# Consolidated Annual Financial Report of the Administrative Agent for the Financing Strategy 2030 Agenda Fund

for the period 1 January to 31 December 2020

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# **PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS**



Executive Office of the Secretary-General



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

# **CONTRIBUTORS**



**GERMANY** 



**ITALY** 

### **DEFINITIONS**

# Allocation

Amount approved by the Steering Committee for a project/programme.

# Approved Project/Programme

A project/programme including budget, etc., that is approved by the Steering Committee for fund allocation purposes.

### **Contributor Commitment**

Amount(s) committed by a donor to a Fund in a signed Standard Administrative Arrangement with the UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office), in its capacity as the Administrative Agent. A commitment may be paid or pending payment.

# **Contributor Deposit**

Cash deposit received by the MPTF Office for the Fund from a contributor in accordance with a signed Standard Administrative Arrangement.

#### **Delivery Rate**

The percentage of funds that have been utilized, calculated by comparing expenditures reported by a Participating Organization against the 'net funded amount'.

# **Indirect Support Costs**

A general cost that cannot be directly related to any particular programme or activity of the Participating Organizations. UNDG policy establishes a fixed indirect cost rate of 7% of programmable costs.

#### **Net Funded Amount**

Amount transferred to a Participating Organization less any refunds transferred back to the MPTF Office by a Participating Organization.

# **Participating Organization**

A UN Organization or other inter-governmental Organization that is an implementing partner in a Fund, as represented by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the MPTF Office for a particular Fund.

## **Project Expenditure**

The sum of expenses and/or expenditure reported by all Participating Organizations for a Fund irrespective of which basis of accounting each Participating Organization follows for donor reporting.

### **Project Financial Closure**

A project or programme is considered financially closed when all financial obligations of an operationally completed project or programme have been settled, and no further financial charges may be incurred.

## **Project Operational Closure**

A project or programme is considered operationally closed when all programmatic activities for which Participating Organization(s) received funding have been completed.

# **Project Start Date**

Date of transfer of first instalment from the MPTF Office to the Participating Organization.

# **Total Approved Budget**

This represents the cumulative amount of allocations approved by the Steering Committee.

# **US Dollar Amount**

The financial data in the report is recorded in US Dollars and due to rounding off of numbers, the totals may not add up.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

This Consolidated Annual Financial Report of the Financing Strategy 2030 Agenda Fund is prepared by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office) in fulfillment of its obligations as Administrative Agent, as per the terms of Reference (TOR), the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the UNDP MPTF Office and the Participating Organizations, and the Standard Administrative Arrangement (SAA) signed with contributors.

The MPTF Office, as Administrative Agent, is responsible for concluding an MOU with Participating Organizations and SAAs with contributors.

It receives, administers and manages contributions, and disburses these funds to the Participating Organizations. The Administrative Agent prepares and submits annual consolidated financial reports, as well as regular financial statements, for transmission to contributors.

This consolidated financial report covers the period 1 January to 31 December **2020** and provides financial data on progress made in the implementation of projects of the **Financing Strategy 2030 Agenda Fund**. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/FSA00).

The financial data in the report is recorded in US Dollars and due to rounding off of numbers, the totals may not add up.

# **2020 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

This chapter presents financial data and analysis of the Financing Strategy 2030 Agenda Fund using the pass-through funding modality as of 31 December 2020. Financial information for this Fund is also available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY, at the following address: http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/FSA00.

# 1. SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

As of 31 December **2020**, **2** contributors deposited US\$ **4,978,476** in contributions and US\$ **65,719** was earned in interest.

The cumulative source of funds was US\$ **5,044,195** (see respectively, Tables 2 and 3).

Of this amount, US\$ **4,991,222** has been net funded to **3** Participating Organizations, of which US\$ **4,017,306** has been reported as expenditure. The Administrative Agent fee has been charged at the approved rate of 1% on deposits and amounts to US\$ **49,785**. Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the **Financing Strategy 2030 Agenda Fund** as of 31 December 2020.

Table 1. Financial Overview, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

	Annual 2019	Annual 2020	Cumulative
Sources of Funds			
Contributions from donors	-	1,246,776	4,978,476
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income	17,398	3,033	65,719
Interest Income received from Participating Organizations	-	-	-
Refunds by Administrative Agent to Contributors	-	-	-
Fund balance transferred to another MDTF	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-
Total: Sources of Funds	17,398	1,249,809	5,044,195
Use of Funds			
Transfers to Participating Organizations	2,328,510	1,761,867	5,499,782
Refunds received from Participating Organizations	-	(508,560)	(508,560)
Net Funded Amount	2,328,510	1,253,307	4,991,222
Administrative Agent Fees	-	12,468	49,785
Direct Costs: (Steering Committee, Secretariatetc.)	-	-	-
Bank Charges	6	10	165
Other Expenditures	-	-	-
Total: Uses of Funds	2,328,516	1,265,785	5,041,172
Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent	(2,311,118)	(15,976)	3,023
Opening Fund balance (1 January)	2,330,117	18,999	-
Closing Fund balance (31 December)	18,999	3,023	3,023
Net Funded Amount (Includes Direct Cost)	2,328,510	1,253,307	4,991,222
Participating Organizations' Expenditure (Includes Direct Cost)	2,500,571	745,041	4,017,306
Balance of Funds with Participating Organizations			973,916

### 2. PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

Table 2 provides information on cumulative contributions received from all contributors to this Fund as of 31 December **2020**.

The **Financing Strategy 2030 Agenda Fund** is currently being financed by **2** contributors, as listed in the table below.

The table below includes commitments made up to 31 December 2020 through signed Standard Administrative Agreements, and deposits made through 2020. It does not include commitments that were made to the fund beyond 2020.

Table 2. Contributors' Commitments and Deposits, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

Contributors	Total Commitments	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2019 Deposits	Current Year Jan-Dec-2020 Deposits	Total Deposits
GERMANY, Government of	2,500,000	2,500,000	-	2,500,000
ITALY, Government of	2,478,476	1,231,700	1,246,776	2,478,476
Grand Total	4,978,476	3,731,700	1,246,776	4,978,476

### 3. INTEREST EARNED

Interest income is earned in two ways: 1) on the balance of funds held by the Administrative Agent (Fund earned interest), and 2) on the balance of funds held by the Participating Organizations (Agency earned interest) where their Financial Regulations and Rules allow return of interest to the AA.

As of 31 December **2020**, Fund earned interest amounts to US\$ **65,719**.

Details are provided in the table below.

Table 3. Sources of Interest and Investment Income, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

Interest Earned	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2019	Current Year Jan-Dec-2020	Total
Administrative Agent			
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income	62,686	3,033	65,719
Total: Fund Earned Interest	62,686	3,033	65,719
Participating Organization			
Total: Agency earned interest			
Grand Total	62,686	3,033	65,719

#### 4. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Allocations to Participating Organizations are approved by the Steering Committee and disbursed by the Administrative Agent. As of 31 December 2020, the AA has transferred US\$ 5,499,782 to 3 Participating Organizations (see list below).

#### 4.1 TRANSFER BY PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

Table 4 provides additional information on the refunds received by the MPTF Office, and the net funded amount for each of the Participating Organizations.

Table 4. Transfer, Refund, and Net Funded Amount by Participating Organization, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

Participating	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2019			Current Year Jan-Dec-2020		Total			
Organization	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded
EOSG	1,516,804		1,516,804	1,053,307	(508,560)	544,747	2,570,111	(508,560)	2,061,551
UNDP	1,982,126		1,982,126	708,560		708,560	2,690,686		2,690,686
UNEP	238,985		238,985				238,985		238,985
<b>Grand Total</b>	3,737,915		3,737,915	1,761,867	(508,560)	1,253,307	5,499,782	(508,560)	4,991,222

# 5. EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL DELIVERY RATES

All final expenditures reported for the year **2020** were submitted by the Headquarters of the Participating Organizations. These were consolidated by the MPTF Office.

Project expenditures are incurred and monitored by each Participating Organization, and are reported as per the agreed upon categories for inter-agency harmonized reporting. The reported expenditures were submitted via the MPTF Office's online expenditure reporting tool. The **2020** expenditure data has been posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY at <a href="http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/FSA00">http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/FSA00</a>.

# **5.1 EXPENDITURE REPORTED BY PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION**

In **2020**, US\$ **1,253,307** was net funded to Participating Organizations, and US\$ **745,041** was reported in expenditure.

As shown in table below, the cumulative net funded amount is US\$ **4,991,222** and cumulative expenditures reported by the Participating Organizations amount to US\$ **4,017,306**. This equates to an overall Fund expenditure delivery rate of **80** percent.

The agencies with the three highest delivery rates are: UNEP (100%), EOSG (87%) and UNDP (73%)

Table 5.1 Net Funded Amount, Reported Expenditure, and Financial Delivery by Participating Organization, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

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Participating Organization	Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2019	Current Year Jan-Dec-2020	Cumulative	Delivery Rate %
EOSG	2,692,304	2,061,551	1,430,491	371,566	1,802,056	87.41
UNDP	2,690,686	2,690,686	1,602,789	373,488	1,976,277	73.45
UNEP	238,985	238,985	238,985	(12)	238,973	99.99
<b>Grand Total</b>	5,621,975	4,991,222	3,272,265	745,041	4,017,306	80.49

# **5.2 EXPENDITURE BY PROJECT**

Table 5.2 displays the net funded amounts, expenditures reported and the financial delivery rates by Participating Organization.

Table 5.2 Expenditure by Project within Sector, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

Sec	ctor / Project No. and Project Title	Participating Organization	Project Status	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
Financing S	Strategy 2030 Agenda						
00110011	IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT SG FINA	EOSG	On Going	2,692,304	2,061,551	1,802,056	87.41
00110012	COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT&SUPPORT DIG	UNDP	On Going	2,690,686	2,690,686	1,976,277	73.45
00110013	FINANCE INITIATIVES&CORE SUPPO	UNEP	On Going	238,985	238,985	238,973	99.99
Financing Strategy 2030 Agenda: Total				5,621,975	4,991,222	4,017,306	80.49
<b>Grand Tota</b>	al			5,621,975	4,991,222	4,017,306	80.49

# **5.3 EXPENDITURE REPORTED BY CATEGORY**

Project expenditures are incurred and monitored by each Participating Organization and are reported as per the agreed categories for inter-agency harmonized reporting. See table below.

# 2012 CEB Expense Categories

- 1. Staff and personnel costs
- 2. Supplies, commodities and materials
- 3. Equipment, vehicles, furniture and depreciation
- 4. Contractual services
- 5. Travel
- 6. Transfers and grants
- 7. General operating expenses
- 8. Indirect costs

Table 5.3 Expenditure by UNDG Budget Category, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

	Ex	Expenditure			
Category	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2019	Current Year Jan-Dec-2020	Total	Percentage of Total Programme Cost	
Staff and personnel costs	960,017	294,333	1,254,350	33.41	
Supplies, commodities and materials	-	8	8	0.00	
Equipment, vehicles, furniture and depreciation	-	2,200	2,200	0.06	
Contractual Services	991,336	355,320	1,346,656	35.87	
Travel	549,120	3,662	552,782	14.72	
Transfers and Grants	417,944	(12)	417,932	11.13	
General Operating	139,776	40,797	180,573	4.81	
Programme Costs Total	3,058,192	696,308	3,754,500	100.00	
<sup>1</sup> Indirect Support Costs Total	214,073	48,733	262,806	7.00	
Total	3,272,265	745,041	4,017,306		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Indirect Support Costs charged by Participating Organization, based on their financial regulations, can be deducted upfront or at a later stage during implementation. The percentage may therefore appear to exceed the 7% agreed-upon for on-going projects. Once projects are financially closed, this number is not to exceed 7%.

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#### 6. COST RECOVERY

Cost recovery policies for the Fund are guided by the applicable provisions of the Terms of Reference, the MOU concluded between the Administrative Agent and Participating Organizations, and the SAAs concluded between the Administrative Agent and Contributors, based on rates approved by UNDG.

The policies in place, as of 31 December **2020**, were as follows:

- The Administrative Agent (AA) fee: 1% is charged at the time of contributor deposit and covers services provided on that contribution for the entire duration of the Fund. In the reporting period US\$ 12,468 was deducted in AA-fees. Cumulatively, as of 31 December 2020, US\$ 49,785 has been charged in AA-fees.
- Indirect Costs of Participating Organizations:
   Participating Organizations may charge 7% indirect costs. In the current reporting period US\$ 48,733 was deducted in indirect costs by Participating Organizations. Cumulatively, indirect costs amount to US\$ 262,806 as of 31 December 2020.

# 7. ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

In order to effectively provide fund administration services and facilitate monitoring and reporting to the UN system and its partners, the MPTF Office has developed a public website, the MPTF Office Gateway (<a href="http://mptf.undp.org">http://mptf.undp.org</a>). Refreshed in real time every two hours from an internal enterprise resource planning system, the MPTF Office Gateway has become a standard setter for providing transparent and accountable trust fund administration services.

The Gateway provides financial information including: contributor commitments and deposits, approved programme budgets, transfers to and expenditures reported by Participating Organizations, interest income and other expenses. In addition, the Gateway provides an overview of the MPTF Office portfolio and extensive information on individual Funds, including their purpose, governance structure and key documents. By providing easy access to the growing number of narrative and financial reports, as well as related project documents, the Gateway collects and preserves important institutional knowledge and facilitates knowledge sharing and management among UN Organizations and their development partners, thereby contributing to UN coherence and development effectiveness.