRD Loan: EUR 3.7 mln, E5P Grar	nt: EUR 1.9 mln,	additional technical assistance	funds: EUR 1.0 mln).	
Implementing Partners: Yerevan M					
The objective is to modernize 28 streets in the center of Yerevan by installing new energy efficient LED luminaries and a control and monitoring system, replacing and renovating poles, and replacing power cables.	To modernize 28 streets and achieve electricity savings of at least 2,084 MWh/year. Progress indicators: Energy savings.	Ongoing Work started in 2020	The funding has been acquired in 2015 and work started in 2020.	Energy saving assessment was done considering both 28 streets (pilot project) and the full-size pro- ject (the whole city of Yerevan). Emissions reduction assessment for 28 streets was done consider- ing expected electricity savings in 2023 - 2,084 MWh/year provided by the EBRD and corresponding- ly, expected annual electricity saving of 43.2 GWh in 2026 for the full-size project.	Expected emission reduction for the full-size project (the whole city of Yerevan) in 2026: 27.6 Gg CO _{2 eq.}

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Name of the action: Gyumri Stre	eet Lighting				
Nature: Technology improvement					
Coordination/Support: EBRD, E5P					
	(EBRD Loan: EUR 4 mln, E5P grant:	EUR 2 mln, TC	C funds: EUR 1.4 mln)		
Implementing Partners: Gyumri Mu					
Replacing existing high-pressure mercury-based luminaries in city of Gyumri with modern energy effici- ent LED luminaries, upgrading the electrical supply cabling to protect and extend the lifetime of the LED lanterns, improve environmental standards.	To achieve the energy savings of 70% in public lighting system in City of Gyumri. Progress indicators: Energy savings.	Ongoing Work started in 2020	The necessary funds and a suitable consultant expected by mid of 2020.	Emission reduction assessment was done based on the projected electricity savings provided in the project document (1,698 MWh/year)	Emission reduction in 2024 (assuming project completion in 2024): 1.2 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
	ention program of the RA Governn	nent in 2018-2	019		
Nature: Incentives, financial, techno			.010		
Coordination/Support: GoA, Com					
Financing: GoA: EUR 2.26 mln, Co					
Implementing Partners: GoA, Com					
Implies co-financing of part of the capital costs of implementation of municipal programs proposed by local authorities and approved by GoA including measures on street lighting upgrading and installation of renewable energy plants (solar PVs).	The goal is to prioritize capital in- vestments in community projects that improve economic infrastructur- es and facilitate economic deve- lopment in communities including EE measures and use of RE. Progress indicators: number of co- financed projects; savings achieved by co-financed projects.	Ongoing Project started in 2018	Installation of 11,443 LED luminaries and solar PVs with total capacity of 1.283 MW resulted in annual electricity savings of 8,656 MWh in 2020.	Emissions reduction assessment was done considering electricity savings resulted from improved efficiency and RE generation. Emissions reduction from PVs have been included in assess- ment of "Autonomous power generators (up to 500 kW)".	Emission reduction from EE in 2019: 4.9 Gg $CO_{2 eq.}$ and from RE generation in 2019: 1.52 Gg $CO_{2 eq.}$
Name of the action: Bright Bord					
Nature: Energy efficient technology					
	ing Partners: "Armenian Energy Ager	ncy" Foundation	i, public initiative		
Financing: Donations			1	1	
Promotion of energy efficient technologies, reduction of energy costs and market development	The goal is to install LED street- lights in all bordering communities. Progress indicators: number of LED lights installed in border communities.	Ongoing Project started in 2016		Emissions reduction assessment was done considering electricity savings provided by "Armenian Energy Agency" Foundation.	Expected annual emission reduction in 2020: 3.2 Gg CO _{2 eq.}

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}
			insport		
	rogram for the optimization of publ	ic transport (F	PT)		
Nature: Infrastructure development					
Coordination/Support: Yerevan M	unicipality, IFI				
Financing: EUR 17.2 mln					
Implementing Partners: "Yerevan					
This activity implies PT vehicle stock renewal, management and technical optimization, moderni- zation of the ticket system and schedules.	The goal is to develop new routes network based on principle of ruling out any overlapping routes and enabling to significantly reduce the number of vehicles. Progress indicators: number of public transport routes, energy consumption in public transport.	Ongoing 2017-2021	New routes network is being developed by municipality.	Emissions reductions assessment was done based on the projected energy savings provided in "Monitoring Report of the Yerevan City SEAP", of 145.3 GWh/year by 2021.	Expected annual emission reduction in 2021: 41.8 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Name of the action: Re-equipm	nent of public electric transport (tro	llevbuses) po	ol and infrastructure		
Nature: Infrastructure development					
Coordination/Support: Yerevan M					
Financing: EUR 28 mln	1 2				
Implementing Partners: "Yerevan	electric transport" CJSC				
The measure was included in Yerevan's SEAP and aimed to improve the operation and infrastructure.	The goal was modernization of the trolleybus pool, renovation and mo- dernization of the overhead contact system, modernization of traction substations, renovation and impro- vement of the cable network. Progress indicators: performed acti- vities	Ongoing 2017-2021	Renovation and modernization of the overhead contact system, and renovation and improve- ment of the cable network	Emissions reductions assessment was done based on the projected energy savings provided in "Monitoring Report of the Yerevan City SEAP" of 2.56 GWh/year in 2021.	Expected annual emission reduction in 2021: 1.9 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
	ent of public electric transport (Ye	revan Metro)			
Nature: Infrastructure development					
Coordination/Support: YM, EBRD					
Financing: EUR 21 mln					
Implementing Partners: Yerevan					·
The measure was included in Yerevan's SEAP and aimed to improve the operation and re-equip Yerevan's Metro.	The goal is Construction of a draina- ge tunnel, modernization of 15 esca- lators, replacement of 6kW cable		The lighting system in the sta- tion halls has been equipped with energy-efficient lamps; Construction of a drainage	Emissions reductions assess- ment was done based on the projected energy savings provided in "Monitoring Report	Expected annual emission reduction in 2022: 2.6 Gg CO _{2 eq.}

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}
	network, re-equipment of substati- ons, modernization of the lighting system in the station halls by instal- lation of energy-efficient lamps. Progress indicators: Activities per- formed for improving the operation of Yerevan's metro.		tunnel modernization of escalators, replacement of 6kW cable network and re- equipment of substations is ongoing.	of the Yerevan City SEAP": 3.73 GWh/year in 2022.	
Name of the action: Conversion	of Yerevan public and private veh	hicles to Comp	pressed natural gas (CNG)		
Nature: Infrastructure development					
Coordination/Support/ Implement					
	ivate companies, other government st				
Activity focuses on promoting the conversion of Yerevan public and private vehicles to CNG through allocation of sites for gas refueling stations in Yerevan administrative districts, definition of safety requirements, etc.	The goal of the project is to switch 73 buses and 25 official cars from diesel to CNG. Progress indicators: number of CNG busses and official cars.	Completed 2017-2020	73 buses and 25 official cars has been reequipped to run on CNG.	Emissions reductions assessment was done based on switch of 73 buses from diesel to CNG provided in "Monitoring Report of the Yerevan City SEAP".	Expected annual emission reduction in 2021: 2.6 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Name of the action: Improvement of	of road infrastructure				
Nature: Infrastructure development					
Coordination/Support/ Implement Financing: EUR 82.8 mln (total bud	i ng Partners: Yerevan Municipality, A get including ADB's loan)	DB, Sustainable	e Urban Development Investme	nt Program (SUDIP)	
The program is focusing on enlar- gement of the road and street network, construction of road junctions on various levels, construction of new bypass roads in Yerevan.	The goal of the program is reducing traffic congestion in the city center; improvement of the road and street network of the city center; and arrangement of primary roads bypassing the City of Yerevan. Progress indicators: Traffic activity in city center, number of rehabilitat- ed and constructed new roads.	Ongoing 2017-2021	The construction of the Davi- tashen-Ashtarak road has been completed, the road has been in operation since De- cember 2018. Currently, the construction of the Babajan- yan-Ashtarak road is under- way, planned to be completed in 2020. Argavand-Shirak road section: a new tender for the construction has been an- nounced. The issue of cho- osing the final version of the project for Arshakunyats-	provided in "Monitoring Report of the Yerevan City SEAP", which assumes that the improvements in road infrastructure will lead to	Expected annual emission reduction in 2021: 55.6 Gg CO _{2 eq} .

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			Garegin Nzhdeh road junction - is currently being discussed.		
Name of the action: Optimization vehicles and machinery)	on of municipal transport and impro	ovement of ma		ng in terms of garbage-removal	and sanitary cleaning
Nature: Infrastructure development					
Coordination/Support: Yerevan Mu	inicipality				
Financing: EUR 10 mln					
Optimization of municipal transport and improvement of management efficiency (including in terms of garbage-removal and sanitary cleaning vehicles and machinery)	The goal is to develop new mecha- nisms for garbage collections and make city's sanitary cleaning more effective. Progress indicators: Developed standards and control mechanisms.	Completed 2017-2020	New standards and control mechanisms have been imp- lemented to make garbage collection more effective. 140 new garbage vehicles have been purchased.	Emissions reductions assess- ment was done based on the projected energy savings provid- ed in "Monitoring Report of the Yerevan City SEAP" of 7.88 GWh/year from 2020.	Expected annual emission reduction in 2020: 2.2 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Name of the action: Yerevan Bu	us Project				
Nature: Infrastructure development	,				
Coordination/Support: EBRD					
Financing: EUR 25 mln sovereign lo	oan				
Implementing Partners: Yerevan m					
"Yerevan Bus Project" will finance	Replacement of current 1,922	Start in 2020	The funding has been	Emission reduction assessment is	Expected
the purchase of new modern 12- metre low-floor compressed natural gas ("CNG") buses. The project is part of a broader programme aiming to assist the city to reform its public transport system by financing the renewal of its bus fleet in anticipation of the restructuring of the bus network.	buses with 845 buses. Progress indicators: number of replaced busses		acquired and the project will start in 2020.	done based on the assessment of GHG emission reduction from the replacement of the existing muni- cipal transport fleet with new CNG buses done in the frames of the "Yerevan Green City Action Plan ("GCAP")", including replacement of current 1,922 buses with 845 buses (including reserve of 15%).	annual emission
	fuel switching to electricity in trans	sport			
Nature: Promotion, technology, regu	ulatory				
Coordination/Support: GoA				1	
To promote the acquisition and use of electric vehicles in the country by creating favorable conditions through the preferential tax regime.		Ongoing	In 2019 145 electric vehicles, 523 motorcycle and mopeds were imported in Armenia.	GHG emissions assessment has been done assuming that the same growth trends of electric vehicles will continue in the	Emission reduction in 2030: 3.1 Gg CO _{2 eq.}

CHAPTER 3. MITIGATION ACTIONS

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}
			For comparison: in 2018 there were only 12 electric vehicles in the country.	upcoming years (1475 electric vehicles in 2030).	
			SME	•	
Name of the action: Promotion	of Renewable Energy				
Nature: Promotion, technology, fina					
Coordination/Support: GAF, Centr					
Financing: KfW Loan: EUR 5.6 mln					
Implementing Partners: Local com					
Investments in renewable energy sources of energy generation (small hydropower plants, solar photovolt- aic stations, solar thermal heaters)	mix. Progress indicators: electricity generation from RE sources.	Ongoing Project started in 2007	 During 2017-2019 the project supported: construction of 9 PVs (with capacity of up to 1 MW) with total installed capacity of 8.5 MW (Annual electricity generation: 13.6 GWh); construction/reconstruction of 53 SHPPs with total installed capacity of 136.7 MW (among them 37 new HPPs with total capacity of 98 MW, reconstruction of SHHPs didn't affect the generation); 514 small scale PVs (up to 500 kW) and 2,692 SWHs. 	To avoid double counting, emissions reduction assessment from RE sources (including solar PVs with capacity of up to 1MW) has been done on generation side. Emissions reduction from PVs have been included in assess- ment of "Autonomous power generators (up to 500 kW)". In this measure only SWHs were considered.	Annual emission reduction form RE (Small HPPs, PVs and SWHs) in 2019: 131.5 Gg CO _{2 eq} .
Name of the action: Energy Eff	iciency Program for SMEs (GAF-E	E)			
Nature: Promotion, technology, fina					
Coordination/Support: GAF, Centr					
Financing: KfW Loan EUR 22.24 n					
Implementing Partners: Central Ba		0		Emission reductions have been	Annual amination
Investments in modern energy efficient equipment and machinery, building infrastructure and projects for energy saving.	The aim is to fund the energy effici- ency projects to achieve average energy savings of 28% from the baseline. Progress indicators: Disbursed funds, energy savings.	Ongoing Project started in 2016	During 2017-2019 in total 452 energy efficient projects have been disbursed with total amount of AMD 11.9 bln (data have been provided by the GAF).	Emission reductions have been assessed based on total energy savings of 364.29 GWh during 2017-2019 (on average 28% impro- vement from the baseline) provided by the GAF.	Annual emission reduction in 2019: 139.3 Gg CO _{2 eq.}

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}	
	ts in green technology (RE and E	E) for Small and	d medium-sized enterprises	(SMEs) and corporates		
Nature: Promotion, technology, fina						
	RD Green Economy Financing Facilit of USD 20 mln is co-financed by the ks		limate Fund (GCF) and Climate	e Investment Funds (CIF).		
Energy efficiency and RE loans for on-lending to SMEs and business through 6 partner financial institutions (Ameriabank, ArmSwissBank, Inecobank, ACBA Leasing, ACBA-CREDIT ACRICOLE BANK, HSBC).	Contribution towards building a green economy in Armenia by sup- porting the investments in green technology, especially in climate adaptation and mitigation technologies. Progress indicators: Disbursed amounts, energy savings.	Ongoing Project started in 2019	Reducing primary energy usage by 47,969 MWh/year from implementation of EE projects. Implementation of 107 solar PV projects with 15.5 MW installed capacity (data have been provided by GEFF).	Emission reduction assessment was done based on final energy savings (28,130 MWh) provided by GEFF. Emissions reduction from PVs have been included in assess- ment of "Autonomous power generators (up to 500 kW)".	Annual emission reduction from EE measures in 2019: 2.0 Gg CO _{2 eq.} and from RE generation in 2019: 17.8 Gg CO _{2 eq.}	
Name of the action: Support the EE improvements	e development of EE lending proc	luct within the o	commercial banks, enabling	households and business custo	mers to take loans for	
Nature: Promotion, technology, finar						
Financing: USD 24.354 mln loan fa added USD 2 mln loan facilities through	banks: Araratbank, Inecobank, ACBA acilities have been provided from the C ugh ACBA Leasing to further strength A Leasing and ACBA CREDIT ACRIC	Green for Growth en EE lease fina	Fund to local banks (Araratba		CBA). In 2019 GGF	
Support the development of EE lending product within the commer- cial banks, enabling households and business customers to take loans for EE improvements (buildings, equipment, vehicles) and use of RE (SWHs replacing natural gas).	The aim is to fund the energy efficiency projects and renewable	Ongoing Project started in 2012	In 2019 Primary energy savings made 42,278 MWh/year (Data provided by the GGF).	Emissions reduction assessment was done based on the annual final energy savings.	Annual emission reduction in 2019: 16.9 Gg CO _{2 eq.}	
Name of the action: "Enhancing	SME competitiveness through pr	omotion and w	ider use of sustainable inno	vative technologies"		
Nature: Technology improvement, c						
Coordination/Support/Implementin Municipalities and Communities	ng Partners: PIN Scrl - Educational a	and scientific serv	vices for the University of Floren	nce, Italy (Lead partner), Tourism R	egional Center,	
Financing: Total: EUR 2.085 mln (E	Financing: Total: EUR 2.085 mln (EU Contribution: EUR 1.5 mln)					

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Promotion of environmentally friendly tourism (eco-tourism) and adoption of renewable energy sources and efficient energy practices in the sector	Construction of a 1 MW solar PV and installation of at least 25 solar thermal panels. Progress indicators: energy generation from installed PVs.	Completed 2016-2019	RE production from PV is 1.6 GWh/year and from SWHs - 0.11 GWh/year.	Emissions reduction assessment was done based on the projected energy savings (both electricity and natural gas) from SWHs. To avoid double counting emissi- ons reduction from 1MW PV have been assessed on genera- tion side.	Annual emission reduction from SWH in 2019: 0.03 Gg $CO_{2 eq.}$, and from RE in 2019: 1.11 Gg $CO_{2 eq.}$
		Demand Si	de Renewables		
Name of the action: Autonomou	us power generators (up to 500 kV	N)			
Nature: Legislative, regulatory, tech	nology, incentives				
Coordination/Support/Implementi	ng Partners: GoA, Private investmer	nts, KfW, GAF,	GEFF, GGF, UNDP, GEF, EU, F	R2E2, Local banks	
Creating regulatory framework and incentives for promotion of solar generation for own needs through amendments to the RA Law on Energy and to the RA Law on Energy Saving and Renewable Energy, 2016. Customers are enabled to generate electricity from solar energy for own needs with a peak capacity of up to 500 kW without licensing, as well as to sell the excess generation to the grid (net metering).	It is envisaged by the Strategy (up to 2040) that total installed capa- cities of autonomous producers will reach 100 MW by 2023. Progress indicators: Total installed capacity of autonomous producers		As of 01.11.2020: 3,785 autonomous energy producers are connected to the grid with total capacity of 69.8 MW and additional 271 with total capacity of 7 MW are under construction (ENA data). This figure includes both solar PVs installed in the frames of RE financing programs and PVs installed by the residents at their own expenses.	energy producers, the impact assessment has been done considering the total capacity of autonomous energy producers connected to the grid. The capacities of those producers which are under construction and those which will be constructed by 2023 were considered as well.	
including "Model of accelerated ir Armenia" Project Nature: Capacity building, awarenes Coordination/Support: UNDP, R2E	2	fordable and	Clean Energy" component of		
	SDG Implementation in Armenia" Pro				
	EDIT ACRICOLE BANK, ACBA Leasi			Emissions veduction associated	Eveneted energy
Popularization of solar solutions for private households in targeted regi- ons and introduction of affordable financial instruments to empower	Expected RE generation: 31GWh from 5,400 SWHs and 200 PV plants.	Ongoing 2017–2022	RE generation as 01.07.2020: 13.6 GWh from commissioning of 3,042	Emissions reduction assessment was done based on RE amount produced by SWHs. Emissions reduction from PVs have been	Expected annual emission reduction from SWHs in 2022: 8.6

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}
vulnerable population to combat "energy poverty".	Progress indicators: energy gene- ration from installed PVs and number of SWHs		SWHs and 131 PVs. (Figures provided by the R2E2).	included in assessment of "Auto- nomous power generators (up to 500 kW)".	Gg CO _{2 eq.} , and from PVs: 9.3 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Name of the action: EU for Yere	evan Solar Community				
Nature: Technology improvement, ca					
Coordination/Support: EU Delegati					
Financing: Total Project Budget: EL		mln			
Implementing Partners: Municipality Support to the multi-apartment build-		Ongoing	The works on installation of	Emissions reductions assessment	Expected annual emissio
ing management bodies (condomini- ums) in managing the energy use through roof top PV systems to co- ver the energy consumption used for common areas. The revenue gene- rated by the project will allow the condominiums to finance the build- ing's energy efficiency measures.	100% use of RE in about 104 multi apartment buildings to cover electri- city demand for elevators and illumination of common spaces. Progress indicators: electricity de- mand covered by RE sources.	2018-2021	solar-powered systems, indoor and outdoor LED lights are on-going.	was done based on RE annual generation provided in "Yerevan Solar Community" Project docu- ment (2,130 MWh/ year). Emissions reduction from PVs have been included in assess- ment of "Autonomous power generators (up to 500 kW)".	reduction in 2020: 2.5 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Name of the action: Community Nature: Capacity building, technolog					
Coordination/Support: R2E2	ly, incentives				
Financing: R2E2's Revolving Fund					
Implementing Partners: ACBA-CRE	EDIT ACRICOLE BANK, Converse Ba	ank			
Installation of solar photovoltaic systems, installation of solar water	Expected annual RE generation in 10 communities: 3 GWh from installation of 50 solar heaters and 40 PV plants (160 kWp). Progress indicators: installed capacity of solar PVs and SWHs.	Ongoing Started in 2017	As of 2019: 1.43 GWh RE generation from commissioning of 30 SWHs and 20 PVs (80 kWp).	Emissions reduction assessment was done based on RE generati- on. Emissions reduction from PVs have been included in assess- ment of "Autonomous power generators (up to 500 kW)".	Expected annual emission reduction from SWHs in 2019: 0.9 Gg CO _{2 eq.,} and from RE in 2019: 0.18 Gg CO _{2 eq.}

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	enia's Sustainable Energy" Projec	t: Renewable	Energy Promotion Program	in Aparan and Artik Communities	6
Nature: Technology improvement, c					
Coordination/Support: EU Delegat					
	JR 0.9 mln (EU contribution: EUR 0.7				
	on to Save Energy" (ESF) and "Union				
Renewable energy promotion in Aparan and Artik towns.	Solar PVs with capacities of 25 kW in Aparan and 600 kW in Artik. Progress indicators: installed capacity of solar PVs	Ongoing Approved in 2018	Subvention is approved, construction works started. Solar PV plant in Aparan was commissioned in 2020.	Emissions reductions assessment was done based on RE annual generation of 1.0 GWh. Emissions reduction from PVs have been included in assess- ment of "Autonomous power generators (up to 500 kW)".	Expected annual emission reduction in 2019: 0.72 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Name of the action: GEF Sma	II Grants Programme, UNDP-GEF	-			
	ilding, technology, promotion, incentiv				
Coordination/Support: UNDP					
Financing: GEF grants					
Implementing Partners: UNDP-GE	F Project, communities				
Introduction of innovative low- carbon technologies and solutions in rural communities	Expected annual RE generation of 1.2 GWh within 2017-2019. Progress indicators: capacity of installed solar PVs and SWHs in rural communities.	Ongoing	RE generation: 1.2 GWh electric and thermal energy resulted from SWHs and PVs with the total capacity of 500 kW in over 60 buildings and constructions within 2017-2019.	Emissions reduction assessment was done considering RE annual generation provided by the Project. Emissions reduction from PVs have been included in assessment of "Autonomous pow- er generators (up to 500 kW)".	Annual emission reduction for SWHs in 2019: 0.2 Gg CO _{2 eq.} , and from RE in 2019: 0.55 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
		Reg	ulatory		
Name of the action: "Regulatory	/ Framework to Promote Energy E			nomic Union" UNDP-RTF region	al project
Nature: Regulatory, capacity buildin					, ,
Coordination/Support: UNDP, RTF					
Financing: USD 8.51 mln (for 5 cou					
Implementing Partners: UNDP, Go					
The project aims to reduce energy consumption and associated GHG emissions by increasing the energy efficiency of lighting, household ap- pliances and buildings' engineering equipment.	The goal of the project was to improve the regulatory framework for energy efficiency. Progress indicators: Energy savings.	Completed 2017–2019	Electricity savings through 2030 3,167 GWh (Cumulative for 11 years) (Figures provided in Final Report).	Emission reduction were assessed based on annual electricity savings provided in Final Report.	Emission reduction in 2030: 284.2 Gg CO _{2 eq.}

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}
		Irrig	gation		
Name of the action: Irrigation S					
Nature: Technology improvement, o					
	ry of Economy and Water Committee				
	/B/IBRD loan: USD 31.74 mln, Govern	nment USD 7.5 r	nIn (in 2017 additional USD 2 r	nIn were provided by WB).	
Implementing Partners: Ministry of		-			
Reduce energy consumption and	Energy saving 36.8 GWh/year.	Completed	Improved irrigation and dra-	Emissions reduction assessment	Achieved
improve irrigation conveyance	Progress indicators: energy	2013-2019	inage services on more than	was done considering electricity	emission reduction in
efficiency in targeted irrigation	savings	(was extended	12,000 hectares resulted in	savings resulted from improved	2019:
schemes		for 2 years)	reduced amount of energy used and reduction of water losses.	efficiency of irrigation schemes, provided in 2017 Project Paper (WB).	27.5 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
		Ind	lustry		•
Name of the action: Production	of new type cement		•		
Nature: Technology improvement					
Coordination/Support: "Hrazdan C	Cement Corporation" LLC				
Financing: Private investment					
Implementing Partners: "Hrazdan	Cement Corporation" LLC				
Production of new type cement	Reduced electricity consumption as a	Onaoina	The activity has just started.	Emissions reduction assessment	Expected
through technology upgrading in cement factory.	result of switch to production of high- quality cement with lower clinker frac- tion. Lower quantity of clinker requires less electricity. Progress indicators: electricity consumption.	2020-2022		was done considering electricity savings as a result of technology improvement provided by the experts: 2.02 GWh in 2022.	emission reduction in 2022: 1.6 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Name of the action: Technology	y upgrading in cement factory				
Nature: Technology improvement					
Coordination/Support: "Hrazdan C	Cement Corporation" LLC				
Financing: Private investment	·				
Implementing Partners: "Hrazdan	Cement Corporation" LLC				
Modernizations of compressors cooling system and heat exchangers of clinker kiln	Energy savings (reduction of natural gas and electricity consumption).	Planned 2021-2022	The activity has not yet started.	Emissions reduction assessment was done considering both natural gas and electricity savings resulted from technology improvement provided by the experts. In 2022: Natural gas savings: 2,624,000 m ³ . Electricity savings: 3.27 GWh.	Expected annual emission reduction in 2022: 9.6 Gg CO _{2 eq.} from natural gas and electricity savings.

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}
			PPU		
	of new high-quality cement (Tech	nology upgrad	ing in cement factory)		
Nature: Technology improvement					
Coordination/Support: "Hrazdan C	Cement Corporation" LLC				
Financing: Private investment					
Implementing Partners: "Hrazdan					A 1 · ·
Production of new high-quality cement with lower clinker fraction.	Production of high-quality cement with lower clinker fraction. Progress indicators: composition of cement	Ongoing 2020-2022	The activity has just started.	Emissions reduction assessment was done considering decreased quantities of clinker in new high- quality cement provided by the experts.	Annual emission reduction in 2022: 15.3 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
		AF	OLU		
		Aari	culture		
Nature: Technological improvement Coordination/Support: Affordable	eding Development Program in RA tt: Improving the gene pool of cattle br lending by the Government of the Rep missions from the cattle's enteric ferm	ed in Armenia. Sublic of Armenia	(provision of state-subsidized	ý 5 1 i i	nership tools.
Import, breeding of animals with high digestibility of fodder, crossing with local cows to improve the local Caucasian gray breed and reduce the number of the local breed	It is planned to increase the number of new breeds to 180,000 by 2030. Progress indicators: Number of new imported cows with high digestibility of fodder.	Ongoing Started in 2007 and the financial sup- port currently provided by the GoA will conti- nue until 2025.	The loans provide the opportunity to import about 3,000 breeding animals annually. As of 2020, about 24 thousand breeding animals have been imported.	GHG emission reductions have been assessed based on the methodology provided in 2006 IPCC Guidelines considering the difference between methane emis sion from enteric fermentation of local and imported breeding ani- mals as well as crossbred animals	
Coverage: Reduction of methane en	missions from cattle manures manage	ement.			
				GHG emission reductions have been assessed based on the methodology provided in 2006 IPCC Guidelines considering the difference of the methane emis- sions from the manure manage- ment of local and imported breeding animals, as well as crossbred animals.	Expected reduction of GHG emissions in 2025: 2.4 Gg CO _{2 eq.} in 2030: 3.0 Gg CO _{2 eq.}

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Coverage: Reduction of Nitrous oxid	de emissions from cattle manures mar	nagement.			
				GHG emission reductions have been assessed based on the methodology provided in 2006 IPCC Guidelines considering the difference of the Nitrous oxide emissions from the manure management of local and imported breeding animals, as well as crossbred animals.	Expected reduction of GHG emissions in 2025: 0.9 Gg CO _{2 eq.} in 2030: 1.2 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
	f a new system of pasture manage		ernate grazing of animals.		
	application of rotational grazing tech				
	us Oxide Emissions by reducing uncol				
	ation of pasture improvement measure				
Creation of appropriate infrastructure in remote pastures: improvement of roads, irrigation of pastures, and the possibility of alternating grazing by dividing pastures into separate pasture. As a result, manure from pasture is collected immediately after grazing, which reduces the amount of uncollected manure on pastures.	It is expected that about 50,000 hectares of unused pasture will be covered annually, and the annual amount of manure collected will be around 160,000 tons. Progress indicator: area of managed pastures, collected manure.	Ongoing	In 2017-2020, surface improvement of pastures and implementation of a new system of rotational grazing on 5,000 hectares was carried out.	GHG emission reductions have been assessed based on the methodology provided in 2006 IPCC Guidelines, taking into account changes in the amount of uncollected manure (left in the pastures) and dry stored and composted manure.	Expected emission reduction in 2025: 0.2 Gg CO _{2 eq.} in 2030: 0.8 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
		Fo	restry		
Nature: Capacity building, technolog Coverage: The increase of CO ₂ rem Coordination/Support: ATP USA C	on and reforestation works (plantin gical improvement. novals due to afforestation and refores Office, "Implementing Sustainable Land , South Caucasus (IBiS) Project, "Hay	ng). itation d and Forest Ma		andscapes of Northeastern Armen	ia" UNDP-GEF Project,
Afforestation and reforestation measures.	Implementation of afforestation and reforestation measures. Progress indicators: area of afforestation and reforestation.		About 565.8 hectares of forest have been planted and restored.	CO ₂ removals were assessed based on the methodology provided in 2006 IPCC Guidelines considering the areas of afforestation and reforestation.	Annual removals: 3.9 Gg CO _{2 eq.}

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq}
	of solar photovoltaic panels and	water heaters,	provision of energy saving st	toves.	
Nature: Capacity building, technolog					
	and reduce carbon loss from wood by "Implementing Sustainable Land and			capes of Northeastern Armenia" UI	NDP-GEF Project, GEF
Improvement and replacement of firewood heating systems in secondary and pre-school	Saving firewood, reducing logging, preserving forest areas and increasing biomass. Progress indicator: reduced forest logging for fuelwood, avoided wood burning.	Completed 2017-2020	344 cubic meters of wood are saved annually.2.7 hectares of forest are not cut down annually.	CO ₂ removals have been assessed based on the methodology provided in 2006 IPCC Guidelines.	Annual reduction of GHG emissions 113.1 t CO _{2 eq.} in 2020.
		Lar	nd Use		
Nature: Capacity building, technolog				lands	
	s due to biomass growth and storage ting Sustainable Land and Forest Mar			orthogotorn Armonia" LINDR CEE	Project
Create the necessary conditions for the effective management of		Completed 2017-2020	1000 hectares of unused and degraded pastures, grasslands and arable land have been restored and cultivated.	CO ₂ removals have been assessed based on the methodology provided in 2006 IPCC Guidelines considering the converted areas.	Expected annual reduction of GHG emissions 26 Gg CO _{2 eq.} in 2020.
		W	ASTE		
Name of the action: Nubarashen I Nature: Infrastructure development Methodology: CH ₄ emissions from	solid waste disposal sites have been	Vaste (SW) m meration CDM calculated usin	anagement system Project	category	
	unicipality, Shimizu Corporation (Japa	an)			
CH ₄ emission reduction through the capture and combustion of landfill gas.	135 Gg CO _{2 eq.} emission reduction annually. Progress indicators: captured landfill gas.	Ongoing Launched in 2007	The gas capture and combustion system were constructed in the Nubarashen landfill.	Emission reductions for the period 2014-2016 were reported in BUR2, more recent information is not available.	Not Available

Description/ objectives	Quantitative goals and progress indicators	Time frame	Progress of implemen- tation/steps taken or envisaged/ achieved results	Assumptions	Estimated outcomes / GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Name of the action: Kotayk and	d Gegharkunik Solid Waste Manag	gement Projec	t		
Nature: Infrastructure and waste ma					
	istry of Territorial Administration and I				
	EBRD, EUR 3.5 mln grant from EU No			ant from E5P	
	Territorial Administration and Infrastr				
Improvement of the solid waste collection and management ser- vices in Kotayk and Gegharkunik regions of Armenia, including the construction of a new landfill in Hrazdan. The goal is to build land- fills for rural and urban communi- ties in Kotayk and Gegharkunik marzes.	4.6 Gg of CO _{2 eq.} annual emissions reduction in 2024. Environmental and social benefits for residents. Progress indicators: captured landfill gas.	Ongoing 2016-2023	EBRD has secured funds for the project implementation. The preparation of the design of the first EU compliant regional landfill and relevant infrastructure in Hrazdan town. The construction of the new landfill is planned to start in 2021 and to finish in 2023.	The estimate of emissions reduction was provided by the EBRD and done based on the projected recovery of landfill gas from existing dumpsite(s) and from the new landfill.	The annual emission reduction expected: 4.6 Gg of CO _{2 eq.} in 2024
Name of the action: Solid Wast	e Management in Yerevan				
Nature: Infrastructure and waste ma					
Coordination/Support/ Implement					
1.9 mln grant from EBRD TA Fund,		•	ivestment Bank (EIB), EUR 8 m	In grant from EU Neighborhoods In	vestment Facility, EUR
· · · · · ·	Territorial Administration and Infrastr		T I (()	T	
In the area of about 29 hectares adjacent to the existing landfill in Nubarashen, it is planned to de- sign, build, operate 2 cells in ac- cordance with European standards, as well as to isolate the landfills of Nubarashen and Ajapnyak.	landfill gas.	Ongoing 2016-2024	The construction of the new landfill is planned to start in 2021 and to finish in 2024.	The estimate of emissions reduction done based on the projected recovery of landfill gas from existing dumpsite(s) and from the new landfill.	Expected annual emission reduction: 140 Gg CO _{2 eq.} in 2025
Name of the action: Integrated	Solid Waste Management System	n in Vanadzor			
Nature: Infrastructure and waste ma					
	Territorial Administration and Infrastru	icture, Vanadzoi	r Municipality, KfW loan		
Development of waste manage- ment to achieve a significant step- change in waste management practices, including waste collection and disposal infrastructure.	10.15 Gg of CO _{2 eq} . annual emissions reduction in 2025. Progress indicators: captured landfill gas.	Planned	GoA and KfW are negotiating financing for the project implementation. In 2017, the Project EIA was implemented.	The estimate of emissions reduc- tion is provided in the Feasibility Study implemented by KfW and was done considering landfill gas capture and flaring of 50% of developed methane compared to baseline.	Expected annual emission reduction: 10.15 Gg CO _{2 eq.} in 2025

Table 3.2 Additional mitigation actions and their effects in Energy Sector

Descriptions/ objectives	Methodologies/ Assumptions	GHG emissions reduction Gg CO _{2eq.}
Energy (generation side)		
Name of the action: Construction of medium size Hydro Power P	lant	
Increase the share of renewables in power generation mix through construction of medium-size HPP	The assessment of the impact has been performed assuming that new medium size HPP with the capacity of 66 MW will be commissioned in 2027.	Expected annual emissions reduction in 2027: 113.5 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Name of the action: Construction of new wind farms		
Increase the share of renewables in power generation mix through construction of Wind Farms	The assessment of the impact has been performed assuming that the Wind Farms with the total capacity of 250 MW will be commissioned in 2030	Expected annual emissions reduction in 2030: 365.2 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Energy (demand side)		
Name of the action: Autonomous power generators (up to 500 k)	N)	
More ambitious development of solar PVs on demand side. It is envisaged that total installed capacities of autonomous producers will reach 200 MW by 2030.	The assessment of the impact has been performed assuming that will reach 200 MW by 2030.	Expected annual emissions reduction in 2030: 198.4 Gg CO _{2 eq.}
Name of the action: Promoting fuel switching to electricity in tran	sport	
To promote the acquisition and use of electric vehicles in the country by creating favorable conditions.	The assessment of the impact has been performed assuming that share of electric vehicles in the county will reach 25% by 2030.	Expected annual emissions reduction in 2030 is 252.1 Gg $CO_{2 eq.}$

3.2 Assessment of mitigation potential in Energy Sector

As it is stated above, the greenhouse gas emissions reduction potential has been assessed for the Energy sector up to 2030 for different development scenarios.

a) Energy Policy of RA

The assessment has been performed based on the main provisions of the Strategy and Action Plan, which identifies specific actions to be implemented for achieving goals set forth in the Strategy.

The Strategy defines the main priorities for the development of the Energy sector, which are the maximum utilization of renewable energy and energy saving potential, life extension of the Armenian Nuclear Power Plant, construction of North-South transit corridor with 400 kV power transmission line and gradual liberalization of the electricity market. While considering the available local resources and development trends of solar technology around the world, the construction of solar power plants will be a priority to minimize reliance on imported energy resources and to strengthen Armenia's energy security and competitiveness.

The RA Government has intended to increase the share of solar energy generation in total to at least 15% or 1.8 billion kWh by 2030. To this end, solar power plants with the capacity of about 1000 MW, including autonomous ones, are planned to be constructed³⁵.

- Development of utility scale solar PVs has already become a reality with the start of construction of the 55 MW Masrik-1 solar PV plant (commissioning is expected in 2022). Construction of another seven solar PVs with total installed capacity of 520 MW is envisaged, while capacity of two plants will comprise 200 MW each.
- It is envisaged that the total installed capacity of small solar PVs (with capacity of "up to 5 MW",) will reach 200 MW in 2022 and 315 MW – by December 2029.

- The construction of solar PVs with a capacity of up to 1 MW was limited to a total capacity of 10 MW; 12 solar stations with a total capacity of 10 MW were connected to the grid.
- As of November 1, 2020, 3785 autonomous solar power plants (with capacity of "up to 500 kW") with the total installed capacity of 69.8 MW are connected to the grid. It is expected that the total installed capacity of such plants will reach to 100 MW in the next three years.

The Government of Armenia plans to gradually expand the implementation of the programs that will contribute to more buildings having their own individual heating and hot water production systems based on renewable energy resources³⁶.

All sectors of the economy of Armenia, including transport, industry, multiapartment buildings, commercial sector, energy transformation, etc. have a great potential for energy saving. The RA government will consistently create conditions for energy savings and, to this end, is planning to continue to carry out institutional reforms to promote energy savings in all sectors of the economy and promoting investments in development of renewable energy sources to minimize reliance on imported energy resources, to strengthen Armenia's energy security and competitiveness and ensure meeting Armenia's environmental goals and commitments³⁷.

Following the Program of the Government of RA for 2019-2023 and the Strategy, National Program on Energy Saving and Renewable Energy of Republic of Armenia for 2021-2030 is currently being developed to set targets for the energy saving and renewable energy development in Armenia and to determine the means for their realization.

It should be noted that the developments foreseen by the Strategy were made possible by ensuring an appropriate legal

³⁵ Energy Sector Development Strategic Program

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and institutional environment that supports development of renewable technologies and promotes implementation of energy saving measures. The most important ones are listed below:

Amendments to the RA Energy Law (2014, 2016, 2017).

- Aims at creating favorable conditions for renewable energy (RE) sources by extending the power purchasing agreement from RE sources (except for the small HPPs) from 15 to 20 years (2014).
- Promoting the solar energy generation for own needs with peak capacity of up to 500 kW (inclusive) by stipulating that such power plants generation can be carried out without the activity licenses issued by the PSRC (2016, 2017).

Amendments to the RA Law on Energy Saving and Renewable Energy (2016, 2017, 2020)

- Stipulates for mandatory compliance with the technical requirements in the new residential apartment buildings under construction, as well as in the objects constructed (rebuilt, repaired) at the expense of state funds (2016).
- Net metering for production of electricity by autonomous producers using solar energy has been adopted stipulating that final billing between an owner of a solar PV station (autonomous producer) and the grid is calculated based on the whole-year difference of generated and consumed amounts of electricity (2017).
- Products purchased to meet the needs of the state must meet the established requirements for energy efficiency (2020).

The procurement of goods and equipment will be carried out on the basis of the requirements of the Law "On Procurement".

The RA Law on Making Addendum to the RA Tax Code (2019)

• According to the Law, starting from July 1, 2019, import and sale of vehicles powered by electric motors has been fully exempted from VAT until January 1, 2022.

Technical rules and regulations have been adopted with energy saving and energy

efficiency requirements in residential multiapartment buildings under construction, as well as facilities under construction (reconstruction, renovation) by state funds (2018).

Tariff Policy

Tariff policy aims at ensuring targeted policy implementation for promoting development of renewable energy, and, more specifically electricity generation by solar PVs. Such tariff policy along with abovementioned legislative changes has already resulted in rapid development of solar PVs. Tariffs for solar PVs are distinguished as follows:

- Utility-scale solar PVs the tariff is based on the proposed lowest tariff resulted from international competition.
- Up to 5 MW solar PVs the tariff equals to the tariffs for SHPPs built on natural water flows, provided that the first tariff setting should be adopted by December 31, 2021 (inclusively).
- Solar PVs with an installed capacity of up to 1 MW (inclusively) and whose license for production of electricity was granted before November 1, 2018, inclusively – feed-in tariff.
- Solar PV power plants with up to 500 kW capacity autonomous power generators with net-metering. Net balance is calculated on annual level and surplus electricity is sold to the grid at the rate of 50% of the tariffs set by the PSRC for the respective consumers` group.

b) Approach to develop projections

During the preparation of Armenia's Biennial Update Reports (through BUR1-BUR3) the model LEAP-Armenia was developed to generate projections of GHG emissions up to 2030 under several scenarios based on most recent strategic papers for Energy sector's development. The starting year for all scenarios in LEAP-Armenia is 2012.

The impact of mitigation actions in the current assessment is evaluated for the following scenarios:

 A "Without Measures" (WOM) projection excludes all policies and measures implemented, adopted, or planned after 2012. The demand growth

for electricity after 2012 is met by the existing and new thermal power plants. The nuclear power plant continues operation after 2027.

- A "With Measures" (WM) scenario includes those mitigation actions, which have already been implemented since 2012, are ongoing or planned for the nearest future and which are priority projects in the Strategy and Action Plan. For WM scenario two options were considered: WM1 scenario assumes commissioning of 1000 MW solar PVs and WM2 scenario - 700 MW of solar PVs by 2030.
- A "With Additional Measures" (WAM) scenario includes mitigation actions which provide more ambitious development of renewable energy sources and enhanced implementation of energy efficiency measures.

The starting year of WM and WAM projections in the current assessment is 2017.

To assess actual emissions reduction achieved by 2017, ex-post emissions estimate for WOM Scenario was compared with the real GHG inventory data (WM scenario). To evaluate the ex-post WOM scenario the previous assessment performed in the frame of BUR2 were corrected to account for: observed real GDP and population growth in 2015-2017, recalculations of base year GHG emission inventory (2012) that was performed in the frames of the BUR3 and other parameters, such as electricity import-export values, climate variations, etc. As for WM scenario, the 2012-2017 years were calibrated to real inventory data from Armenia's GHG emission inventory prepared in BUR3. The observed difference between ex-post WOM and WM scenarios shows the real measured emission reductions achieved in the period of 2012-2017.

To assess the emissions projections after 2017, the most recent information was used: on GDP and population growth rates, strategic papers for Energy sector's development and on the implementation of mitigation actions. The real observed values were used for all exogenous factors for 2018-2019 (such as GDP and population growth rates, electricity exports, etc.), while the key assumptions after 2019 are like those used in the Strategy.

The LEAP-Armenia software was used to assess individual mitigation measures, which then were combined into alternative integrated WM and WAM scenarios. This approach allows assessing the marginal impact of an individual measure as well as the effect that occurs when multiple policies and measures are implemented together.

c) The main results

The GHG emissions under the developed scenarios are presented in Figure 3.1 including both ex-post evaluations for 2012-2017 and projections for 2018-2030.



Figure 3.1 GHG emissions under the WOM, WM1, WM2 and WAM scenarios, Gg CO_{2 eq.}

The difference between ex-post evaluation of WOM scenario and real observed emissions in 2017 shows actual emissions reduction achieved by 2017, which equals to 452 Gg $CO_{2 eq.}$

Under WM1 scenario the total GHG emissions decrease by 18.5% in 2030, compared to WOM scenario, under WM2 - by 16.6% and under WAM scenario - by 26.0%.

As it can be seen in Figure 3.1, the decrease of GHG emissions is observed during 2019-2021 in WM and WAM scenarios,

which is caused by the decrease of net electricity exports in 2019 compared with 2018 and addition of new solar and small hydro capacities.

In all scenarios there is a sharp increase of GHG emissions in 2021-2026 due to the increase of electricity exports pursuant to the contractual obligations under Iran-Armenia Electricity-for-Gas Swap Agreement resulted in increased generation by thermal power plants³⁸.

Table 3.3 provides GHG emissions under WOM, WM1, MW2 and WAM scenarios.

Scenarios/Categories	2012	2017	2020	2025	2030
	WOM				
Electricity Generation	1,618	1,653	1,807	3,818	4,800
Demand Sectors	3,768	4,198	4,482	5,108	5,829
Fugitive emissions from Natural Gas Transmission, Storage and Distribution	1,506	1,688	1,793	2,490	2,951
Total	6,892	7,539	8,083	11,416	13,579
	WM1				
Electricity Generation	1,618	1,299	1,007	2,031	2,871
Demand Sectors	3,768	4161	4,359	4,926	5,690
Fugitive emissions from Natural Gas Transmission, Storage and Distribution	1,506	1,627	1,617	2,059	2,506
Total	6,892	7,087	6,983	9,016	11,068
	WM2				
Electricity Generation	1,618	1,299	1,007	2,234	3,080
Demand Sectors	3,768	4,161	4,359	4,926	5,690
Fugitive emissions from Natural Gas Transmission, Storage and Distribution	1,506	1,627	1,617	2,111	2,560
Total	6,892	7,087	6,983	9,271	11,330
	WAM				
Electricity Generation	1,618	1,299	962	1,923	2,265
Demand Sectors	3,768	4,161	4,338	4,813	5,483
Fugitive emissions from Natural Gas Transmission, Storage and Distribution	1,506	1,627	1,601	2,007	2,307
Total	6,892	7,087	6,901	8,742	10,055

Table 3.3 GHG emissions under the WOM, WM1, WM2 and WAM scenarios, Gg $CO_{2 eq.}$

It should be mentioned that there are significant changes in current GHG emissions projections (Table 3.3) compared with those reported in the BUR2 for all scenarios. The main reasons for these differences are the change in assumption on the life extension of current nuclear NPP, updated projections of energy demand drivers and electricity exports, and recalculations of time series of GHG inventory done in the frame of BUR3. Table 3.4 presents the emission reductions under WM1, WM2 and WAM scenarios compared to the WOM scenario. It breaks down emissions reductions by sector in which mitigation actions take place, while the demand side measures include both direct emission reductions, as well as those associated with corresponding reductions in electricity losses and fugitive emissions.

³⁸ Energy Sector Development Strategic Program

Table 3.4 Emissions reduction under WM1, WM2 and WAM scenarios compared to WOM, Gg $CO_{2 eq.}$

Scenarios/Categories	2017	2020	2025	2030
WM1				
Reductions from transformation side measures, including associated fugitive reductions	311	545	1,468	1,465
Hydro	168	343	384	357
Utility scale solar	0	61	795	803
Wind	0	0	7	6
Losses in Electric Networks	142	140	282	298
Reductions from demand side measures, including associated fugitive reductions	141	556	932	1,047
Direct emission reductions from demand sectors	78	198	274	211
Indirect emission reductions from electricity savings	62	357	659	836
Total	452	1,100	2,400	2,512
WM2				
Reductions from transformation side measures, including associated fugitive reductions	311	545	1,189	1,188
Hydro	168	343	382	352
Solar	0	61	545	564
Wind	0	0	7	6
Losses in Electric Networks	142	140	255	266
Reductions from demand side measures, including associated fugitive reductions	141	556	955	1,061
Direct emission reductions from demand sectors	78	198	280	216
Indirect emission reductions from electricity savings	62	357	675	845
Total	452	1,100	2,145	2,250
WAM				
Reductions from transformation side measures, including associated fugitive reductions	311	542	1,442	2,005
Hydro	168	344	384	494
Solar	0	61	796	824
Wind	0	6	7	380
Losses in Electric Networks	142	132	255	308
Reductions from demand side measures, including associated fugitive reductions	141	640	1,232	1,519
Direct emission reductions from demand sectors	78	228	437	500
Indirect emission reductions from electricity savings	62	412	794	1,019
Total	452	1,182	2,674	3,524

As seen in Table 3.4, the emissions reduction in 2017 equals to $452 \text{ Gg CO}_{2 \text{ eq.}}$, which resulted from the new small hydro plants that have been added to Armenia's power system in 2013-2017 (129.9 MW), reduction of electricity losses in electric grid (which reduced from average of 15.2% in 2012 to 10.6% in 2017) and demand side measures.

The GHG emissions reduction potential in 2030 in Energy sector is provided in Table

3.5, where it is split by existing and additional measures in transformation and demand sides. It shows that highest reductions can occur from existing transformation measures, where the largest contribution comes from solar PVs, hydro plants and reduction of electricity losses, while on the demand side the largest reductions come from residential sector, followed by transport sector.

Table 3.5 GHG emissions reduction potential for 2030, Gg CO_{2 eq.}

Mitigation measures	GHG emission reduction, Gg CO _{2 eq.}	Share, %
Implementation of existing transformation measures	1,465	41.6%
Implementation of existing demand side measures	1,047	29.7%
Implementation of additional transformation measures	541	15.3%
Implementation of additional demand side measures	472	13.4%
Total	3,524	100%

Table 3.6 provides projections of energy consumption indicators from the implementation of the mitigation measures. It shows that GDP energy intensity, as well the GHG emissions per GDP will continue to decrease.

Table 3.6 Energy consumption indicators for WM1 scenario, actual data for 2012-2017 and projections for 2020-2030

Indicators	2012	2017	2020	2025	2030
GDP, million USD in 2010 prices	10,394	12,365	14,627	18,227	22,715
Population, million people	3.02	2.99	2.96	2.98	2.97
Primary energy supply (TPES), thousand toe	3,105	3,313	3,320	4,004	4,639
GDP energy intensity, toe/thousand USD	0.30	0.27	0.23	0.22	0.20
Per capita primary energy consumption, toe/person	1.03	1.11	1.12	1.34	1.56
Energy Sector GHG emissions, Gg CO _{2 eq.}	6,892	7,087	6,983	9,016	11,068
GDP emissions intensity for Energy Sector, ton $CO_{2 eq}$ /thousand USD	0.66	0.57	0.48	0.49	0.49

3.3 Gender Aspects of Mitigation Actions in Energy Sector

Women and men show different behavior in terms of energy consumption due to the clear difference and distribution of their roles within the household. 96% of women in Armenia spend 5 to 6 hours a day managing their household and taking care of the family, whereas only 53% of men do such work for only 2 hours a day on average.³⁹ Some women combine the burden of care for the family and children with the roles of the "breadwinner" and "guarantor of family welfare," perceived as a typically male role. According to the latest surveys, the share of female-headed households in Armenia was 34.4%⁴⁰.

Given this situation, women can be considered as beneficiaries of "clean" consumption energy and energy efficiency, due to the following factors⁴¹.

- Improving living conditions which will allow women to relieve the burden of caring for family members, especially of children and the elderly.
- Saving time on running a household, • which will allow a woman to use her free time for other activities, including paid ones:
- Reducing energy costs, which will allow a woman to save money for other

targeted expenses, in particular the education of her children.

Considering that development and promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency are among the top priorities of country, the gender impact of the measures implemented in these areas should come to the foreground.

In terms of energy consumption, the amount of energy used for space heating and hot water along with characteristics of relevant equipment are among the characterizing the indicators living conditions directly relating to the family care. Thus, the share of households using fuelwood, manure and other solid fuels decreased from 36% (2018) to 34.4% (2019) over the past year, while the use of electricity for space heating (for heating water also) increased from 12.8% to 18.4% during the same period.42 It is common knowledge that burning solid fuels inside the house, in homemade stoves, poses a danger to women and children, who spend most of their time next to such stoves, breathing polluted air.43 Installing solar water heaters and solar panels by households will certainly improve the living conditions for women and children,

³⁹ The sampled survey on the use of time in Armenia was conducted by the Statistics Committee of the Republic of Armenia with the technical assistance, provided by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) and included surveys of 1342 members, aged 15-80 and representing 512 households.

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⁴¹ "Energy demand, supply and efficiency in rural areas in Armenia. Baseline Data Collection and Analysis." Report. (biodivers-southcaucasus.org)

 ⁴² poverty_2020_a_4.pdf (armstat.am)
 ⁴³ According to the World Health Organization (WHO), it can have the same detrimental effect on health as smoking two packs of cigarettes a day. (who.int)

providing them with a healthier environment. At the same time, permanent availability of hot water contributes to more effective solutions of family care problems by women.

Access to affordable electricity for using household appliances is a necessary precondition for women in terms of saving time and being able to be engaged in profitable activities.

The transition of households to the use of renewable (solar) energy will significantly improve women's opportunities to be engaged in other activities that might be beneficial for all. The gender-positive impact of renewable energy is most significant in rural areas, as rural women, on average, spend an hour longer on housework and family care.⁴⁴ At the same time, targeting non-gasified and vulnerable rural communities for supporting installation of solar water heaters and PV panels will have not only gender, but also a significant social impact. Such program on installation of solar water heaters and PV panels is implemented by the Renewable Resources and Energy Efficiency Fund of Armenia in partnership with ACBA Leasing and GlobalCredit.⁴⁵ The socially vulnerable households, involved in this program, are subsidized by these organizations.

The behavior towards energy saving of households in Armenia is mainly associated with a decrease in heating costs, which predominate in their winter utility costs, amounting to 14-15%.⁴⁶ Thermal insulation of buildings is the best option for households to save energy, which, according to expert estimates, can save 30 - 50% of energy consumption for space heating if the indoor temperature is maintained at an average of 20° C.

In Armenia, the actions taken in this direction, come in a limited scope, but the already collected data show that femaleheaded households will benefit the most from insulation of buildings (both in terms of cost savings and in terms of space heating). Thus, household survey in multiapartment buildings in Yerevan showed that it is more difficult for femaleheaded households to invest in an apartment-level energy-efficient heating system to heat the entire area of apartment on a permanent basis than for maleheaded households. Only 44% of femaleheaded households were able to afford the installation of such a system versus 58% of male-headed households, and 56% of female-headed households are not able to heat the entire area of the apartment permanently. As a result, the temperature in 53% of their homes is below 18°C (the indicators for male-headed households are 40% and 42%, respectively).47 At the same time, the energy consumption costs of female-headed households for heating an area of 1m² are almost the same, amounting to 93% of male-headed households' costs. In this case, thermal insulation of the building under a cofinancing scheme (with the participation of the condominium, the municipality, donor and other organizations) will allow them to save both capital costs and energy costs, at the same time contributing to its "thermal comfort."

It is important to note that about 40% of the surveyed households said that the costs for children's education and the healthcare for the elderly constituted the largest and most burdensome share of household expenses they were struggling to cover. Highly likely that the money saved by households will be used for the educational and health care of family members.

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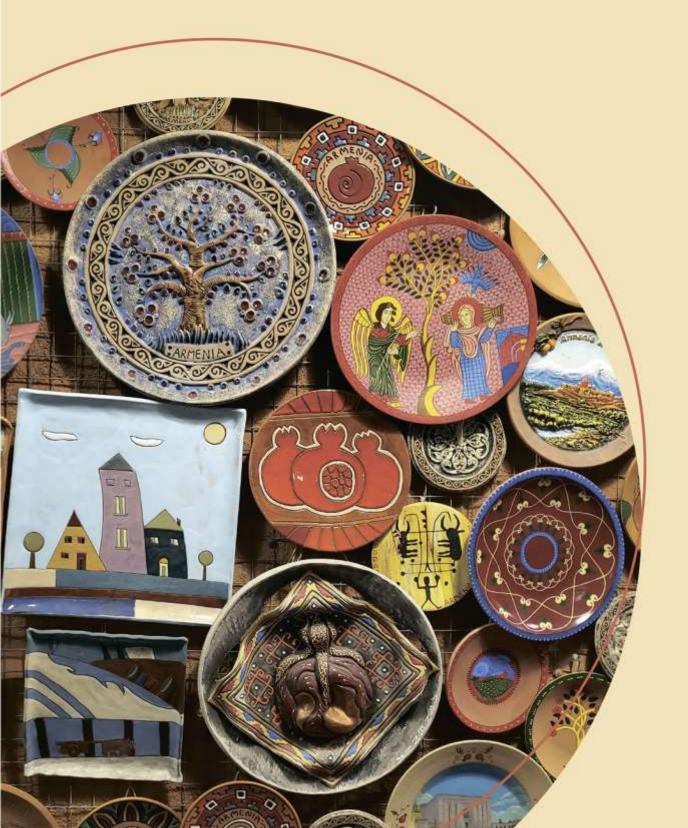
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southcaucasus.org/uploads/files/Final%20Arm.pdf ⁴⁶ Poverty_2020_A_ 3.docx (armstat.am)

⁴⁷ 79 families, 34 of which were female-headed were surveyed in November-December 2019. Climate Change Information Center (nature-ic.am)

CHAPTER 4

SUPPORT RECEIVED AND NEEDS



4.1 Support received

Armenia is vulnerable to the negative impacts of the climate change and highly dependent on energy imports, thus needing significant investments in mitigation and adaptation actions. Given the lack of available domestic financial resources, it is important to ensure efficient use of existing resources and planning investments more strategically. Therefore, complete information on the support received and analysis of the results achieved will support the country with these objectives.

During the reporting period (2017-2019)⁴⁸ Armenia continued receiving support for climate change mitigation and adaptation measures. Assistance was provided through both bilateral and multilateral international cooperation, including the climate finance, technology transfer, as well as capacity building, while multilateral funding predominated in the total amount of the financial support received.

The received international support was aimed at contributing to the country's lowemission development through implementation of sectorial policies and priority programs, as well as the promotion of business solutions which the best serve to the country's economic and environmental development goals.

In collecting the data on support received finance information was gained from database of Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and other publicly available sources (program documents and reports, periodic donor reports, financial institutions' data), as well as from the relevant state authorities. It should be noted, that there is some inconsistency between the OECD database and donor's official information (the relevant program documents)⁴⁹.

Different financial instruments including grants, concessional and non-concessional loans have been used to deliver mitigationrelated delivery support. In the case of multilateral assistance, the debt instruments have become widely used, while bilateral assistance was provided through grants.

Energy Sector got the largest amounts of climate-related development finance, as the key mitigation measures planned for 2017-2021 implementation in cover primarily the Energy sector, which is the most substantial contributor to national GHG emissions. The special focus on maximization of effective use of the renewable energy potential and energy efficiency measures is in line with the national priority to ensure energy independence and security of the country.

Financial support was also provided in the areas of solid waste recycling, environment protection, agriculture and water resources management.

The Ministry of Environment is involved in a range of climate-related projects supported by international sources. However, many other ministries and governmental agencies as well as domestic public financing mechanisms also engage in or co-finance such projects.

The table below presents, to the greatest extent possible, information on the support received for mitigation actions given the difficulties in obtaining this information in the absence of formal arrangements ensuring collection of data related to support received for climate-related projects on a continuous basis.

⁴⁸ Although the reporting period was chosen 2017-2019, nevertheless the table includes several programs started earlier, the funding of which was added during 2017-2019.

⁴⁹ For example, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) financing for the the Distribution Network Modernization project according to project documents is \$ 80 million, while the OECD website states \$ 37.6 million. The table for this and other similar projects is based on the amount of funding mentioned in the official documents of the donors of the respective programs.

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Table 4.1	Support	received
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			Type of sup	oport			
Year	Project	Donor	Financial resources	Capacity building	Technical support	Technology transfer	Project objective
2017-2020	Strategy program for the optimization of public transport (PT)	ADB/ Sustainable Urban Development Investment Program (SUDIP)	Euro 17.2 mln (Total budget of the project including ADB loan)		✓	✓	This Activity implies PT pool renewal, management and technical optimization, modernization of the ticket system and schedules.
2015-2017	"Institutional strengthening" Program (4 th stage)	Multilateral Fund /United Nations Industrial Development Organization	Grant: USD 120,000	✓	~		The strengthening and effective functioning of the National Ozone Unit by adopting alternative techno- logies for preservation of ozone layer, establishing a reliable system to collect and monitor data on ozone depleting substances, their imports, exports and production and raising public awareness on the issue.
2017-2021	Improvement of road infrastructure	ADB, SUDIP	Euro 82.8 mln (Total budget including ADB loan)		✓	✓	Unloading the road and street network of the capital
2018	Eastern Europe Energy Effi- ciency and Environment Partnership Fund-Armenia Window	Germany (EBRD as channel of delivery)	Grant: USD 3,540 mln	✓	✓	✓	Financial support to be used for supporting energy efficiency and environmental projects.
2016	Household Energy Efficiency Mortgage Loans	KfW, NMC	Credit line: KFW: Euro 20 mln Technical assistance funding Grant: EUR 1.5 mln from EU NIF	V	√	V	Provide loans for on-lending to private households to finance energy efficiency investments in housing for low- and middle-income families
2016-2018	Making pavers from plastic trash for future clean cities	EU/ Urban foundation	Grant: EUR 509,978	√	✓	~	Provides opportunity to collect plastic waste in 10 selected cities and turn it into sand-polymeric pavement or tile blocks in a workshop founded by the project.
2016 - ongoing	GAF Refinancing loan II/Energy Efficiency Program for SMEs (GAF-EE)	KfW	Loan: Euro 22.24 mln		✓	✓	Promote environmentally friendly businesses through provision of energy efficiency and renewable energy loans to MSMEs.
2016-2019	"Enhancing SME competitiveness through promotion and wider use of sustainable innovative technologies"	Educational and scientific services for the University of Flo- rence, Italy (Lead partner); Tourism Regional Center, Municipalities and Communities	Grant: Euro 2.085 mln (EU Contribution: Euro 1.5 mln)	✓	✓	✓	Promotion of environmentally friendly tourism (eco- tourism) and adoption of renewable energy sources and efficient energy practices in the tourism sector

2016-2020	Mainstreaming Sustainable Land and Forest Management in Mountain Landscapes of North- Eastern Armenia	GEF, UNDP, World Wide Fund for Nature (Armenia), Caucasus Nature Fund	Grant GEF: USD 2,977,169 UNDP: USD 180,000 World Wide Fund for Nature: USD 376,500 Caucasus Nature Fund: USD 286,200	✓	✓	✓	Secure the continued flow of multiple ecosystem services and ensure conservation of wildlife habitats through land and forest sustainable management in the north-eastern Armenia (Lori and Tavush marzes)
2016-2020	Implementation of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) principles and practices in the ENP East region	EU, Ministry of Environment of Armenia	Grant: USD 7 mln (Total budget for the project's beneficiaries six Eastern Partnership countries)	√	✓		Support the environmental protection by strengthening environmental governance
2017	Irrigation system enhancement project	WB	Loan of USD 2 mln was provided by the WB in addition to the original loan of 30 mln		~	√	Reduce energy consumption and improve irrigation conveyance efficiency in the targeted irrigation schemes
2017-2020	Small grants programme	UNDP-GEF	Grant: USD 114,673	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	Introduction of "green" technologies
2017-2020	Modernization of Distribution Network	EBRD	Loan: USD 80 mln		✓	✓	Improve the quality of the distribution network and services of its multi-site operations across the country, reduce electricity losses and operational expenses, improving technical maintenance and safety conditions, modernizing the metering system, rehabilitating, reinforcing, and augmenting the distribution network
2017-2021	Distribution Network Rehabilitation, Efficiency Improvement, and Augmentation	Asian Development Bank	Loan USD 80 mln		✓	V	Improve the quality of the distribution network and services of its multi-site operations across the country, reduce electricity losses and operational expenses, improving technical maintenance and safety conditi- ons, modernizing the metering system, rehabilitating, reinforcing, and augmenting the distribution network:
2017	Advanced science & partnerships for integrated resource development	USAID	Grant USD 300,000	✓	✓	✓	Promote science, technology, and innovation in Armenia through engaging with the public and private sectors on energy and water issues including support to innovative approaches to RE pilots
2017	Yerevan "Green city" Action Plan	EBRD, Czech Government's Official Development Assis- tance Technical Cooperation Fund	Grant: EUR 500,000	V	V		Identify Yerevan's key environmental challenges, outlines its long-term strategic objectives as well as proposes mid-term targets and short-term priority actions to address these challenges.
2017	Yerevan Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings	EIB	Loan: EUR 7 mln	✓	✓	~	Support the Municipality of Yerevan in implementing a rehabilitation programme involving energy efficiency

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							and integration of renewable energy measures in public buildings.
2017-2018	Solar Development Projects	Sustainable Energy Development Fund, Philip Morris International	Grant USD 150,000	~	~	√	Reduce energy costs by promoting hot water and electricity use from solar energy
2017-2022	Re-equipment of public electric transport (Yerevan Metropolitan)	EBRD	EUR 21 mln (Total budget including loan from EBRD)		V	✓	Construction of a drainage tunnel, partial shutdown of pumping stations, modernization of 15 escalators, installation of additional ventilation equipment, replacement of 6kV cable network, re-equipment of substations, modernization of the lighting system.
2017-2019	Readiness support program	Green Climate Fund	Grant USD 300 000	~	~		Provide the platforms for broad dissemination of information relevant to international climate finance, particularly the Green Climate Fund.
2017-2019	"Regulatory Framework to Promote Energy Efficiency in Countries of the Eurasian Economic Union" UNDP-RTF regional project	Russian Trust Fund/ UNDP	Grant USD 8.510 mln (total budget for five participating countries)	✓	√		Realization of energy saving potential in lighting, household appliances and engineering equipment of buildings via introduction of modern energy efficiency standards.
2017-2020	Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC) Phase-out Management Plan, Stage II (HPMP Stage II)	Montreal Protocol	Grant: USD 141,539	~	~		Assist the Government of Armenia to meet its international obligations under the Montreal Protocol on the gradual phase-out of HCFCs from the economic sectors, as well as enable a more targeted accounting of the use of ozone depleting substances in Armenia and allow making relevant steps to the reduction.
2017-2020	Climate change impact mitigation in Armenia by developing forest and field fire management capacities	RF	Grant: USD 1,265,128	~	~	✓	Revise and update policy and legislation for prevention of wildfires as part of sustainable forest management system, as well as to establish operative-functioning early warning system
2017-2023	Promotion of Renewable Energy	KfW	Loan: EUR 5.6 mln (through German-Armenian Fund)	~	~		Investments in renewable energy sources of energy generation (small hydropower plants, solar photovoltaic stations, solar thermal heaters)
2017-2023	De-risking and Scaling-up Investment in Energy Efficient Building Retrofits	GCF	Grant: USD 20.42 mln	~	~	✓	Scale-up investment in energy efficiency building retrofits in Armenia and reduce the overall investment risk of energy efficiency building retrofits to encourage private sector investment and reduce fuel poverty.
2017-2036	Solid waste management system development strategy of the Republic of Armenia	EBRD, EIB, EU Neighbourhood Investment Facility	Loan: EUR 13.5 mln EBRD, EUR 8 mln EIB Grant: EUR 11.5 mln EU Neighborhood Investment Facility	V	V	✓	Reduction of CH4 emissions by improving the SW management system

2018	GEF SGP sixth operational phase-Strategic implement- tation using Star resources, Tranche 2 (Part IV)	GEF Trust Fund	Grant USD 320,000 Grant USD 470,000	✓	V	✓
2018	Private Sector Utility Scale Solar Power Support Project	CIF-IBRD	Grant: USD 2 mln from SREP through IBRD Loan: USD 26 mln from SREP through IBRD	~	✓	✓
2018	Development of renewable energy technologies	Lithuania, Ministry of Environment	Grant: USD 67,273	✓	✓	~
2018	Passive Solar Greenhouse, Phase II: Piloting Passive Solar Greenhouse Project in Gegharkunik Region	Government of Romania	Grant: USD 35,000	~	✓	✓
2018	The project for installation of solar photovoltaic power system in Azatan village	Japan, Ministry of foreign affairs	Grant USD 65,000	✓	✓	✓
2017-2021	Re-equipment of public electric transport (trolleybuses) pool and infrastructures	EBRD	Euro 28 mln (Total budget, including Loan from EBRD)	✓	✓	✓
2018-2021	EU for Yerevan Solar Community	EU Delegation to Armenia within the framework of the second phase of the	Grant: Euro 1 mln	✓	✓	√
2018-2021	EU for Armenia's Sustainable Energy Programme	Covenant of Mayors "Pilot Projects Regional Program"	Grant: Euro 0.718 mln	~	~	✓
2018-2021	National Adaptation Plan. Medium-term and long-term planning support	Green Climate Fund (GCF)	Grant: USD 2.999.593	~	✓	
2018-2021	"Innovative Solutions for SDG Implementation in Armenia" Project	Russian Federation and Government of Sweden	Grant: USD 1 mln from Russian Federation, USD 22,960 from Government of Sweden	~	✓	*
2019- ongoing	Investments in green technology (RE and EE) for Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and corporates	EBRD, Green Climate Fund (GCF), Climate Investment Fund (CIF) (implementing agency- GEFF)	Loan: USD 20 mln is co-financed by the EBRD, GCF, CIF	✓	✓	~

Support the creation of global environmental benefits and the safeguarding of the global environment through community and local solutions that complement and add value to national and global level action

Increase privately owned and operated solar electricity generation in Armenia.

Development of renewable energy technologies

Demonstrate the advantages of climate change risk resistant, alternative (non-conventional) energyeffective architectural model greenhouse for yearround fresh crop cultivation in vulnerable communities Instal a Solar Photovoltaic Power System (70kW) in Azatan Village to provide electricity to public facilities' self-sustainably.

Modernization of the trolleybus pool, renovation and modernization of the overhead contact system, modernization of traction substations, renovation and improvement of the cable network Support the multi-apartment building management bodies (condominiums) in managing the energy use through roof top PV systems to cover the energy consumption used for common areas. Development of a viable model for a community-lead renewable energy generation and sustainable energy

transformation in Arik and Aparan cities Lay the groundwork for systemic and iterative identification of medium- and long-term risks, CCA priorities and specific activities that promote climate adaptive and resilient growth in its key sectors.

Popularisation of solar solutions for private households in targeted regions and introduction of affordable financial instruments to empower vulnerable population to combat "energy poverty".

Provide finance, advice and incentives to help businesses become more competitive by investing in high-performance technologies and adopting energy efficiency practices

2019	Armenia's Third Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC	GEF	Grant: USD 352,000	✓	\checkmark		Assist the Republic of Armenia in the preparation and submission of its Third Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC
2019	Support the development of EE lending product within the commercial banks, enabling households and business customers to take loans for EE improvements	Green for Growth fund (GGF)	In 2019 GGF added USD 2 mln loan facilities through ACBA Leasing commercial bank to further strengthen EE lease financing portfolio (The previous amount of the loan was USD 22.354 mln)	✓	✓	V	Create energy efficiency credit lines for households and private sector
2019	Masrik-1 Solar Power Plant	IFC, EBRD, European Union's Neighbourhooc Investment Platform (NIP)	Loan: USD 35.4 mln provided by the EBRD together with the IFC Grant: EUR 3 mln from the NIP	~	✓	\checkmark	Support the Armenian government's strategy of fostering low carbon generation.
2019-2022	EU For Climate Change	EU, UNDP	Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 8 mln, UNDP co-financing: EUR 800,000 for six Eastern Partnership countries	V	✓		Strengthen the capacity for domestic implementation of the Paris Agreement. Enhance transparency of emissions and climate actions.
2019	Zangger Copper Molybdenum Combine (ZCMC) bond participation	EBRD	Equity and shares USD 11 mln		~	\checkmark	Finance investment projects aimed at improving energy efficiency and CO ₂ reduction.
2020	Yerevan Bus Project	EBRD	Sovereign loan: Euro 25 mln	✓	~		Assist the city to reform its public transport system by financing the renewal of its bus fleet in anticipation of the restructuring of the bus network.
2020-2022	NDC Support Programme	Government of Germany (BMZ)	Grant: USD 91,800	✓	~		With the support of the NDC Partnership, Armenia is developing and implementing NDC Partnership Plan to support the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions.

4.2 Constraints, gaps and needs to improve reporting under BURs

Table 4.2 Constraints, gaps and associated needs in relation to the reporting in BURs

Thematic				Туре с	of Need	Type of Need				
Area	Gaps or constrains	Associated needs	Financial	Capacity- building	Technical	Techno- logy	Priority			
Cross-cutting	 Currently reporting to the UNFCCC is carried out through ad hoc support for capacity building activities under NCs and BURs and performed by external experts hired through UNDP. There are certain constraints and challenges in relation to institutionalizing the UNFCCC reporting process, namely: Availability of national funds to finance the continuous MRV process for climate change. Limited human resources and low capacity of public servants in understanding the UNFCCC reporting process and requirements. 	 Developing and implementing the national MRV system Institutionalizing data collection and BUR preparation process Creating continuous funding mechanisms for activities related to reporting. 	¥	¥			High			
	Lack of formal arrangements ensuring collection of the required data for the compiling GHG Inventory on a continuous basis.	Setting up and maintaining cooperation agreements with relevant ministries, agencies and private sector organizations to ensure regular supply of data in the required format.		√			High			
Inventory preparation	Mismatch of natural gas consumption values for industry sector provided by the SC (which splits the consumption by different sub-sectors) and by the PSRC.	Collaboration with the SC to ensure consistency of natural gas consumption data for industry sector with the PSRC's provided data in natural gas balances.		✓	~		High			
Invento	High uncertainty on the distribution of liquid fuels consumption in different sectors.	Enhancing capacities of SC in quality assurance of the fuel consumption data for industry sub-sectors and in other demand sectors.		~	√		High			
	Lack of data on liquid fuels composition hampering the use of higher tier approaches to estimate emissions from key categories associated with combustion of liquid fuels.	Equipping national laboratories with equipment for analyzing the composition of liquid fuels available on national markets.	¥			\checkmark	High			

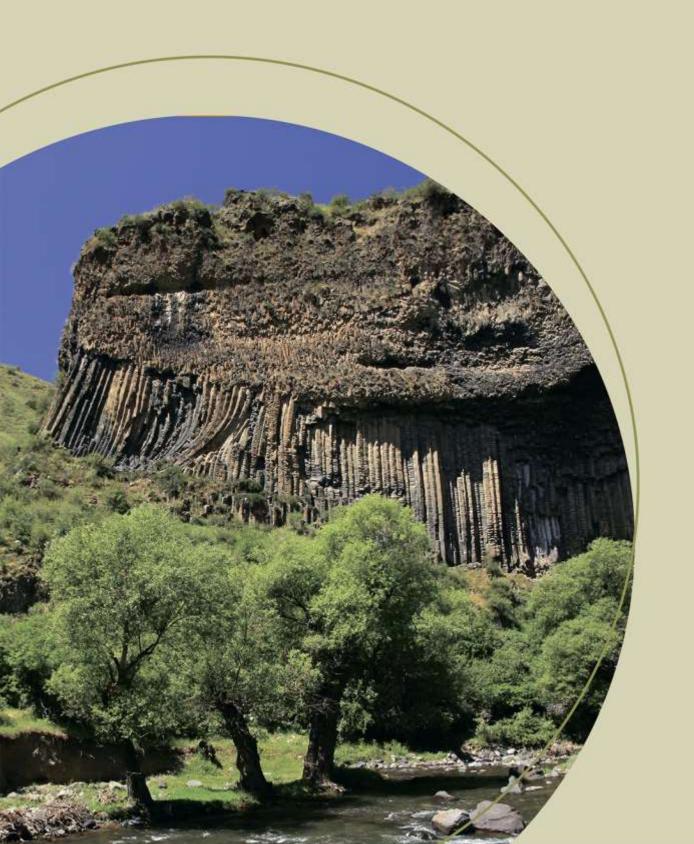
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Thematic				Туре с	of Need		
Area	Gaps or constrains	Associated needs	Financial	Capacity- building	Technical	Techno- logy	Priority
	A certain inconsistency of data used for Energy balance and GHG Inventory, namely: inconsistency of data on fuelwood consumption provided by the authorized bodies in charge of the forestry sector and derived from Household survey conducted by the SC.	Technical assistance and collaboration with the SC, MoE and GHG Inventory compilers to ensure consistency of data and to improve the accuracy/quality of data collected by SC within Household Survey.		V			High
	Lack of complete and reliable data on HFCs use in the country.	Enhancing capacities of the data providers and performing necessary surveys for statistical data collection.		~			High
	Lack of data for certain key categories such as Direct and Indirect N2O Emissions from Managed Soils (3.C.4 and 3.C.5), hampering application of higher Tier approaches.	Enhancing capacities of statistical enti- ties to collect the data needed to move to higher tiers in all key categories, through performing necessary surveys and other procedures for statistical data collection.	✓	V			High
	Lack of complete and reliable data on the recent changes in forest lands because of 25-year absence of nation-wide forest inventory.	Implementation of the nation-wide forest inventory.	~				High
	Lack of information on the composition of solid waste, which would increase the accuracy of emission estimates from solid waste.	Carry out the research to estimate the solid waste composition in different regions of Armenia.	~				Medium
	4 source categories are "not estimated" in the GHG inventory due to lack of data, namely: Settlements Remaining Settlements (3.B.5.a), Harvested wood products (3.D.1), Biological treatments of waste (4B), Waste incineration (4CA).	Enhancing capacities of statistical enti- ties in collecting the data for: waste incineration, amount of composted waste, harvested wood products and settlements.		1	✓		Low
Mitigation Actions	Lack of formal arrangements ensuring collection, analysis and quality assurance of data on mitigation measures implemented in the country and their effect on a continuous basis. As a result, there is a risk of overlooking mitigation actions or of double counting reductions, especially in the Energy Sector.	Developing the MRV system for continuous reporting on mitigation actions by state and private organization.	~	1	✓		High
Miti	Lack of common approach in assessing effect of mitigation measures in Energy Sector.	Enhancing capacities of national experts in Energy Sector to apply Grid		✓			High

Thematic							
Area	Gaps or constrains	Associated needs	Financial	Capacity- building	Technical	Techno- logy	Priority
		Emission Factor for the Electricity System of the Republic of Armenia.					
	Lack of knowledge/experience for non-energy sector GHG emissions projections	Enhancing capacities of national experts to develop GHG projections for non-energy sectors					Medium
ds and support	Lack of knowledge/experience for identification of the financial and technology needs for implementation of mitigation and adaptation actions	Enhancing capacities to identify financial and technology needs for implementing mitigation and adaptation actions. Enhancing capacities to quantify the financial needs for implementation of mitigation and adaptation measures		4	V		High
Needs	Lack of formal arrangements ensuring data collection on the financial support received for climate-related projects	Developing the MRV system for continuous reporting on support received for mitigation and adaptation		\checkmark			High

CHAPTER 5

MEASUREMENT, REPORTING AND VERIFICATION



According to the Law of RA on "Structure and Activities of the Government", the RA Ministry of Environment is the state body responsible for the development and implementation of the national policy on climate change in Armenia.

Once every five years after the ratification of the Convention, the Government of Armenia approves the list of measures for implementing the country's commitments under the international environmental conventions including the UNFCCC. The most recent update of the list of measures took place in 2016, when the RA Government Protocol Decision N 49-8 of December 8, 2016, "On approval of the list of measures to be implemented in the fulfillment of the Republic of Armenia's Obligations Emanated from a number of International Environmental Conventions" was adopted, outlining, inter alia the measures to be implemented within 2017-2021 in fulfillment of the obligations and provisions arising from the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement, as well as assigns the responsible agencies. According to the Decision, the Ministry of Environment of RA assumes responsibility for the overall coordination of development of the GHG national communications. inventories. biennial update reports of Armenia and establishment of the Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system.

The cross-sectoral nature of climate change requires involvement of various ministries, agencies and stakeholders, and mandates to coordinate climate change considerations in the sectoral strategies and polices, as well as to monitor the implementation and validation of the reports to the Convention. To this aim, in 2012 the Prime Minister (PM) of the Republic of Armenia adopted Decree N 955 "On the establishment of an Inter-agency Coordinating Council on the implementation of the requirements and provisions of the UNFCCC and the approval of the composition and rules of procedures of the Inter-agency Coordinating Council".

The Inter-Agency Coordinating Council on Climate Change acts as a horizontal interinstitutional coordination and verification mechanism that carries out validation and approval of the national reports prior to their submission to the UNFCCC. It consists of representatives of different ministries, the Public Service Regulatory Commission (PSRC), Academy of Science and the Statistics Committee, is chaired by the Minister of Environment and aims to ensure intersectoral coordination for implementation of the national climate change policies.

Activities of the Council are supported by a working group established by the same Decree and comprising of the representatives of the ministries, state agencies as well as climate change experts and consultants.

Thus, it can be concluded that the basic national MRV system, comprising of horizontal inter-agency coordination and verification mechanism under the overall formal coordination by the Ministry of Environment, has already been established in the country.

To improve the process of development of the low carbon and climate-resilient policies and reporting under the Paris Agreement, a proposal aimed at updating the composition, mandate, functions and procedures of the Inter-agency Coordination Council on Climate Change has been developed with support of the UNDP-GEF "National Adaptation Plan (NAP) to advance medium and long-term adaptation planning in Armenia" project and submitted by the Ministry of Environment for the approval by the Prime Minister.

The proposed reform of the Council is aimed to strengthen inter-agency coordination and boost civil society participation in climate change policy-making and implementation, through raising the level of chairmanship of the Council, as well as involving new stakeholders, including representatives of NGOs and private sector.

According to the proposed changes, the new Council is to be chaired by the Vice PM and co-chaired by the Minister of Environment, and composed of representatives of 10 ministries, 4 state agencies, National Academy of Science and PSRC, as well as Advisor to the Prime Minister, Deputy Head of the PM's Administration, Deputy Chairman of the Standing Committee on Territorial Administration, Local Self-Government, Agriculture and Nature Protection of the RA National Assembly, UNFCCC Focal Point, UNDP Resident Representative and two representatives of an environmental and climate change NGO and private sector. Furthermore, the draft Decision envisages establishment of 4 new Inter-agency permanent working groups that will replace the existing working group of Inter-agency Coordinating Council and will be tasked to facilitate the work of the Council and provide professional and expert support. The four groups will cover the main areas of national reporting under the Convention and the Paris Agreement. Moreover, a temporary working group is to be established to deal with the matters that are out of the competences of the permanent working groups. The results of all 5 working groups are subject of approval of the Council.

The draft Decision underwent the process of formal consultations with stakeholders towards the approval by the PM in 2021.

However, legal / formal arrangements are still needed to specify particular obligations of corresponding institutions in terms of climate-related data provision and quality assurance.

On 24 November 2017, the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between the European Union and Armenia was signed. The Agreement emphasizes the importance of strengthening the multilateral cooperation on the

GHG Inventory

The legal reforms currently in progress will facilitate development of greenhouse gas inventories on a continuous basis. The draft Law "On Atmospheric Air Protection" has been developed envisaging setting set up a unified system for the recording of hazardous substances and GHG emissions, which will contribute to compliance with the obligations of the RA under environmental conventions, as well as to the consistency of information provided under different conventions. The document has undergone intensive consultations with the Government and stakeholders. It is currently being finalized by the Ministry of Environment and will be submitted for the Government approval in 2021.

The Statistics Committee (SC) is the major provider of activity data required for greenhouse gas emissions assessment for IPCC sectors, thus, being an integral part of the domestic MRV system of GHG Inventory.

With the support of UNECE Statistical Division a Road Map for the Development of

further development and implementation of the international climate-change framework under the UNFCCC and agreements and decisions related thereto, including the Paris Agreement. Particularly, it requires the establishment of a national greenhouse gas inventory system and of a national MRV mechanism by 2026.

In order to address this obligation, the **CEPA** Implementation Roadmap has been approved by Decision 666-L of the Prime Minister and endorsed at the second meeting of the Armenia-EU Partnership Council on 13 June 2019. The Roadmap also requires enlargements of the scope of the current Armenian legislation on the ozone-depleting substances aimed to cover provisions on fluorinated greenhouse То this end. corresponding gases. amendments were made to the Law of RA on Ozone Depleting Substances on 26 May 2020 aimed to extend its coverage so that HFCs are included. Accordingly, the title of the law has been changed to the Law of RA on Protection of the Ozone Layer. Later, on 20 August 2020, the Government Decision No 1368-N on "Approval of HFCs list" was adopted that set a list of 18 HFC gases.

Climate Change-related Statistics was developed and adopted in February 2020 by a Resolution of the State Council on Statistics. The Road Map outlines the priorities and actions for improvement of climate change-related national statistical system, including the data needed for development of national GHG inventories, as well as on climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts.

Further, the Statistics Committee recognizes the need to acquire new knowledge and expertise through training, hiring and, above all, building partnerships with other information providers and experts. It also recognizes that, in the long term, there may be a need for organizational changes to support the development of climate change-related statistics across the entire statistical system, including data reporting, collection, storage and exchange.

Since 2017, SC publishes the Energy Balances of RA on annual basis. Energy Balance is the key source of activity data for

Energy Sector - by far the largest producer of GHG emissions in the country. The Balance provides a comprehensive overview of activity data on Armenia's Energy Sector, and it supports breakdowns in accordance with fuels and categories.

The data for the Balances come from a wide range of sources and are collected by the SC. Therefore, development and improvement of the Energy Balances on a continuous basis, with proper consideration of QA/QC aspects, is extremely important in order to improve accuracy, consistency and completeness of the National GHG Inventory.

To this aim, the GHG Inventory compilers work in close cooperation with the developers of Energy Balance to ensure consistency of data used for GHG Inventory and the Balance. Moreover, the Balance of Armenia for 2018 was compiled by the support of the "Development of Armenia's Fourth National Communication and Second Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC" UNDP-GEF project, while the Balance for 2019 has been developed with the support of "Armenia's Third Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC" UNDP-GEF project.

Within the framework of the "Armenia's Third Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC" UNDP-GEF project, a study was conducted in 2020 aimed to summarize and analyze the existing data collection gaps and to identify optimal formal / legal arrangements ensuring continues data flow necessary for national reporting on GHG emissions.

Proceeding from the national circumstances and existing legal/institutional arrangements, two main options of data collection on a continuous basis were considered.

The first option supposes that all data providers, including entities involved in economic activities will provide data directly to the Ministry of Environment. This option requires certain legislative changes, including adoption of the new Law "On Atmospheric Air Protection". While the second option supposes that collection of all data required for GHG Inventory is carried out by the Statistics Committee and then communicated to the Ministry of Environment on the basis of Memorandum of Understanding signed between two organizations (as it is in case of Energy Balance). This approach does not require any legislative changes as it is in line with the existing legal requirements, however, it will increase the scope of data to be collected by the Statistics Committee.

Based on the experience gained and lessons learned through development of BURs, and as a result of discussions with the Statistics Committee, the following approach is proposed for the further consideration as the most feasible solution that is a synergy of the abovementioned two options: (i) on a basis of a MoU signed between the Ministry of Environment and the Statistics Committee, the latter provides data within the same scope of information that is currently provided for GHG Inventory development; (ii) individual MoUs on data provision are signed with the state organizations possessing data in respective sectors (e.g. State Revenue Committee, PSRC. Ministry of Economy, etc.) to provide data not addressed by the Statistics Committee: (iii) individual MoUs are signed with utility companies and natural monopolies (e.g. ENA CJSC, Gazprom Armenia CJSC, etc.); (iv) any data from private sector entities that is needed for national reporting and is not covered by the above mentioned three channels, in case of nonadoption of the above mentioned Law, is to be obtained through the Statistics Committee, which will slightly expand the scope of data to be collected by the SC.

These arrangements will be clarified within the framework of the already initiated UNDP-GEF "Building Armenia's national transparency framework under Paris Agreement" (Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency - CBIT) project.

Considering importance of national capacity building for GHG Inventory development, national experts from different sectors participated in the training of GHG Management Institute organized by the UNFCCC. Five of them have passed the qualification exam and were included in the list of technical experts of the Convention, having the right to be involved in the technical review of GHG inventories submitted by Annex I Parties and technical analysis of biennial update reports submitted by non-Annex I Parties.

Mitigation

The most challenging task while developing BURs was collection and quality control of data needed for assessment of the mitigation actions and their effect. This is because of a big number of actors involved in implementation of mitigation actions on various levels, coupled with the lack of general coordination / monitoring of mitigation measures implementing in the country, resulting in the risks of overlooking some key actions or of double counting reductions.

Hence, identification of data providers and clarification of roles and responsibilities of the multiple stakeholders involved in development and implementation of mitigation actions in the country remains a top priority.

In order to facilitate improvement of mitigation data collection process, in the course of BURs preparation, new templates were developed addressing data provision formats for different types of projects per IPCC sectors.

The updated standardized (ex-ante) baseline on grid emission factor (GEF) for the next 3 years was developed by the Ministry of Environment with the support of "Armenia's Third Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC" UNDP-GEF project, and approved by the CDM Executive Board in February 2021. The two previously developed and approved standardized baselines valid for 2015-2018 and 2019-2021 are available on the UNFCCC website. The standardized baseline, once approved, will allow continuing the established practice of the unified and creditable assessment of climate change mitigation effect of renewable energy and energy efficiency activities in the country, thus, ensuring common approach in assessing mitigation measures effect of different measures.

Ex-poste evaluation of the effect of mitigation policies and measures via LEAP model, which was done in the frames of the Armenia's BURs, allows assessing the real emission reduction in Energy Sector, expressed as a difference between the expost evaluation of WOM scenario and the real observed emissions in the targeted GHG inventory year, thus, allowing estimation of the actual progress towards achieving NDC targets. On the other hand, the projection of GHG emissions per different development scenarios, allows estimating feasibility of reaching NDC targets.

Within the framework of a number of projects, implemented in Armenian under international funding, application of key elements of MRV system or setting up MRV system in corresponding sectors is ongoing or envisaged.

The establishment of domestic MRV system for mitigation actions in building sector is facilitated by the "De-risking and Scalingup Investment in Energy Efficient Building Retrofits" UNDP-GCF project. Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU) under the Ministry of Environment of RA is considered to be the national partner for the implementation of MRV. To that end, the Roadmap for piloting of Energy Management Information Systems (EMIS) in public buildings, as well as the Report on monitoring methodology for calculation of energy savings and greenhouse gas reductions and detailed system of methods for calculation, normalization and validation of the gathered data have been finalized and submitted to the EPIU.

Project also supports the establishment of EMIS in municipalities and public entities. Particularly, currently the revision of the framework for applying EMIS in Yerevan Community is under discussion.

Municipal Energy Management System (MEMS) establishment is initiated as a part of domestic MRV system. An agreement already has been reached with one of the urban community on the introduction of the MEMS.

In parallel with the process of development of the building sector MRV system, a monitoring and reporting system for GHG inventories and climatic actions on a municipal level has been established through the participation of Armenian communities in the EC's "Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy" initiative. As of January 2021, 27 Armenian municipalities joined the Covenant and took a voluntary commitment to reduce CO₂ emissions and improve climate change resilience in their territories.

In line with the Covenant procedures, municipalities are committed to provide monitoring reports on the progress toward implementation of their mitigation and adaptation actions regularly, via an online reporting platform, where all information and input data associated with GHG Inventory and subsequent monitoring is reported, checked and stored. In other words, 27 municipalities covering a significant part of the country's population are accountable on their GHG inventories and progress on climatic actions through the online municipal

Adaptation

The draft Decision of the Government of Armenia on "Approval of the National Framework Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change Impacts for 2021-2030 and the Action Plan for 2021-2025" was developed (approval is expected in 2021), envisaging, inter alia, to establish NAP Accountability, Monitoring and Evaluation (AME) process. It is envisaged that the AME system will build on the country's Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system for climate change mitigation.

Monitoring of climate financing

Establishment of a system for tracking the national and international financial support received for implementation of climate-related mitigation and adaptation activities, is essential for setting an efficient MRV framework that covers all four key reporting areas (i.e. inventory, mitigation, adaptation and support). Substantial progress in addressing climate change related challenges and needs in Armenia has been achieved due to the technology transfer, capacity building and climate finance support received from multilateral and bilateral sources. Nevertheless, the lack of a formal MRV system for support does not provide for the accurate tracking of the climate-related financing received.

In order to identify opportunities and constraints for integrating climate change concerns within the national and sub-national budget allocation and expenditure process, as well as to make recommendations on developing financial frameworks for climate change that will enable, among other benefits, better tracking of climate-related financial support, the Climate Policy and Expenditure Institutional Review (CPEIR) was MRV system that can potentially serve as one of the sources of data for the national MRV of mitigation and adaptation.

However, considering methodological specifics in assessing effect of municipal mitigation and adaptation activities, there is a need of the careful examination of the applicability of this data and extent of using for the national MRV of mitigation and adaptation.

The AME system will establish reporting processes and mechanisms for adaptation; monitor and track progress on implementation of adaptation processes for cross-sectoral, sub-national, and sectoral measures; promote feedback to foster continuous improvement of the policy and of its management; and assess the impact of interventions on reducing vulnerability.

These arrangements will be clarified within the framework of the already initiated CBIT project.

carried out in the frames of the EU4Climate project in 2020. To this end, the study has reviewed the countries climate change policy, institutional and public finance management frameworks and assessed the volume and structure of climate expenditures.

In parallel with the review, a comprehensive and systematic assessment of the level of integration of climate change finances in the current Public Financial Management System of Armenia has been carried out via application of the Climate Change Budget Integration Index (CCBII).

On the basis of the review and CCBII, a number of recommendations aimed at enabling establishment of transparent domestic MRV system for support received have been made. The report recommends developing a methodology, format and mechanism for the climate change expenditures identification, tagging and calculation, as well as to assess and expand the role of Ministry of Finance in terms of identification, coding, estimating and reporting costs associated with climate change. In the

meantime, it is important to note that the climate-related financial support is provided not only by the domestically and externally financed expenditures that are accountable and transparent under the public finance management (PFM) scheme, but also by the private sector, through bilateral cooperation and other channels that may be overlooked by the PFM system and consequently not reported through MRV. To this end, it is important to explore possibilities for tracking financing for mitigation and adaptation activities implemented by municipalities, non-governmental organizations, private sector and donors, to ensure that any climate-related funding in Armenia is considered and consequently reported under the MRV system.

A preliminary assessment of the investment needs for climate action in Armenia was carried out by the OECD Secretariat in 2020 by the initiative of the Ministry of Environment of RA and the OECD⁵⁰ within the framework of the GREEN Action Task Force.

The key objective of the project was to provide an evidence base for policy reform discussion among corresponding stakeholders in Armenia and for mobilizing finance for climate objectives in line with the coun-

QA/QC Practice

To meet quality requirements for the domestic MRV system, the already established QA/QC procedure, applied to ensure the quality of the national GHG inventory and BURs, will be used and improved as needed. In this context, the establishment of the thematic working groups under the renewed Inter-agency Coordinating Council, envisaged by the proposed reform of the Council, will contribute greatly to improved quality of control of GHG inventories and reporting on mitigation, adaptation and support received.

The current QA/QC procedure for NIRs and BURs includes a profound check of integrity and completeness of the data and try's national targets. According to the results of the preliminary assessment under the considered scenarios, predominant part of the total gross investment needs in Armenia for 2020-2030 period is for climate mitigation, whereas, the lion's share of investments related to climate change mitigation is in the energy supply and energy efficiency sectors.

The report recognizes that many climaterelated projects in Armenia are often embedded within a broader, more general development and infrastructure programmes, thus, a large part of the projects could have been implemented without climate-related objectives. Hence, without careful delineation of the incremental (i.e. climate-related) costs from the total costs of the projects, estimation of the provided and needed investments may have been considerably overestimated in Armenia as large infrastructure projects have been gualified as climate-related activities. This further emphasizes the need for establishment of a domestic MRV system for support that will enable careful identification of financial support for climate-related activities and avoiding overestimation of received support.

cross-check of activity data received from different sources carried out by the expert team and the working group, followed by an internal review of the draft NIRs and BURs by the Ministry of Environment, as well as circulation of the draft reports among stakeholder state agencies, organizations and companies. The results of the review are then considered by the relevant national experts to address received comments, make changes or provide clarifications, followed by submission of draft documents to the Coordinating Council for verification and subsequent submission to the UNFCCC.

Building domestic MRV system through participation in CBIT

Though certain actions have already been undertaken to setup a domestic MRV, the country still lacks the necessary institutional arrangements to formalize the process of continuous monitoring, reporting and verification on climate change.

⁵⁰ An Assessment of Investment Needs for Climate Action in Armenia, ENV/EPOC/EAP (2020)4.

To this aim, Armenia has initiated the UNDP-GEF "Building Armenia's national transparency framework under Paris Agreement" project to be implemented under the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) to build its institutional and technical capacities to meet the enhanced transparency requirements defined by the Paris Agreement. The project will establish national institutional arrangements for an enhanced transparency framework to shift from the current practice of ad hoc reporting to a continuous process of MRV that will allow the country to track its progress against its commitments under the NDC, as well as to ensure national reporting under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

ANNEXES

Table A-1. Summary report for national GHG inventory for 2017

	Emissions and Removals (Gg)			Emissions CO _{2 eq.} (Gg)			Emissions (Gg)				
Categories	CO ₂ Emissions	CO₂ Removals	CH₄	N₂O	HFCs	PFCs	SF ₆	NOx	со	NMVOCs	SO ₂
Total National Emissions and Removals	5,698.103	-538.028	154.753	3.405	685.337	NO	2.594	13.272	34.010	10.026	48.558
1 - Energy	5,361.500		80.576	0.109				13.066	26.869	2.737	0.181
1A - Fuel Combustion Activities	5,361.311		3.106	0.109				13.066	26.869	2.737	0.181
1.A.1 - Energy Industries	1,297.949		0.023	0.002				2.033	0.891	0.059	0.006
1.A.2 - Manufacturing Industries and Construction	469.861		0.010	0.001				0.962	0.263	0.186	0.044
1.A.3 - Transport	1,723.689		1.810	0.087				8.676	24.823	2.415	0.013
1.A.4 - Other Sectors	1,869.811		1.263	0.018				1.395	0.892	0.077	0.117
1.A.5 - Non-Specified	NO		NO	NO				NA,NO	NA,NO	NO	NA,NO
1B - Fugitive emissions from fuels	0.189		77.470	NA,NO				NO	NO	NO,NE	NO
1.B.1 - Solid Fuels	NO		NO	NO						NO	
1.B.2 - Oil and Natural Gas	0.189		77.470					NO	NO	NE	NO
1.B.3 - Other emissions from Energy Production	NO		NO	NO				NO	NO	NO	NO
1C - Carbon dioxide Transport and Storage	NO							NO	NO	NO	NO
2 - Industrial Processes and Product Use	262.574		NA,NO	NA,NO	685.337	NO	2.594	NA,NO	NA,NO	7.289	48.377
2A - Mineral Industry	258.336										
2.A.1 - Cement production	224.551										
2.A.2 - Lime production	28.352										
2.A.3 - Glass Production	5.433										
2.A.4 - Other Process Uses of Carbonates	NE,NO										
2.A.5 - Other	NO										
2B - Chemical Industry	NO		NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		NO	NO
2C - Metal Industry	NA,NO		NA,NO		NO	NO	NO	NO,NA	NO,NA	NO,NA	48.377
2.C.1 - Iron and Steel Production	NO		NO								NO
2.C.2 - Ferroalloys Production	NA		NA	NA							7.054
2.C.3 - Aluminum production	NO					NO			NO		NO
2.C.4 - Magnesium production	NO						NO				
2.C.5 - Lead Production	NO										
2.C.6 - Zinc Production	NO										

	Emissions and Removals (Gg)				Emissions CO _{2 eq.} (Gg)			Emissions (Gg)			
Categories	CO ₂ Emissions	CO ₂ Removals	CH₄	N ₂ O	HFCs	PFCs	SF ₆	NOx	СО	NMVOCs	SO ₂
2.C.7 – Other - Copper Production											41.323
2D - Non-Energy Products from Fuels and Solvent Use	4.237								NO	6.403	
2.D.1 - Lubricant Use	3.991										
2.D.2 - Paraffin Wax Use	0.246										
2.D.3 - Solvent Use										6.401	
2.D.4 - Other - Bitumen/Asphalt Production and Use									NO	0.0021	
2E - Electronics Industry					NO	NO	NO				
2F - Product Uses as Substitutes for Ozone Depleting Substances					685.337	NO					
2.F.1 - Refrigeration and Air Conditioning					653.921	NO					
2.F.2 - Foam Blowing Agents					23.008						
2.F.3 - Fire Protection					0.636	NO					
2.F.4 - Aerosols					7.773	NO					
2.F.5 - Solvents					NO	NO					
2.F.6 – Other Applications					NO	NO					
2G - Other Product Manufacture and Use						NO	2.594				
2.G.1 - Electrical Equipment						NO	2.594				
2.G.2 - SF ₆ and PFCs from Other Product Uses						NO	NO				
2.G.3 - N ₂ O from Product Uses				NO							
2.G.4 - Other											
2H - Other								NA,NO		0.886	
2.H.1 - Pulp and Paper Industry								NO		NO	
2.H.2 - Food and Beverages Industry										0.886	
2.H.3 - Other										NO	
3 - Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use	69.744	-538.028	48.235	3.065				0.205	7.141	NA,NO,NE	NA,NO,NE
3A - Livestock			48.011	0.185							
3.A.1 - Enteric Fermentation			46.357								
3.A.2 - Manure Management			1.653	0.185							
3B - Land	67.024	-538.028	NO	0.001				NA,NO		NA,NO	
3.B.1 - Forest land	NO	-530.445						NO		NO	

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Categories	CO ₂ Emissions	CO₂ Removals	CH₄	N₂O	HFCs	PFCs	SF ₆	NOx	СО	NMVOCs	SO ₂
3.B.2 - Cropland	0.712	-7.438									
3.B.3 - Grassland	18.366	0						NO		NO	
3.B.4 - Wetlands	18.317	NO	NO	0.001							NO
3.B.5 - Settlements	NO	-0.145									
3.B.6 - Other Land	29.629	NO									
3C - Aggregate sources and non-CO ₂ emissions sources on land	2.720		0.224	2.878				0.205	7.141	NA,NO,NE	NA,NO,NE
3.C.1 - Emissions from biomass burning			0.224	0.008				0.205	7.141	NE	NE
3.C.2 - Liming	NO										
3.C.3 - Urea application	2.720										
3.C.4 - Direct N2O Emissions from managed soils				2.165							
3.C.5 - Indirect N2O Emissions from managed soils				0.586							
3.C.6 - Indirect N2O Emissions from manure management				0.12							
3.C.7 - Rice cultivation			NO					NO		NO	
3.C.8 - Other			NO	NO							
3D - Harvested Wood Products	NE	NE						NO			NO
4 - Waste	4.284		25.942	0.231				NE	NE	NE	NE
4A - Solid Waste Disposal			20.296								
4B - Biological Treatment of Solid Waste			NE	NE							
4C - Incineration and Open Burning of Waste	4.284		0.617	0.011				NE	NE		NE
4D - Wastewater Treatment and Discharge			5.028	0.22						NE	
4E - Other	NO		NO	NO				NO	NO	NO	
5 - Other	NE		NE	NE				NE	NE	NE	NE
5A – Indirect N ₂ O Emissions from the Atmospheric Deposition of Nitrogen in NO ₂ and NH ₃	NE		NE	NE				NE	NE	NE	NE
Memo Items											
International Bunkers	168.676		0.0012	0.005				0.218	0.065	0.103	0.054
1.A.3.a.i - International Aviation (International Bunkers)	168.676		0.0012	0.005				0.218	0.065	0.103	0.054
1.A.3.d.i - International water-borne navigation (International bunkers)	NO		NO	NO				NO	NO	NO	NO
1.A.5.c - Multilateral Operations	NO		NO	NO				NO	NO	NO	NO

Table A-2. Emissions from product uses as substitute for ozone depleting substances for 2017, CO_{2 eq.}

Categories	HFC-32	HFC-125	HFC-134a	HFC-152a	HFC-143a	HFC-227ea	Total HFCs
Emissions in CO2 equivalent unit (Gg CO2)							
2.F - Product Uses as Substitutes for Ozone Depleting Substances	25.091	230.710	237.126	1.438	190.336	0.636	685.337
2.F.1 - Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	25.091	230.710	207.785	0	190.336	0	653.921
2.F.1.a - Refrigeration and Stationary Air Conditioning	25.091	230.710	114.118	0	190.336	0	560.255
2.F.1.b - Mobile Air Conditioning	0	0	93.667	0	0	0	93.667
2.F.2 - Foam Blowing Agents			21.9127	1.095		0	23.008
2.F.3 - Fire Protection		0	0			0.636	0.636
2.F.4 - Aerosols			7.430	0.343		0	7.773

