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# **First Consolidated Annual Financial Report of the UN-Indigenous Peoples' Partnership (UNIPP)**

**Report of the Administrative Agent of the UNIPP  
for the period 1 January - 31 December 2011**

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## UN-Indigenous Peoples' Partnership

### PARTICIPATING UN ORGANIZATIONS



International Labor Organization (ILO)



Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)



United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)



United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

### CONTRIBUTING DONORS



Denmark



Finland

## **Definitions**

### **Allocation**

Amount approved by the UNIPP Policy Board for a programme.

### **Approved Programme**

A programme document, including budget, etc., that is approved by the Policy Board for fund allocation purposes.

### **Donor Commitment**

A contribution expected to be received or already deposited by a donor based on a signed Standard Administrative Arrangement (SAA) with the UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office), in its capacity as the Administrative Agent of the UNIPP.

### **Donor Deposit**

Cash deposit received by the UNDP MPTF Office for the UNIPP.

### **Participating Organizations**

Organizations that have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the UNDP MPTF Office.

### **Total Approved Budget**

Amount approved by the UNIPP Policy Board.

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## **1. Introduction**

The United Nations Indigenous Peoples' Partnership (UNIPP) is a UN collaborative rights-based framework focused on developing national capacities to promote indigenous peoples' rights through more effective dialogue and partnership mechanisms at the country level. It aims at "Delivering as One" with the view to improving the effectiveness of United Nations programmes on indigenous peoples at the country level.

UNIPP is the first global inter-agency initiative with a programmatic focus on indigenous peoples at the country level, supported and complemented by strategic interventions at regional and international levels. UNIPP supports capacities of multiple actors, in particular governments and indigenous peoples and organizations, to establish effective dialogue processes, mechanisms and partnerships aimed at guaranteeing indigenous peoples' rights. The UNIPP Fund was established in May 2010 to advance the goals of UNIPP.

This Consolidated Annual Financial Report of the UN-Indigenous Peoples' Partnership (UNIPP) is prepared by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office) in fulfillment of its obligations as Administrative Agent of the UNIPP, contained under the UNIPP Terms of Reference (TOR), the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Participating Organizations, and the Standard Administrative Arrangements (SAAs) signed with donors.

The MPTF Office, as Administrative Agent, receives, administers and manages contributions from Donors, and disburses these funds to the Participating Organizations in accordance with the decisions of the UNIPP Policy Board. In addition it prepares and submits annual consolidated narrative and financial reports, as well as regular financial statements on the UNIPP account to the UNIPP Policy Board, for transmission to donors.

This consolidated financial report covers the period 1 January to 31 December 2011 and provides financial data of the UNIPP Account. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (<http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/IPP00>).

## **2. UNIPP Establishment**

As of 31 December 2011 five Participating UN Organizations, namely the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have signed the MOU. During the reporting period, the two first donors, Denmark and Finland, signed the SAA contributing to the UNIPP.

### 3. Strategic framework and governance arrangements

#### 3.1 Governance arrangements

The UNIPP Terms of Reference defines a collaborative framework for coordinated and joint interventions among the Participating UN Organizations, indigenous peoples, governments and other partners.

The UNIPP is governed by the **Policy Board**. The Board provides overall leadership and sets the strategic direction of UNIPP, articulates and develops the UNIPP policy, makes fund allocation decisions and reviews the progress of funded programmes in accordance with the Fund's policy priorities and the scope of the UNIPP Collaborative Framework. The composition of the UNIPP Policy Board includes indigenous experts and representatives of UN Agencies that have joined UNIPP as partners. The Administrative Agent serves as an ex-officio member of the Policy Board.

Two Policy Board Co-Chairs are selected by the Policy Board one from the members of Participating UN Organizations, and the other one from indigenous experts. The Co-Chair representing the UN Organizations will rotate on a yearly basis, while the rotation of the indigenous Co-Chair is to be determined by the indigenous experts on the Policy Board. In 2011, the two Co-Chairs of the Policy Board were the Director of the Research and Right to Development Division of Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and a Member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), the Barrister and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh.

The UNIPP Policy Board is supported by the UNIPP **Technical Secretariat** which hosted by the ILO since 2011. The Technical Secretariat is responsible for (i) preparation of criteria for the selection of countries participating in UNIPP; (ii) developing guidelines for the preparation and submission of country proposals; (iii) reviewing proposals submitted by Participating UN Organizations for completeness and consistency with the UNIPP Collaborative Framework; (iv) providing technical assistance to country offices, with a view to ensuring Fund-wide success and supporting monitoring processes; (v) consolidating the annual and final narrative reports submitted by Participating UN Organizations; (vi) contributing to ensuring that policies and strategies decided by the UNIPP Policy Board are implemented and adhered to; and (vii) ensuring coordination with UNIPP actors at a global scale.

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### 3.2 UNIPP Activities

The UNIPP will primarily fund two types of activities, namely:

1. Joint country-level programmes whereby Participating UN Organizations collaborate around common programmatic goals. The two complementary priority lines of support are: (a) Capacity development for the realization of indigenous peoples' rights in line with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and ILO Convention No. 169; and (b) Consultative mechanisms and participatory processes with the State and with United Nations Country Teams.
2. Thematic, global and regional support activities: UNIPP will enhance the impact of the country programmes through thematic, global and/or regional activities that will focus on supporting, strengthening and providing a coherent framework for country-level joint programmes. Regional and global activities may include, among others, areas such as indigenous peoples' leadership, knowledge networks and policy research.

## **4. Policy Board Decisions**

In 2011 the Policy Board held two meetings. At its first meeting held on the 19-20 July 2011 in Geneva, the Policy Board finalized UNIPP's institutional set-up and defined its overall strategic direction. These includes the review and adoption of UNIPP Policy Board Terms of Reference, Operational Guidelines, Resource Mobilization & Communication Strategies and Strategic Framework with the latter setting out the Partnership's priority countries for the start-up phase of its joint country and regional programmes, including thematic global activities in Asia, Africa and Latin America on the basis of on-going work by UN Countries Teams, opportunities and compelling needs.

In addition, the Policy Board also adopted UNIPP's key thematic priorities which include: legislative review and reform; access to justice and strengthening of indigenous customary law and justice systems; access to land and ancestral territories; the impact of extractive industries on indigenous peoples; the right to education and health, and the rights of indigenous women, children and youth. The global priorities aim at aid effectiveness and traditional conflict prevention and resolution mechanisms of indigenous peoples.

Based on the donor commitments of US\$ 1.5 million, at its second meeting held on 27-28 October 2011, the UNIPP Policy Board reviewed and approved six country programmes and one regional programme for funding, totaling US\$1,320,000, in the following regions and countries:

**Latin America:**

- Bolivia: US\$ 190,000
- Nicaragua: US\$ 170,000

**Africa:**

- Central African Republic (CAR): US\$ 180,000
- Cameroon: US\$ 180,000
- Republic of Congo: US\$ 170,000

**Asia:**

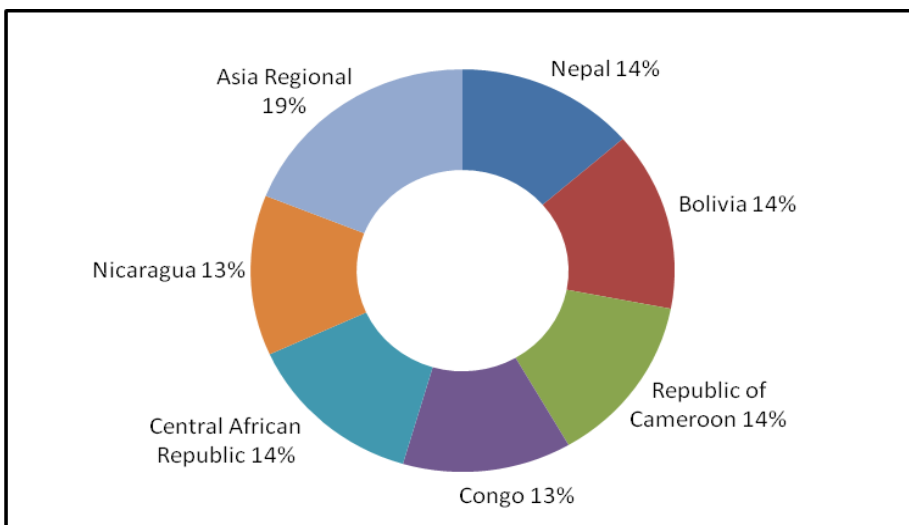
- Nepal: US\$ 180,000
- Regional Programme in Asia: US\$ 250,000

In addition, the Policy Board also allocated US\$ 135,000 as Direct Cost to support the UNIPP Technical Secretariat.

In making funding decisions on proposals, the UNIPP Policy Board provided comments and recommendations which were sent to the relevant countries requesting them to re-submit the revised proposals for further review and final approval.

Figure 1 shows a allocation of total funding by country. The biggest percentage (19 percent) was allocated to the Regional Programme in Asia, 14 percent each was allocated to Bolivia, Nepal, the CAR and Republic of Cameroon, and 13 percent to Nicaragua and the Republic of Congo.

**Figure 1: Fund Allocation Decision: Selected Programmes (percentage of total funding)**





## 5. Financial Performance

### 5.1 Sources, Uses, and Balance of Funds

Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the UNIPP funding as of 31 December 2011. By the end of 2011, a **total contribution of US\$ 994,743** has been received from two donors: the Governments of Denmark and Finland. Additionally, US\$ 1,725 has been earned in interest, bringing the cumulative amount of programmable resources to US\$ 996,469.

The MPTF Office Administrative Agent fee is charged at the standard rate of 1 percent of donor contributions received. As of 31 December 2011, the AA fees charged to the UNIPP amount to US\$ 9,947.

**Table 1: Financial Overview for the period ending 31 December 2011 (in US Dollars)**

	Current Year Jan-Dec 2011	TOTAL
<b>Sources of Funds</b>		
Gross Donor Contributions	994,743	994,743
Fund Earned Interest Income	1,725	1,725
Interest Income received from Part Organizations	-	-
Refunds by Admin Agent (Interest/Others)	-	-
Other Revenues	-	-
<b>Total: Sources of Funds</b>	<b>996,469</b>	<b>996,469</b>
<b>Use of Funds</b>		
Transfer to Participating Organizations	-	-
Refunds received from Participating Organizations	-	-
<b>Net Funded Amount to Participating Organizations</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Admin Agent Fees	9,947	9,947
Direct Costs: (Secretariat... etc.)	-	-
Bank Charges	12	12
Other Expenditures	-	-
<b>Total: Uses of Funds</b>	<b>9,959</b>	<b>9,959</b>
<b>Balance of Funds Available with Admin Agent</b>	<b>986,509</b>	<b>986,509</b>
Net Funded Amount to Participating Organizations	-	-
Participating Organizations' Expenditure	-	-
<b>Balance of Funds with Participating Organizations</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## 5.2. Donor Contributions

Table 2 displays the breakdown of the received contributions by donor. The UNIPP is currently being financed by two donors that have signed an SAA, namely the Governments of Denmark and Finland. **In 2011 UNIPP received US\$ 994,743 in donor contributions.** The second tranche of Denmark's funding amounting to approximately US\$ 537,000 due to be released in early 2012.

**Table 2: Donor Deposits (in US Dollars)**

DEPOSITS		
	Current Year Jan – Dec 2011	Grand Total
Denmark	929,368	929,368
Finland	65,375	65,375
<b>Total:</b>	<b>994,743</b>	<b>994,743</b>

## **6. Accountability and transparency**

The MPTF Office continued to provide information on its GATEWAY (<http://mptf.undp.org>)—a knowledge platform providing real-time data, with a maximum two-hour delay, on financial information from the MPTF Office accounting system on donor contributions, programme budgets and transfers to Participating Organizations. All narrative reports are published on the MPTF Office GATEWAY which provides easy access to nearly 8,000 relevant reports and documents, with tools and tables displaying financial and programme data. By providing easy access to the growing number of progress reports and related documents uploaded by users in the field, it facilitates knowledge sharing and management among UN Organizations. It is designed to provide transparent, accountable fund-management services to the UN system to enhance its coherence, effectiveness and efficiency. The MPTF Office GATEWAY has been recognized as a 'standard setter' by peers and partners.

Details of the UNIPP – its set-up, financial information and funded joint programmes - are posted on the webpage of the UNIPP of the MPTF Office GATEWAY (<http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/IPPO0>).