Sharing best international practice on human rights approach to disability assessment and eligibility determination

General Information

<u>Sector:</u> <u>Implementation period:</u> <u>Type of support:</u> Human Rights and disability February – September 2018 Mid-term Expert mission

Beneficiary Administration: RA Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs



Project Description

Objective: To strengthen the capacity of the MLSA and other stakeholders in the field to introduce new policy and methodology for disability assessment and eligibility determination based on the World Health Organisation's International Classification of Functioning approach and in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities requirements by having clearer understanding of its practical implications and mechanisms for proper budget spending on and services provision to people with disabilities.

Specific objectives:

- 1. To improve knowledge of the sector policy makers and members of interagency working group in international best practice of International Classification of Functioning based disability assessment and eligibility determination used in Cyprus and Greece;
- 2. To revise the algorithm for disability assessment and eligibility determination based on World Health Organisation's International Classification of Functioning approach for having clearer understanding of its practical implications in Cyprus or Greece;
- 3. To support the interagency working group to review their approach and modify the information collection mechanisms according to the best international practice;
- 4. To revise the Public outreach of the new approach based on international best practice.

Expected results: The mission is aimed to achieve the following results.

- 1. The ministries' policy makers and members of the interagency working group have clearer understanding of real outcomes of International Classification of Functioning based on disability assessment and eligibility determination used in EU countries, particularly in Cyprus and Greece;
- 2. Ministries' policy makers and members of interagency working group have revised the draft disability determination and eligibility definition designed in Armenia based on international best practice;
- 3. Revised approach is successfully tested among beneficiaries who applied for the disability status for the first time as of 2018;
- 4. Public perception of reformed approach for disability determination and eligibility definition is communicated using successful implications in EU countries, particularly in Cyprus and Greece.