

Open
Government
Partnership



Making Open Government Reforms
Matter
The National Action Plan Armenia



Process followed – consultation and commitment selection

Partnership

Government, civil society and expert community join in a strategic consultation effort

Consistency

Each commitment proposal tested upon OGP principles and standards

Fair ratio

Every commitment included in the Plan is a result of comprehensive discussions. Among the 11 commitments - 8 are put forward from the Civil Society, 3 – from the Government agencies

The Working Group

A national task force created with the decision of the RA Prime Minister. Head of the working group is the First Deputy Minister-Chief of Government Staff. The Working Group includes Civil Society, Development partners, experts.



Top 3 successes or things that are going/went well

❑ **High Ranking officials under OGP loop**

Ensuring transparency of asset and income declarations of the high-ranking officials through a smart e-gov solution (action plan's 4th commitment)

❑ **Getting the procurement monitored by the citizenry**

Online broadcasting of the State Procurement Appeals Board sessions (action plan's 5th commitment)

❑ **SMS polling to measure user preferences**

Community micro-survey tool introduction in 10 communities to seek instant citizen “referendums” to decision making on community level (action plan's 6th commitment)



Top 3 challenges or things that aren't going/ didn't go well

❑ Shortage of financial resources to support action

- There are yet few commitments that have not been completed due to financial restraint.

❑ Time constraint

- Democracy has bottlenecks. Having any single question approved by a consensus of all parties takes time.

❑ Technical issues

- OGP support unit has introduced OGP calendar for countries after the approval of the NAP, which caused “delays” in implementation.



What would you do differently next time/ What have you learnt through NAP cycles??

- ❑ Timeline and Calendar of events attached to the Action Plan
- ❑ Timeline and Calendar of the Working Group interaction
- ❑ Invest more on marketing and mainstreaming OGP principles across the sectors



How can peers help? Where is support needed?

- ❑ Engagement in International networks
- ❑ Create platforms to enable bilateral dialogue around specific thematic actions
- ❑ Competitions, awards, joint actions

