



# Initial Poverty and Social Assessment

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ARM: Zvartnots International Airport  
Terminal Expansion Phase II

## INITIAL POVERTY AND SOCIAL ANALYSIS

Country/Project Title:	<b>ARM: Zvartnots International Airport Terminal Expansion Phase II</b>		
Lending/Financing Modality:	Direct loan	Department/Division:	PSOD/PSIF1

### I. POVERTY ISSUES

#### A. Linkages to the National Poverty Reduction Strategy and Country Partnership Strategy<sup>3</sup>

1. Based on the country poverty assessment, the country partnership strategy and the sector analysis describe how the project would directly or indirectly contribute to poverty reduction and how it is linked to the poverty reduction strategy of the partner country.

The Project is in line with ADB's Economic Report and Interim Operational Strategy 2006-2009 for Armenia, which identifies, among others, the promotion of the private sector and enhancement of regional cooperation as ADB's strategic priorities in the country.<sup>1</sup>

#### B. Targeting Classification

1. Select the targeting classification of the project:  
 General Intervention    Individual or Household (TI-H);    Geographic (TI-G);    Non-Income MDGs (TI-M1, M2, etc.)

2. Explain the basis for the targeting classification:  
 The Project will meet a vital infrastructure need in the aviation sector of Armenia and will contribute to economic growth. The enhanced economic activity resulting from increased connectivity and traffic, as well as commercial activities, will have an indirect effect on poverty reduction.

#### C. Poverty Analysis

1. If the project is classified as TI-H, or if it is policy-based, what type of poverty impact analysis is needed? N/A
2. What resources are allocated in the PPTA/due diligence? N/A
3. If GI, is there any opportunity for pro-poor design (e.g., social inclusion subcomponents, cross subsidy, pro-poor governance, and pro-poor growth)? No.

## II. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

#### A. Initial Social Analysis

Based on existing information:

1. Who are the potential primary beneficiaries of the project? How do the poor and the socially excluded benefit from the project? The aviation industry, which employs a large number of skilled workers directly and indirectly, is expected to benefit. Some rent-free residents of four residential buildings will benefit from new apartments to be provided by AIA as part of the resettlement plan.
2. What are the potential needs of beneficiaries in relation to the proposed project?  
 Affected residents of four residential buildings will require moving assistance and replacement housing.
3. What are the potential constraints in accessing the proposed benefits and services, and how will the project address them?  
 None.

#### B. Consultation and Participation

1. Indicate the potential initial stakeholders.  
 Potential stakeholders include the Department of Civil Aviation, Yerevan City Government and occupants of 4 residential buildings.
2. What type of consultation and participation (C&P) is required during the PPTA or project processing (e.g., workshops, community mobilization, involvement of non-government organizations and community-based organizations, etc.)?  
 Meaningful consultation with building residents on entitlements and timing of resettlement activities.
3. What level of participation is envisaged for project design?  
 Information sharing    Consultation    Collaborative decision making    Empowerment

4. Will a C&P plan be prepared?  Yes    No   Please explain.  
 The environmental assessment and resettlement planning process includes consultation and participation activities. The resettlement plan includes arrangements for continuing consultations during project implementation.

<sup>1</sup> ADB. 2006. Economic Report and Interim Operational Strategy (2006-2009): Armenia. Manila.

**C. Gender and Development**

1. What are the key gender issues in the sector/subsector that are likely to be relevant to this project/program?  
More than half of the owners of the buildings that will be removed are women. Specific assistance will be provided to them during the relocation process.
2. Does the proposed project/program have the potential to promote gender equality and/or women's empowerment by improving women's access to and use of opportunities, services, resources, assets, and participation in decision making?  
 Yes  No Please explain.
3. Could the proposed project have an adverse impact on women and/or girls or to widen gender inequality?  
 Yes  No Please explain

**III. SOCIAL SAFEGUARD ISSUES AND OTHER SOCIAL RISKS**

Issue	Nature of Social Issue	Significant/Limited/ No Impact/Not Known	Plan or Other Action Required <sup>13</sup>
<b>Involuntary Resettlement</b>	The new terminal is being built on vacant land owned and used by ZIA, therefore, no involuntary resettlement impacts are required for the Project. However, as part of the master plan for the rehabilitation of ZIA, ArIA is required to remove four residential buildings inside the airport territory affecting 506 residents.	Significant.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Short Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Resettlement Framework <input type="checkbox"/> No Action <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain
<b>Indigenous Peoples</b>	None.	No impact.	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Other Action <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous Peoples Framework <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain
<b>Labor</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employment Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Retrenchment <input type="checkbox"/> Core Labor Standards	Increase in airport traffic may increase number of employees in duty free shops, restaurants, and suppliers. Local people may benefit from temporary employment during construction.	Limited.	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Other Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain
<b>Affordability</b>	None.	No impact.	<input type="checkbox"/> Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain
<b>Other Risks and/or Vulnerabilities</b> <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Human Trafficking <input type="checkbox"/> Others (conflict, political instability, etc.), please specify	None.	No impact.	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Other Action <input type="checkbox"/> No Action <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain

**IV. PPTA/DUE DILIGENCE RESOURCE REQUIREMENT**

1. Do the TOR for the PPTA (or other due diligence) include poverty, social and gender analysis and the relevant specialist/s?  
 Yes  No If no, please explain why. EBRD has assisted ArIA in preparing the resettlement plan. Additional support/guidance will be provided by ADB social safeguards staff.
2. Are resources (consultants, survey budget, and workshop) allocated for conducting poverty, social and/or gender analysis, and C&P during the PPTA/due diligence?  Yes  No If no, please explain why.  
The Resettlement Plan prepared following EBRD requirements will be reviewed by ADB social safeguards staff. Additional consultation and disclosure requirements will be undertaken by ArIA staff.