

**Consolidated Annual Financial
Report of the Administrative Agent
for the
UN Joint Programme for Gender Equality II**

for the period 1 January to 31 December 2017

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PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS



United Nations
Development
Programme



United Nations
Population Fund



UNWOMEN

CONTRIBUTORS



Swedish International
Development Cooperation

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 **JP Georgia Gender Equality II 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 **2017** and provides financial data on progress made in the implementation of projects of the **JP Georgia Gender Equality II Fund**. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (<http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/JGE10>).

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2017 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

This chapter presents financial data and analysis of the **JP Georgia Gender Equality II Fund** using the pass-through funding modality as of 31 December 2017. Financial information for this Fund is also available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY, at the following address: <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/JGE10>.

1. SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

As of 31 December 2017, **1** contributors deposited US\$ **4,826,307** in contributions and US\$ **3,329** was earned in interest.

The cumulative source of funds was US\$ **4,829,637**

Of this amount, US\$ **4,072,685** has been net funded to **3** Participating Organizations, of which US\$ **3,828,679** has been reported as expenditure. The Administrative Agent fee has been charged at the approved rate of 1% on deposits and amounts to US\$ **48,263**. Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the **JP Georgia Gender Equality II Fund** as of 31 December 2017.

Table 1. Financial Overview, as of 31 December 2017 (in US Dollars)

	Annual 2016	Annual 2017	Cumulative
Sources of Funds			
Contributions from donors	1,823,014	2,421,478	4,826,307
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income	778	2,329	3,329
Interest Income received from Participating Organizations	-	-	-
Refunds by Administrative Agent to Contributors	-	-	-
Fund balance transferred to another MDTF	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-
Total: Sources of Funds	1,823,792	2,423,808	4,829,637
Use of Funds			
Transfers to Participating Organizations	2,380,725	1,691,960	4,072,685
Refunds received from Participating Organizations	-	-	-
Net Funded Amount	2,380,725	1,691,960	4,072,685
Administrative Agent Fees	18,230	24,215	48,263
Direct Costs: (Steering Committee, Secretariat...etc.)	-	-	-
Bank Charges	36	15	74
Other Expenditures	-	-	-
Total: Uses of Funds	2,398,992	1,716,190	4,121,022
Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent	(575,199)	707,618	708,615
Opening Fund balance (1 January)	576,197	997	-
Closing Fund balance (31 December)	997	708,615	708,615
Net Funded Amount (Includes Direct Cost)	2,380,725	1,691,960	4,072,685
Participating Organizations' Expenditure (Includes Direct Cost)	1,818,707	2,009,973	3,828,679
Balance of Funds with Participating Organizations			244,006

2. PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

Table 2 provides information on cumulative contributions received from all contributors to this Fund as of 31 December 2017.

The **JP Georgia Gender Equality II Fund** is currently being financed by **1** contributor, as listed in the table below.

The table below includes commitments made up to 31 December 2017 through signed Standard Administrative Agreements, and deposits made through 2017. It does not include commitments that were made to the fund beyond 2017.

Table 2. Contributors' Commitments and Deposits, as of 31 December 2017 (in US Dollars)

Contributors	Total Commitments	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2016 Deposits	Current Year Jan-Dec-2017 Deposits	Total Deposits
Swedish International Development Cooperation	5,883,857	2,404,829	2,421,478	4,826,307
Grand Total	5,883,857	2,404,829	2,421,478	4,826,307

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 2017, Fund earned interest amounts to US\$ **3,329**.

Details are provided in the table below.

Table 3. Sources of Interest and Investment Income, as of 31 December 2017 (in US Dollars)

Interest Earned	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2016	Current Year Jan-Dec-2017	Total
Administrative Agent			
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income	1,000	2,329	3,329
Total: Fund Earned Interest	1,000	2,329	3,329
Participating Organization			
Total: Agency earned interest			
Grand Total	1,000	2,329	3,329

4. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Allocations to Participating Organizations are approved by the Steering Committee and disbursed by the Administrative Agent. As of 31 December 2017, the AA has transferred US\$ **4,072,685** 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 2017 (in US Dollars)

Participating Organization	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2016			Current Year Jan-Dec-2017			Total		
	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded
UNDP	880,868		880,868	626,025		626,025	1,506,893		1,506,893
UNFPA	714,217		714,217	507,588		507,588	1,221,805		1,221,805
UNWOMEN	785,640		785,640	558,347		558,347	1,343,987		1,343,987
Grand Total	2,380,725		2,380,725	1,691,960		1,691,960	4,072,685		4,072,685

5. EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL DELIVERY RATES

All final expenditures reported for the year 2017 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 2017 expenditure data has been posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY at <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/JGE10>.

5.1 EXPENDITURE REPORTED BY PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

In 2017, US\$ **1,691,960** was net funded to Participating Organizations, and US\$ **2,009,973** was reported in expenditure.

As shown in table below, the cumulative net funded amount is US\$ **4,072,685** and cumulative expenditures reported by the Participating Organizations amount to US\$ **3,828,679**. This equates to an overall Fund expenditure delivery rate of **94** percent.

Table 5. Net Funded Amount, Reported Expenditure, and Financial Delivery by Participating Organization, as of 31 December 2017 (in US Dollars)

Participating Organization	Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Expenditure			Delivery Rate %
			Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2016	Current Year Jan-Dec-2017	Cumulative	
UNDP	1,506,893	1,506,893	891,013	699,144	1,590,157	105.53 ¹
UNFPA	1,221,805	1,221,805	374,055	649,849 ²	1,023,904	83.80
UNWOMEN	1,343,987	1,343,987	553,639	660,980	1,214,619	90.37
Grand Total	4,072,685	4,072,685	1,818,707	2,009,973	3,828,679	94.01

¹ Within the reporting period of 1 January to 31 December 2017, UNDP Component of UNJP for Gender Equality II completed the financial year exceeding the delivery rate by 5.53 %. This was caused due to intensification of certain activities and respective expenditures incurred in connection with the local elections taking place in October 2017, such as the TV Media Monitoring of election process to ensure gender sensitive reporting. Also, during the reporting period the additional technical assistance was requested by the recently created Parliamentary Gender Equality Council following the change of leadership following the parliamentary elections. Some of the above mentioned major initiatives include Baseline Study ‘Gender Equality in Georgia: Barriers and Recommendations’ and Gender Impact Assessment of Legislation. Hence, UNDP provided more intensive technical assistance than anticipated, leading to slightly higher expenditures in 2017.

² 2017 expenditure is shown as \$649,849 while the country level information shows \$ 646,085.51 and the difference is very minor (\$3,762.49).

5.4 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. Effective 1 January 2012, the UN Chief Executive Board (CEB) modified these categories as a result of IPSAS adoption to comprise eight categories. All expenditure incurred prior to 1 January 2012 have been reported in the old categories; post 1 January 2012 all expenditure are reported in the new eight categories. 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 6. Expenditure by UNDG Budget Category, as of 31 December 2017 (in US Dollars)

Category	Expenditure			Percentage of Total Programme Cost
	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2016	Current Year Jan-Dec-2017	Total	
Staff & Personnel Cost	75,904	89,646	165,550	4.64
Supplies, Commodities and Materials	27,302	22,911	50,213	1.41
Equipment, Vehicles, Furniture, Depreciation	95,843	22,132	117,975	3.31
Contractual Services	607,383	939,264	1,546,647	43.34
Travel	41,431	96,092	137,522	3.85
Transfers and Grants	407,555	77,194	484,748	13.58
General Operating	428,138	637,934	1,066,072	29.87
Programme Costs Total	1,683,557	1,885,172	3,568,729	100.00
¹ Indirect Support Costs Total	135,150	124,801	259,951	7.28
Total	1,818,707	2,009,973	3,828,679	

¹ **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 2017, 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\$ **24,215** was deducted in AA-fees. Cumulatively, as of 31 December **2017**, US\$ **48,263** has been charged in AA-fees.
- **Indirect Costs of Participating Organizations:** Participating Organizations may charge 7% indirect costs. In the current reporting period US\$ **124,801** was deducted in indirect costs by Participating Organizations. Cumulatively, indirect costs amount to US\$ **259,951** as of 31 December 2017.

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 (<http://mptf.undp.org>). 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.