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GOVERNANCE SUPPORT PROGRAM FACT SHEET

The USAID/Central Asia Governance Support Program aims to strengthen the accountability, effectiveness and transparency of government institutions in Turkmenistan in addition to improving public administration of government institutions and strengthening policy development and the lawmaking processes.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Government Support Program works closely with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other government ministries, civil society organizations, international partners, and the private sector of Turkmenistan to transform theoretical concepts of good governance into practical adoption of international best practices appropriate for the Turkmen environment. In April 2019, USAID awarded QED Group, the implementing partner, with a four-year extension for this program through April 29, 2023. A sample of program activities can be found below:

- Conducting comparative legal analysis of Turkmen law, policies, and processes;
- Organizing seminars and study tours for civil servants on international best practices related to anticorruption, electronic land cadaster, and waste management;
- Delivering workshops on the role of civil society to create and strengthen networks between Turkmen organizations and others throughout the Central Asia region;
- Improving gender-related policies and identifying key areas for integrating a gender perspective into national planning and budgeting processes;

Photo: Participants discuss marine litter at a GSP-hosted seminar.

- Collaborating with the World Health Organization on increasing the quality of health services by promoting bioethics standards and principles, including the introduction of an e-hepatitis control system.

PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2019

- **3 legal analyses, 3 draft laws, 10 draft by-laws** developed jointly with international and local organizations and submitted to the Parliament;
- **2,473 beneficiaries engaged** (1,862 civil servants, 38 legislators, 573 representatives of international and civil society organizations);
- **118 trainings and seminars**, roundtables, consultations, working group meetings, study tours organized.



Photo: Innovative biotechnologies for waste-water treatment being introduced in Lebap velayat pilot district

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