# Consolidated Annual Financial Report of the Administrative Agent for the UNPRPD Disability Fund

for the period 1 January to 31 December 2016

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# **PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS**



International Labour Organization



Office of the UN High Commission



Pan American Health Organization



UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs



United Nations Development Programme



United Nations Educational, Science and Cultural Organization



United Nations
Population Fund



United Nations Children's Fund



World Health Organization

# **CONTRIBUTORS**



**AUSTRALIA** 



**CYPRUS** 



**FINLAND** 



**ISRAEL** 



MEXICO



NORWAY



SPAIN



**SWEDEN** 

# **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 UNPRPD Disability 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 **2016** and provides financial data on progress made in the implementation of projects of the **UNPRPD Disability Fund**. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/RPD00).

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

# **2016 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

This chapter presents financial data and analysis of the **UNPRPD Disability Fund** using the pass-through funding modality as of 31 December **2016**. Financial information for this Fund is also available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY, at the following address: http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/RPD00.

# 1. SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

As of 31 December **2016**, 9 contributors deposited US\$ **17,439,533** in contributions and US\$ **93,287** was earned in interest.

The cumulative source of funds was US\$ 17,532,820.

Of this amount, US\$ **8,988,760** has been net funded to **9** Participating Organizations, of which US\$ **7,359,483** has been reported as expenditure. The Administrative Agent fee has been charged at the approved rate of 1% on deposits and amounts to US\$ **174,395**. Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the **UNPRPD Disability Fund** as of 31 December 2016.

Table 1. Financial Overview, as of 31 December 2016 (in US Dollars)

	Annual 2015	Annual 2016	Cumulative
Sources of Funds			
Contributions from donors	5,400,953	2,712,280	17,439,533
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income	23,562	45,928	92,230
Interest Income received from Participating Organizations	171	887	1,058
Refunds by Administrative Agent to Contributors	-	-	-
Fund balance transferred to another MDTF	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-
Total: Sources of Funds	5,424,685	2,759,095	17,532,820
Use of Funds			
Transfers to Participating Organizations	1,042,076	798,151	9,088,370
Refunds received from Participating Organizations	(840)	(53,063)	(99,610)
Net Funded Amount	1,041,236	745,088	8,988,760
Administrative Agent Fees	44,591	36,541	174,395
Direct Costs: (Steering Committee, Secretariatetc.)	573,611	136,368	1,193,924
Bank Charges	201	304	882
Other Expenditures	9,419	(9,419)	-
Total: Uses of Funds	1,669,058	908,884	10,357,961
Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent	3,755,627	1,850,211	7,174,859
Opening Fund balance (1 January)	1,569,020	5,324,648	-
Closing Fund balance (31 December)	5,324,648	7,174,859	7,174,859
Net Funded Amount	1,041,236	745,088	8,988,760
Participating Organizations' Expenditure	2,575,022	1,988,098	7,359,483
Balance of Funds with Participating Organizations			1,629,277

# 2. PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

Table 2 provides information on cumulative contributions received from all contributors to this Fund as of 31 December **2016**.

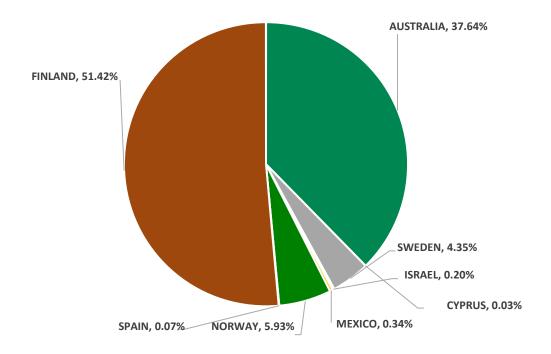
The **UNPRPD Disability Fund** is currently being financed by **9** contributors, as listed in the table below.

The table below includes commitments made up to 31 December **2016** through signed Standard Administrative Agreements, and deposits made through **2016**. It does not include commitments that were made to the fund beyond **2016**.

Table 2. Contributors' Commitments and Deposits, as of 31 December 2016 (in US Dollars)

Contributors	Total Commitments	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2015 Deposits	Current Year Jan-Dec-2016 Deposits	Total Deposits
AUSTRALIA	2,382,170	1,516,730	865,440	2,382,170
Australian Agency for International Development	4,182,600	4,182,600	-	4,182,600
CYPRUS	5,160	5,160	-	5,160
FINLAND	8,968,229	7,310,579	1,657,650	8,968,229
ISRAEL	35,000	35,000	-	35,000
MEXICO	60,000	50,000	10,000	60,000
NORWAY	1,034,546	855,356	179,190	1,034,546
SPAIN	12,378	12,378	-	12,378
SWEDEN	759,450	759,450	-	759,450
Grand Total	17,439,533	14,727,253	2,712,280	17,439,533

Figure 1: Deposits by contributor, cumulative as of 31 December 2016



# 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 **2016**, Fund earned interest amounts to US\$ **92,230**.

Interest received from Participating Organizations amounts to US\$ **1,058**, bringing the cumulative interest received to US\$ **93,287**.

Details are provided in the table below.

Table 3. Sources of Interest and Investment Income, as of 31 December 2016 (in US Dollars)

Interest Earned	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2015	Current Year Jan-Dec-2016	Total
Administrative Agent			
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income	46,302	45,928	92,230
Total: Fund Earned Interest	46,302	45,928	92,230
Participating Organization			
UNDESA	81		81
UNESCO	90	887	977
Total: Agency earned interest	171	887	1,058
Grand Total	46,472	46,815	93,287

# 4. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Allocations to Participating Organizations are approved by the Steering Committee and disbursed by the Administrative Agent. As of 31 December 2016, the AA has transferred US\$ 9,088,370 to 9 Participating Organizations (see list below).

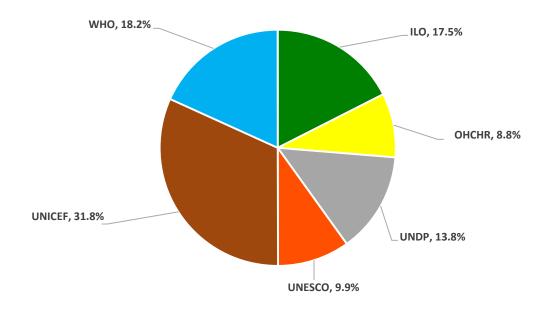
# **4.1 TRANSFER BY PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION**

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 2016 (in US Dollars)

Participating	Prior Ye	ars as of 31	l-Dec-2015	Current Year Jan-Dec-2016			Total		
Organization	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded
ILO	1,332,532	(921)	1,331,611	139,930	(51,374)	88,556	1,472,462	(52,295)	1,420,167
OHCHR	398,035		398,035	70,000		70,000	468,035		468,035
PAHO/WHO	87,500		87,500				87,500		87,500
UNDESA	53,500	(45,626)	7,874				53,500	(45,626)	7,874
UNDP	1,885,473		1,885,473	110,003		110,003	1,995,476		1,995,476
UNESCO	598,216		598,216	78,875		78,875	677,091		677,091
UNFPA	70,420		70,420				70,420		70,420
UNICEF	2,915,056		2,915,056	253,899	(1,689)	252,210	3,168,955	(1,689)	3,167,266
WHO	949,487		949,487	145,444		145,444	1,094,931		1,094,931
<b>Grand Total</b>	8,290,219	(46,547)	8,243,671	798,151	(53,063)	745,088	9,088,370	(99,610)	8,988,760

Figure 2: Transfers amount by Participating Organization for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2016



# 5. EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL DELIVERY RATES

All final expenditures reported for the year **2016** 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 **2016** expenditure data has been posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY at <a href="http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/RPD00">http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/RPD00</a>.

# 5.1 EXPENDITURE REPORTED BY PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

In **2016**, US\$ **745,088** was net funded to Participating Organizations, and US\$ **1,988,098** was reported in expenditure.

As shown in table below, the cumulative net funded amount is US\$ **8,988,760** and cumulative expenditures reported by the Participating Organizations amount to US\$ **7,359,483**. This equates to an overall Fund expenditure delivery rate of **82** percent.

The agencies with the three highest delivery rates are: UNDESA, UNFPA and UNICEF.

Table 5.1. Net Funded Amount, Reported Expenditure, and Financial Delivery by Participating Organization, as of 31 December 2016 (in US Dollars)

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Participating Organization	Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2015	Current Year Jan-Dec-2016	Cumulative	Delivery Rate %
ILO	1,472,462	1,420,167	852,411	328,145	1,180,557	83.13
OHCHR	548,334	468,035	354,900	12,832	367,732	78.57
PAHO/WHO	87,500	87,500	17,083	35,127	52,211	59.67
UNDESA	30,464	7,874	7,874		7,874	100.00
UNDP <sup>1</sup>	1,995,476	1,995,476	1,137,416	351,849	1,489,265	74.63
UNESCO	677,091	677,091	317,133	127,203	444,337	65.62
UNFPA	70,420	70,420	16,003	52,783	68,785	97.68
UNICEF	3,168,955	3,167,266	2,008,921	807,244	2,816,165	88.91
WHO	1,094,931	1,094,931	659,644	272,914	932,558	85.17
<b>Grand Total</b>	9,145,632	8,988,760	5,371,385	1,988,098	7,359,483	81.87

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  UNDP expenditures are not reflected for the Costa Rica project and will be shown in future reporting.

# **5.2 EXPENDITURE BY PROJECT**

Table 5 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 2016 (in US Dollars)

Sector	/ Project No.and Project Title	Participating Organization	Project Status	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %		
UNPRPD - Disability Fund									
00084087	UNPRPD Mozambique UN Partnersh	UNDP	On Going	100,366	100,366	100,223	99.86		
00084087	UNPRPD Mozambique UN Partnersh	UNICEF	On Going	239,680	239,680	238,353	99.45		
00084088	UNPRPD Costa Rica National pla	ILO	On Going	123,588	122,667	122,667	100.00		
00084088	UNPRPD Costa Rica National pla	UNDP	On Going	226,412	226,412		0		
00084090	UNPRPD Indonesia Promoting the	ILO	On Going	278,747	274,637	255,647	93.09		
00084090	UNPRPD Indonesia Promoting the	UNESCO	On Going	78,875	78,875	45,214	57.32		
00084090	UNPRPD Indonesia Promoting the	WHO	On Going	169,852	169,852	131,821	77.61		
00084091	UNPRPD Moldova Paradigm shift	OHCHR	On Going	138,052	138,052	115,305	83.52		
00084091	UNPRPD Moldova Paradigm shift	UNDP	On Going	163,111	163,111	147,729	90.57		
00084091	UNPRPD Moldova Paradigm shift	UNICEF	On Going	104,570	102,881	101,585	98.74		
00084091	UNPRPD Moldova Paradigm shift	WHO	On Going	144,160	144,160	113,155	78.49		
00084093	UNPRPD Pacific Island Countrie	ILO	On Going	64,200	64,200	64,195	99.99		
00084093	UNPRPD Pacific Island Countrie	UNICEF	On Going	243,000	243,000	239,574	98.59		
00084093	UNPRPD Pacific Island Countrie	WHO	On Going	42,800	42,800	42,680	99.72		
00084094	UNPRPD Togo Promoting the righ	OHCHR	On Going	39,572	39,572	39,572	100.00		
00084094	UNPRPD Togo Promoting the righ	UNICEF	On Going	345,504	345,504	252,622	73.12		
00084094	UNPRPD Togo Promoting the righ	WHO	On Going	163,072	163,072	142,850	87.60		
00084095	UNPRPD Ukraine Promoting mains	UNDP	On Going	215,800	215,800	215,728	99.97		
00084095	UNPRPD Ukraine Promoting mains	UNICEF	On Going	58,900	58,900	61,144	103.81		
00084095	UNPRPD Ukraine Promoting mains	WHO	On Going	58,900	58,900	58,888	99.98		
00085728	UNPRPD Vietnam Disability Righ	ILO	On Going	150,000	149,523	89,523	59.87		
00085728	UNPRPD Vietnam Disability Righ	UNDP	On Going	210,000	210,000	130,000	61.90		
00085728	UNPRPD Vietnam Disability Righ	UNICEF	On Going	190,000	190,000	129,980	68.41		
00085729	UNPRPD Global Post-2015 develo	UNDESA	On Going	30,464	7,874	7,874	100.00		
00085729	UNPRPD Global Post-2015 develo	UNDP	On Going	64,200	64,200		0		
00085729	UNPRPD Global Post-2015 develo	UNICEF	On Going	160,179	160,179	157,930	98.60		
00085929	UNPRPD South Africa UNCRPD	OHCHR	On Going	140,170	140,170	106,031	75.64		
00085929	UNPRPD South Africa UNCRPD	UNDP	On Going	113,420	113,420	105,166	92.72		
00085929	UNPRPD South Africa UNCRPD	UNICEF	On Going	96,300	96,300	97,367	101.11		
00087521	UNPRPD Palestine Awareness & M	ILO	On Going	74,900	74,332	74,332	100.00		
00087521	UNPRPD Palestine Awareness & M	UNDP	On Going	48,150	48,150	47,923	99.53		

00087521	UNPRPD Palestine Awareness & M	UNICEF	On Going	135,890	135,890	135,890	100.00
00087521	UNPRPD Palestine Awareness & M	WHO	On Going	90,950	90,950	90,950	100.00
00087795	UNPRPD New Tunisia	ILO	On Going	65,000	50,891	50,891	100.00
00087795	UNPRPD New Tunisia	OHCHR	On Going	100,000	100,000	56,604	56.60
00087795	UNPRPD New Tunisia	UNICEF	On Going	185,000	185,000	184,502	99.73
00091319	UNPRPD Armenia Improving Acces	UNDP	On Going	86,349	86,349	83,705	96.94
00091319	UNPRPD Armenia Improving Acces	UNICEF	On Going	263,172	263,172	238,136	90.49
00091320	UNPRPD China Support to Rights	ILO	On Going	105,966	105,966	99,725	94.11
00091320	UNPRPD China Support to Rights	UNDP	On Going	105,966	105,966	105,966	100.00
00091320	UNPRPD China Support to Rights	UNESCO	On Going	105,966	105,966	60,450	57.05
00091320	UNPRPD China Support to Rights	UNICEF	On Going	32,100	32,100		0
00091321	UNPRPD Egypt Jobs and Skills	ILO	On Going	167,295	167,295	142,495	85.18
00091321		UNDP	On Going	182,702	182,702	157,242	86.06
00091322	1	UNESCO	On Going	150,000	150,000	2,488	1.66
00091322	UNPRPD India Promoting Rights	UNICEF	On Going	200,000	200,000	184,282	92.14
00091323	UNPRPD Sudan Promoting Access	UNESCO	On Going	121,980	121,980	121,716	99.78
00091323	UNPRPD Sudan Promoting Access	UNICEF	On Going	117,700	117,700	117,700	100.00
00091323	UNPRPD Sudan Promoting Access	WHO	On Going	110,000	110,000	80,999	73.64
00091747		ILO	On Going	93,090	60,979	60,979	100.00
00091747	UNPRPD - Disability Statistics	UNFPA	On Going	21,400	21,400	21,400	100.00
00091747	UNPRPD - Disability Statistics	UNICEF	On Going	117,700	117,700	117,567	99.89
00091747	UNPRPD - Disability Statistics	WHO	On Going	139,100	139,100	100,972	72.59
00092230	UNPRPD Uganda Promoting Rights	UNESCO	On Going	130,540	130,540	128,045	98.09
00092230	UNPRPD Uganda Promoting Rights	UNICEF	On Going	219,350	219,350	205,228	93.56
00092231	UNPRPD Bolivia Capacity for in	OHCHR	On Going	130,540	50,241	50,220	99.96
00092231	UNPRPD Bolivia Capacity for in	UNESCO	On Going	89,730	89,730	86,423	96.31
00092231	UNPRPD Bolivia Capacity for in	UNFPA	On Going	49,020	49,020	47,386	96.67
00092231	UNPRPD Bolivia Capacity for in	UNICEF	On Going	99,010	99,010	98,603	99.59
00092231	UNPRPD Bolivia Capacity for in	WHO	On Going	61,097	61,097	55,260	90.45
00092306	UNPRPD Tajikistan Inclusive Po	UNDP	On Going	90,000	90,000	89,572	99.52
00092306	UNPRPD Tajikistan Inclusive Po	UNICEF	On Going	145,000	145,000	59,605	41.11
00092306	UNPRPD Tajikistan Inclusive Po	WHO	On Going	115,000	115,000	114,983	99.99
00093449	Support to ADF - Regional proj	UNDP	On Going	214,000	214,000	203,538	95.11
00094644	UNPRPD Mexico	PAHO/WHO	On Going	87,500	87,500	52,211	59.67
00094644	UNPRPD Mexico	UNDP	On Going	175,000	175,000	102,472	58.56
00094644	UNPRPD Mexico	UNICEF	On Going	87,500	87,500	67,697	77.37
00095517	UNPRPD R2 Promoting social inc	ILO	On Going	349,676	349,676	220,103	62.94
00096832	Enhancing multi-stakeholder di	UNICEF	On Going	128,400	128,400	128,400	100.00
IINPRPD -	Disability Fund: Total	9,145,632	8,988,760	7,359,483	81.87		

Grand Total 9,145,632 8,988,760 7,359,483 81.87

# **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. In 2006 the UN Development Group (UNDG) established six categories against which UN entities must report inter-agency project expenditures, which were subsequently modified in 2012 by the UN Chief Executive Board (CEB) as a result of IPSAS adoption to comprise eight categories.

Table 5.3 reflects expenditure reported in the UNDG/CEB expense categories.

# **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 2016 (in US Dollars)

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Category	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2015	Current Year Jan-Dec-2016	Total	Percentage of Total Programme Cost
Staff & Personnel Cost	443,902	289,962	733,865	10.65
Suppl, Comm, Materials	(86,198)	119,894	33,696	0.49
Equip, Veh, Furn, Depn	62,456	5,100	67,556	0.98
Contractual Services	1,949,813	532,583	2,482,396	36.03
Travel	596,370	185,448	781,818	11.35
Transfers and Grants	1,414,428	433,902	1,848,331	26.83
General Operating	646,183	295,660	941,843	13.67
Programme Costs Total	5,026,954	1,862,550	6,889,504	100.00
<sup>1</sup> Indirect Support Costs Total	344,431	125,548	469,979	6.82
Total	5,371,385	1,988,098	7,359,483	

<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%.

#### 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 **2016**, 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\$ 36,541 was deducted in AA-fees. Cumulatively, as of 31 December 2016, US\$ 174,395 has been charged in AA-fees.
- Indirect Costs of Participating Organizations:
   Participating Organizations may charge 7% indirect costs. In the current reporting period US\$ 125,548 was deducted in indirect costs by Participating Organizations. Cumulatively, indirect costs amount to US\$ 469,979 as of 31 December 2016.

#### 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.

# 8. DIRECT COSTS

The Fund governance mechanism may approve an allocation to a Participating Organization to cover costs associated with Secretariat services and overall coordination, as well as Fund level reviews and evaluations. These allocations are referred to as 'direct costs'. In the reporting period, direct costs charged to the fund amounted to US\$ 136,368. Cumulatively, as of 31 December 2016, US\$ 1,193,924 has been charged as Direct Costs.