
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND
DEVELOPMENT
AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

AND

**MINISTRY OF TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION AND
DEVELOPMENT, REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

MAY 23, 2017

This Memorandum of Understanding ("Memorandum") represents a statement of intent by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("IBRD") and the International Development Association ("IDA") (collectively, the "World Bank" or the "Bank") and the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development of the Republic of Armenia ("MoTAD") (each a "Party" and together, the "Parties") to collaborate in the achievement of common objectives as described and on the basis outlined below.

WHEREAS:

- (A) The World Bank is an international development institution established by Articles of Agreement adopted by its member countries. The World Bank's overarching mission is to reduce poverty, improve living conditions, and promote sustainable and comprehensive development in its developing member countries. It has established two ambitious goals to anchor its mission: end extreme poverty within a generation and boost shared prosperity. The World Bank will achieve these goals by providing loans, concessional financing, technical assistance, and knowledge sharing services to its developing member countries and through partnerships with other organizations.
- (B) The Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development is a republican body of executive authority, which elaborates and implements the Government's policy in the field of territorial governance and local self-government fields.

NOW THEREFORE the Parties intend as follows:

A. Objective

Consistent with their respective mandates, the Parties desire to collaborate in carrying out activities conducive to curating, processing, harmonizing, and consolidating the community-level data which has been produced by MoTAD of the Republic of Armenia. This entails gathering of community-level needed to measure the medium and long term impacts of the Bank-financed Lifeline Road Improvement Project conducted between 2007 and 2013. It is expected that the Bank works closely with the MoTAD in the design of a data platform and subsequent delivery of data inputs required for the analysis.

B. Collaboration

- (a) To further the achievement of their common objectives, the Parties intend to collaborate in the following manner:
 - (i) share knowledge, ideas and lessons learned;
 - (ii) plan joint activities in areas of common interest;
 - (iii) pool efforts and expertise;
 - (iv) utilize and leverage their existing resources and facilities to mutual advantage and benefit;

- (v) collaborate on the promotion, preparation and organization of [workshops/conferences/training seminars];
 - (vi) collaborate on the organization and execution of data sharing; data architecture; data coding and geo-referencing; and storing of data in Excel and STAT do-files;
 - (vii) jointly engage in a dialogue with stakeholders and others interested in activities being pursued under this Memorandum;
 - (viii) collaborate on ways to join with other entities engaged in activities similar, supplemental or related to those being pursued under this Memorandum;
 - (ix) collaborate on the dissemination of the lessons learned and results through publications, seminars, workshops, conferences and other easily accessible means; and
 - (x) periodically evaluate the effectiveness of working in collaboration with each other, with reference to their respective organizational mandates and priorities.
- (b) Each Party may contribute to the activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum, in one or more of the following ways by:
- (i) mobilizing its own staff in pursuit of the objectives of this Memorandum
 - (ii) providing facilities for joint workshops, conferences, or training seminars;
 - (iii) engaging and funding consultants; and
 - (iv) such other ways as the Parties may determine.

C. Contacts

Each party hereby designates and appoints below its representative with overall responsibility for implementing this Memorandum. The Parties may, by written notice to the other Party, designate additional or different persons as points of contact but the Parties expect to have only one person at a time designated as the person with overall responsibility for all activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum.

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General

1. This Memorandum does not constitute an agreement or commitment by either Party to enter into or provide support for any specific activity or project. Specific arrangements for individual activities will be set forth in a written document or work plans to be jointly formulated by the Parties.
2. Nothing in this Memorandum is intended to be, or should be construed as a waiver of the privileges and immunities of the World Bank or its officers and employees, which privileges and immunities are hereby specifically reserved.
3. The Parties expect that this Memorandum and information with respect to the collaborative activities contemplated herein will be publicly disclosed by the World Bank. Such disclosure will be made in accordance with the Parties' respective disclosure policies. The Parties plan to consult with each other concerning the manner and form of any acknowledgement of the other Party's support regarding the activities.

In witness whereof, the Parties have caused this Memorandum to be executed as of the day and date written above.

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