



COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT report

As an Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Armenia (HFH Armenia) I am expressing our organization's continued support for the Global Compact and renewing our ongoing commitment to the initiative and its principles.

During the reporting period, the organization was engaged in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that support environmental sustainability. Particularly, the organization was engaged in the following initiatives:

1. **"Residential Energy Efficiency for Low-income Households" project**

This project aims to improve residential energy efficiency investments, develop and test replicable financing models and increase the institutional capacity of homeowner associations. The project will contribute to the improvement of living standards in apartment buildings for low-income families.

As a result of the project as of September 30, 2016, energy efficiency measures have been implemented in 10 residential buildings, such as installation and renovation of stairwell windows and entrance doors, upgrading the lighting system, and insulation of basements.

A detailed energy audit has been implemented in three buildings and up to 9% energy savings have been recorded.

The project is implemented in partnership with Yerevan municipality, Inecobank commercial bank, and homeowner associations. The project is funded by USAID and Habitat for Humanity Armenia.

2. **"Access to Renewable and Efficient Energy in Municipalities Vayk and Spitak" (AREEM) project**

The overall objective of this project is to support Spitak and Vayk municipalities to develop and test replicable and efficient models aimed at saving energy through implementing energy efficient measures and by using renewable energy sources in 45 multi-apartment buildings and two public buildings in accordance with the municipalities' Sustainable Energy Action Plans under the Covenant of Mayors requirements. During 2015-2016 period, HFH Armenia organized awareness raising events, such as EU Energy Days, which includes Energy public talks and Energy talks with schoolchildren, also knowledge sharing forums with the residents. These events aimed at increasing public awareness and knowledge on energy saving, energy efficiency, and renewable energy and changing public behavior and attitude towards energy saving

Training was organized for the municipality staff in Vayk and Spitak which aimed at building the capacity of municipalities to implement sustainable energy projects in their communities. Tendering and contract signing for implementing energy efficiency measures in four multi-apartment buildings in Spitak and five buildings in Vayk is in the process.

A detailed energy audit of three multi-apartment buildings in Spitak and feasibility study for the installation of solar PV plants in Vayk and Spitak is in preparation.

The project is implemented in partnership with Spitak and Vayk municipalities. The project is funded by European Union and co-funded by Spitak and Vayk municipalities.

3. “Renewable Energy Financing” project

This Project will allow low and middle-income families to get access to loans for purchasing and installing solar equipment at home. Through this project, HFH Armenia promotes use of solar energy by low and middle-income families and gives them the opportunity to have affordable hot water and electricity. HFH Armenia also raises awareness about solar technology and its benefits through training programs for partner families and financial institutions and by distributing information brochures.

4. Technical Assistance (TA)

One of the objectives of the TA is the development of a partner financial institutions' capacities to provide housing microfinance and solar energy loan products and services. Through the TA, HFH Armenia conducted in total 4 trainings on energy efficiency, 3 trainings on renewable energy (solar thermals). In the result, 65 loan officers and 15 branch managers were trained on energy efficiency and solar water heater specifics. For the purpose of awareness raising, 300 renovation guides on solar water heaters were developed and distributed to the potential customers of the microfinance institution.

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