

Consolidated Annual Financial Report of the Administrative Agent for the JP Malawi Girls' Education II Fund

for the period 1 January to 31 December 2018

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PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS



United Nations
Population Fund



United Nations
Children's Fund



World Food
Programme

CONTRIBUTORS



Government of Norway

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 Malawi Girls' Education 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 **2018** and provides financial data on progress made in the implementation of projects of the **JP Malawi Girls' Education II Fund**. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (<http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/JMW10>).

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

2018 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

This chapter presents financial data and analysis of the **JP Malawi Girls' Education II Fund** using the pass-through funding modality as of 31 December **2018**. Financial information for this Fund is also available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY, at the following address:
<http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/JMW10>.

1. SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

As of 31 December **2018**, **1** contributor deposited US\$ **14,467,484** in contributions and US\$ **27,458** was earned in interest.

The cumulative source of funds was US\$ **14,494,942**

Of this amount, US\$ **12,582,324** has been net funded to **3** Participating Organizations, of which US\$ **5,115,678** has been reported as expenditure. The Administrative Agent fee has been charged at the approved rate of 1% on deposits and amounts to US\$ **144,675**. Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the **JP Malawi Girls' Education II Fund** as of 31 December 2018.

Table 1. Financial Overview, as of 31 December 2018 (in US Dollars)

	Annual 2017	Annual 2018	Cumulative
Sources of Funds			
Contributions from donors	6,562,463	7,905,021	14,467,484
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income	6,730	20,728	27,458
Interest Income received from Participating Organizations	-	-	-
Refunds by Administrative Agent to Contributors	-	-	-
Fund balance transferred to another MDTF	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-
Total: Sources of Funds	6,569,193	7,925,749	14,494,942
Use of Funds			
Transfers to Participating Organizations	-	12,582,324	12,582,324
Refunds received from Participating Organizations	-	-	-
Net Funded Amount	-	12,582,324	12,582,324
Administrative Agent Fees	65,625	79,050	144,675
Direct Costs: (Steering Committee, Secretariat...etc.)	-	-	-
Bank Charges	43	83	125
Other Expenditures	-	-	-
Total: Uses of Funds	65,667	12,661,457	12,727,124
Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent	6,503,525	(4,735,708)	1,767,817
Opening Fund balance (1 January)	0	6,503,525	-
Closing Fund balance (31 December)	6,503,525	1,767,817	1,767,817
Net Funded Amount (Includes Direct Cost)	-	12,582,324	12,582,324
Participating Organizations' Expenditure (Includes Direct Cost)	-	5,115,678	5,115,678
Balance of Funds with Participating Organizations			7,466,646

2. PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

Table 2 provides information on cumulative contributions received from all contributors to this Fund as of 31 December 2018.

The **JP Malawi Girls' Education II Fund** is currently being financed by **1** contributors, as listed in the table below.

The table below includes commitments made up to 31 December 2018 through signed Standard Administrative Agreements, and deposits made through 2018. It does not include commitments that were made to the fund beyond 2018.

Table 2. Contributors' Commitments and Deposits, as of 31 December 2018 (in US Dollars)

Contributors	Total Commitments	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2017 Deposits	Current Year Jan-Dec-2018 Deposits	Total Deposits
Government of Norway	14,467,484	6,562,463	7,905,021	14,467,484
Grand Total	14,467,484	6,562,463	7,905,021	14,467,484

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 **2018**, Fund earned interest amounts to US\$ **27,458**.

Details are provided in the table below.

Table 3. Sources of Interest and Investment Income, as of 31 December 2018 (in US Dollars)

Interest Earned	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2017	Current Year Jan-Dec-2018	Total
Administrative Agent			
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income	6,730	20,728	27,458
Total: Fund Earned Interest	6,730	20,728	27,458
Participating Organization			
Total: Agency earned interest			
Grand Total	6,730	20,728	27,458

4. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Allocations to Participating Organizations are approved by the Steering Committee and disbursed by the Administrative Agent. As of 31 December 2018, the AA has transferred US\$ **12,582,324** 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. In 2018, US\$ **12,582,324** was net funded to Participating Organizations.

Table 4. Transfer, Refund, and Net Funded Amount by Participating Organization, as of 31 December 2018 (in US Dollars)

Participating Organization	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2017			Current Year Jan-Dec-2018			Total		
	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded
UNFPA				4,624,827		4,624,827	4,624,827		4,624,827
UNICEF				3,674,378		3,674,378	3,674,378		3,674,378
WFP				4,283,119		4,283,119	4,283,119		4,283,119
Grand Total				12,582,324		12,582,324	12,582,324		12,582,324

5. EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL DELIVERY RATES

All final expenditures reported for the year **2018** 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 **2018** expenditure data has been posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY at <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/JMW10>.

5.1 EXPENDITURE REPORTED BY PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

In **2018**, US\$ **5,115,678** was reported in expenditure.

As shown in table below, the cumulative net funded amount is US\$ **12,582,324** and cumulative expenditures reported by the Participating Organizations amount to US\$ **5,115,678**. This equates to an overall Fund expenditure delivery rate of **41** percent.

Table 5.1 Net Funded Amount, Reported Expenditure, and Financial Delivery by Participating Organization, as of 31 December 2018 (in US Dollars)

Participating Organization	Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Expenditure			Delivery Rate %
			Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2017	Current Year Jan-Dec-2018	Cumulative	
UNFPA	4,624,827	4,624,827		1,594,584	1,594,584	34.48 ¹
UNICEF	3,674,378	3,674,378		2,683,371	2,683,371	73.03
WFP	4,283,120	4,283,119		837,723	837,723	19.56 ²
Grand Total	12,582,325	12,582,324		5,115,678	5,115,678	40.66

¹ UNFPA experienced challenges with payment modalities to some partners in 2018. UNFPA has since taken steps to address this and expects that in 2019 expenditure rates will increase. Some of the procurements of goods and services started in 2018 are being completed in 2019, hence expenditure will be reflected in 2019 report.

² WFP's low consumption is due to a combination of factors. Firstly, Malawi experienced a cholera outbreak which reduced consumption in third school term as school meals had to be interrupted. Secondly, some of the expenditures for 2018 were not yet certified by the end of the financial year, but WFP expects to substantially increase consumption in 2019.

5.2 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.

Table 5.2 Expenditure by UNDG Budget Category, as of 31 December 2018 (in US Dollars)

Category	Expenditure			Percentage of Total Programme Cost
	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2017	Current Year Jan-Dec-2018	Total	
Staff & Personnel Cost	-	462,815	462,815	9.69
Supplies, Commodities and Materials	-	1,114,819	1,114,819	23.33
Equipment, Vehicles, Furniture and Depreciation	-	267,093	267,093	5.59
Contractual Services	-	186,667	186,667	3.91
Travel	-	62,388	62,388	1.31
Transfers and Grants	-	1,829,833	1,829,833	38.29
General Operating	-	854,805	854,805	17.89
Programme Costs Total	-	4,778,422	4,778,422	100.00
¹ Indirect Support Costs Total	-	337,257	337,257	7.06
Total	-	5,115,678	5,115,678	

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 **2018**, 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\$ **79,050** was deducted in AA-fees. Cumulatively, as of 31 December **2018**, US\$ **144,675** has been charged in AA-fees.
- **Indirect Costs of Participating Organizations:** Participating Organizations may charge 7% indirect costs. In the current reporting period US\$ **337,257** was deducted in indirect costs by Participating Organizations. Cumulatively, indirect costs amount to US\$ **337,257** as of 31 December **2018**.

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.