

METHODOLOGY AND KEY FINDINGS OF EQUIVALENCE AND ACCEPTABILITY ASSESSMENT OF COUNTRY SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS IN ARMENIA

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RETA 7433: Mainstreaming Land Acquisition and Resettlement Safeguards in the Central and West Asia Region

- More effective infrastructure development in the CWA DMCs by improving their LAR performance.
- AFG, ARM, AZE, GEO, KAZ, KGZ, PAK, TAJ,TKM, UZB
- 2010-2017

RETA Outputs

Country specific assessment of LAR practice conducted and action plan for capacity building prepared

Country specific policies aligned and LAR administration and procedures enhanced

Country specific technical instruments for LAR improved

Country Assessment

- RETA output: Country specific assessment of LAR practice conducted and action plan for capacity building prepared
- Country Assessment Report
- <http://www.adb.org/projects/documents/mlars-central-west-asia-armenia-country-assessment-tacr>

Methodology of the Assessment

1st level

- POLICY LEVEL
- Alignment between Armenian Legislation on Involuntary Resettlement and ADB Policy

2nd level

- LEVEL OF PROCESSES
- Comparative Analysis of ADB and Armenia LAR Processes

3rd level

- LEVEL OF PROCEDURES
- Institutional and Technical Issues Related to Involuntary Resettlement under ADB Projects

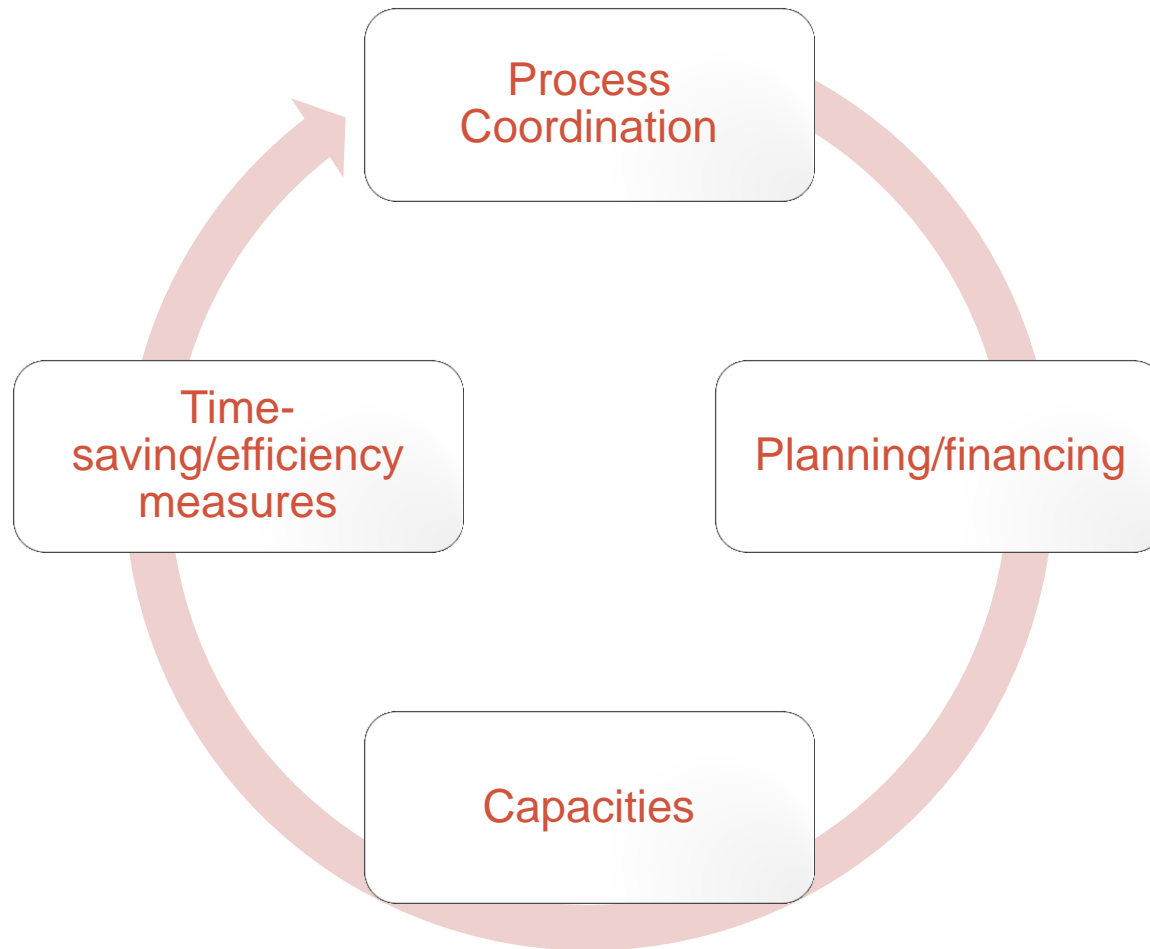
Level 1. Analysis of Policies

Comparative approach
resulted in

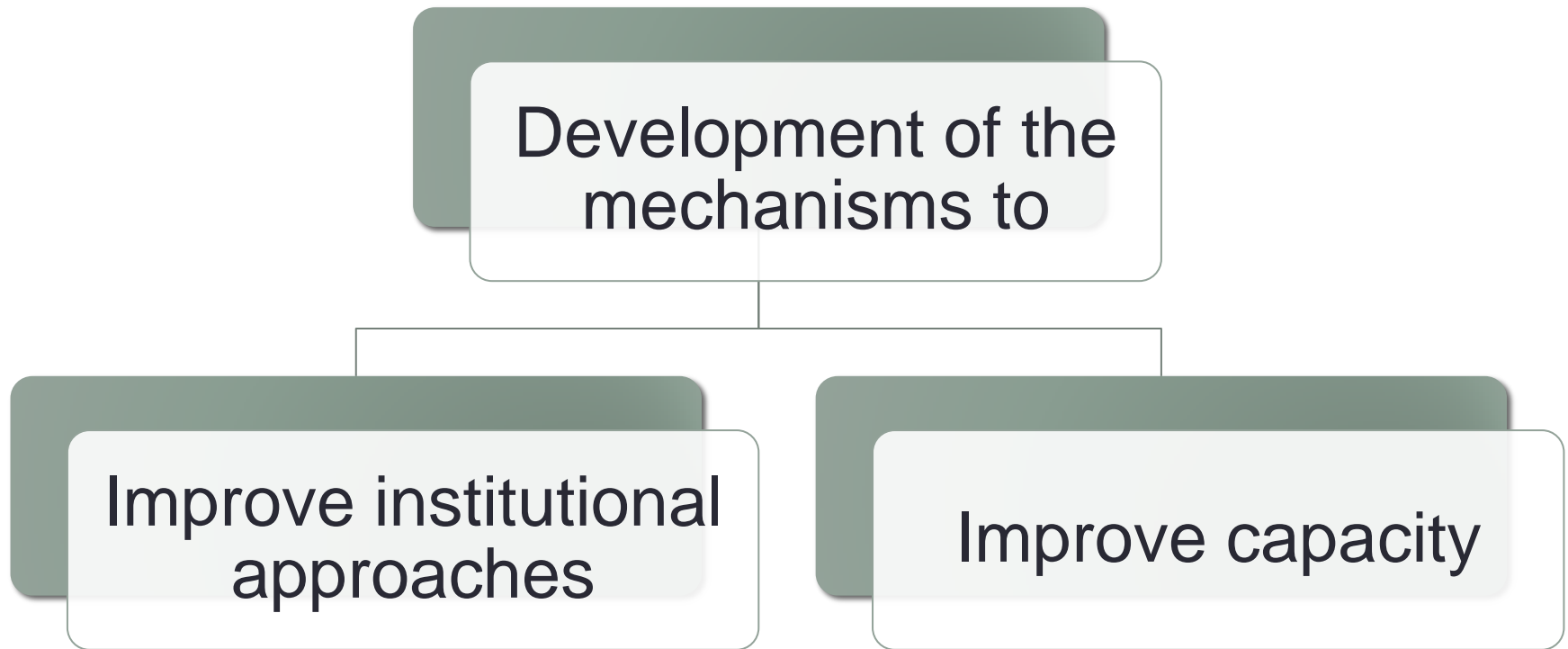


Analysis of needs of reconciliation
- on policy level
- on application level

Level 2: Analysis of LAR Processes



Level 3: Level of Procedures



Policy Level: Key Findings

1. Livelihood Rehabilitation Standards
2. Entitlement to Compensation
3. Compensation for Affected Assets
 - Permanent loss of land
 - Loss of land leases
 - Loss of indirectly affected parts of an asset
 - Loss of structures/buildings
 - Loss of business/entrepreneurial activity
 - Loss of trees
 - Loss of crops
 - Loss of employment
 - Transaction costs
4. Resettlement Planning
5. Special Provisions
 - Information disclosure and public consultation.
 - Grievance Redress Mechanism.
 - Payment of compensation prior to property acquisition.
6. Special Assistance to Vulnerable and Severely Affected Persons

Process Level: Key Findings

1. **Project Preparation Technical Assistance Processing Issues**
 1. Inadequate LAR planning, resource assessment and scheduling work.
 2. Need of greater alignment of Borrower's and ADB's Project/LAR processing system.
2. **Project Preparation Technical Assistance Implementation Issues**
 1. Lack of experience of LAR with ADB requirements and PPTA consultants with Armenia practice.
 2. Planning and coordination of design and LAR tasks.
3. **Loan Processing Issues**
 1. Establishment of additional capacity and finances for a rapid finalization of the LARP during the Loan Processing phase
4. **Loan Administration Issues**
 1. Eventual Continuation of LAR Preparation during Loan Administration.
5. **Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan Implementation Issues**
 1. Planning tasks.
 2. Finalization of legalization.
 3. LARP finances allocation.
 4. Complaints and grievances.
 5. External monitoring
 6. Issues relative to LARP preparation under MFF tranches.

Level of Procedures: Key Findings

- Administrative and technical capacity for LAR preparation
- Valuation Capacity for LAR
- Vulnerable/severely AP issues
- Business rehabilitation
- Simplification of Decree promulgation
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Handling of complaints, grievances
- LAR policy/practice mainstreaming

THANK YOU
