

**Consolidated Annual Financial  
Report of the Administrative Agent  
for the  
UN Joint Programme to Build Urban and Rural  
Resilience and the Conditions for Recovery  
in Syria**

**for the period 1 January to 31 December 2019**

Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office  
Bureau for Management Services  
United Nations Development Programme  
**GATEWAY: <http://mptf.undp.org>**

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## PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS



Food and Agriculture  
Organizat



United Nations Development  
Programme



United Nations Population  
Fund



UN Centre for Human  
Settlement



United Nations Children's  
Fund



World Food Programme

## CONTRIBUTORS



EUROPEAN UNION



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 **UN Joint Programme to Build Urban and Rural Resilience and the Conditions for Recovery in Syria** 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 **2019** and provides financial data on progress made in the implementation of projects of **UN Joint Programme to Build Urban and Rural Resilience and the Conditions for Recovery in Syria**. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (<http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/4X100>).

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## 2019 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

This chapter presents financial data and analysis of the **UN Joint Programme to Build Urban and Rural Resilience and the Conditions for Recovery in Syria** using the pass-through funding modality as of 31 December 2019. Financial information for this Fund is also available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY, at the following address: <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/4X100>.

### 1. SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

As of 31 December 2019, 2 contributors deposited US\$ 20,504,093 in contributions and US\$ 410,424 was earned in interest.

The cumulative source of funds was US\$ 20,914,517. Of this amount, US\$ 2,396,774 has been net funded to 6 Participating Organizations, of which US\$ 8,498 has been reported as expenditure. The Administrative Agent fee has been charged at the approved rate of 1% on deposits and amounts to US\$ 45,300. Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the **UN Joint Programme to Build Urban and Rural Resilience and the Conditions for Recovery in Syria** as of 31 December 2019.

**Table 1. Financial Overview, as of 31 December 2019 (in US Dollars)**

	Annual 2018	Annual 2019	Cumulative
<b>Sources of Funds</b>			
Contributions from donors	2,347,280	18,156,813	20,504,093
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income	3,158	407,266	410,424
Interest Income received from Participating Organizations	-	-	-
Refunds by Administrative Agent to Contributors	-	-	-
Fund balance transferred to another MDTF	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-
<b>Total: Sources of Funds</b>	<b>2,350,438</b>	<b>18,564,079</b>	<b>20,914,517</b>
<b>Use of Funds</b>			
Transfers to Participating Organizations	-	2,396,774	2,396,774
Refunds received from Participating Organizations	-	-	-
<b>Net Funded Amount</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,396,774</b>	<b>2,396,774</b>
Administrative Agent Fees	23,473	21,827	45,300
Direct Costs: (Steering Committee, Secretariat...etc.)	-	-	-
Bank Charges	40	467	508
Other Expenditures	-	159,741	159,741
<b>Total: Uses of Funds</b>	<b>23,513</b>	<b>2,578,809</b>	<b>2,602,322</b>
<b>Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent</b>	<b>2,326,925</b>	<b>15,985,270</b>	<b>18,312,195</b>
Opening Fund balance (1 January)	-	2,326,925	-
<b>Closing Fund balance (31 December)</b>	<b>2,326,925</b>	<b>18,312,195</b>	<b>18,312,195</b>
Net Funded Amount (Includes Direct Cost)	-	2,396,774	2,396,774
Participating Organizations' Expenditure (Includes Direct Cost)	-	8,498	8,498
<b>Balance of Funds with Participating Organizations</b>			<b>2,388,276</b>

## 2. PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

Table 2 provides information on cumulative contributions received from all contributors to this Fund as of 31 December 2019.

The **UN Joint Programme to Build Urban and Rural Resilience and the Conditions for Recovery**

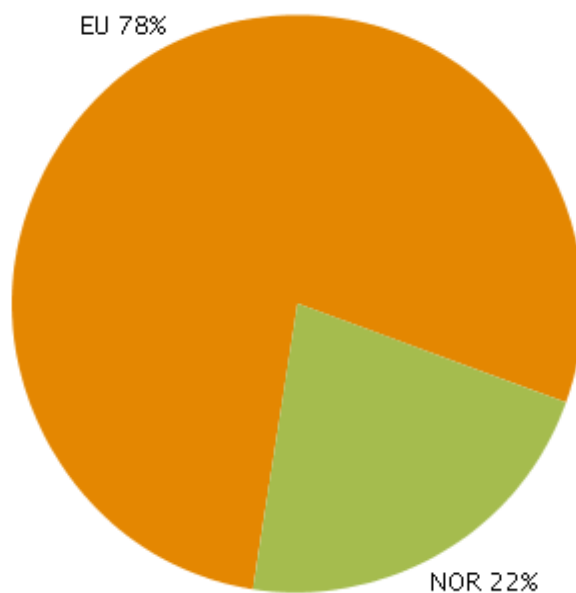
in Syria is currently being financed by 2 contributors, as listed in the table below.

The table below includes commitments made up to 31 December 2019 through signed Standard Administrative Agreements, and deposits made through 2019. It does not include commitments that were made to the fund beyond 2019.

**Table 2. Contributors' Commitments and Deposits, as of 31 December 2019 (in US Dollars)**

Contributors	Total Commitments	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2018 Deposits	Current Year Jan-Dec-2019 Deposits	Total Deposits
EUROPEAN UNION	21,606,800	-	15,974,074	15,974,074
NORWAY	4,530,019	2,347,280	2,182,739	4,530,019
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>26,136,819</b>	<b>2,347,280</b>	<b>18,156,813</b>	<b>20,504,093</b>

**Figure 1: Deposits by contributor, cumulative as of 31 December 2019**



### 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 2019, Fund earned interest amounts to US\$ 410,424.

Details are provided in the table below.

**Table 3. Sources of Interest and Investment Income, as of 31 December 2019 (in US Dollars)**

Interest Earned	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2018	Current Year Jan-Dec-2019	Total
<b>Administrative Agent</b>			
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income	3,158	407,266	410,424
<b>Total: Fund Earned Interest</b>	<b>3,158</b>	<b>407,266</b>	<b>410,424</b>
<b>Participating Organization</b>			
<b>Total: Agency earned interest</b>			
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,158</b>	<b>407,266</b>	<b>410,424</b>



#### 4. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Allocations to Participating Organizations are approved by the Steering Committee and disbursed by the Administrative Agent. As of 31 December 2019, the AA has transferred US\$ **2,396,774** to 6 Participating Organizations (see list below).

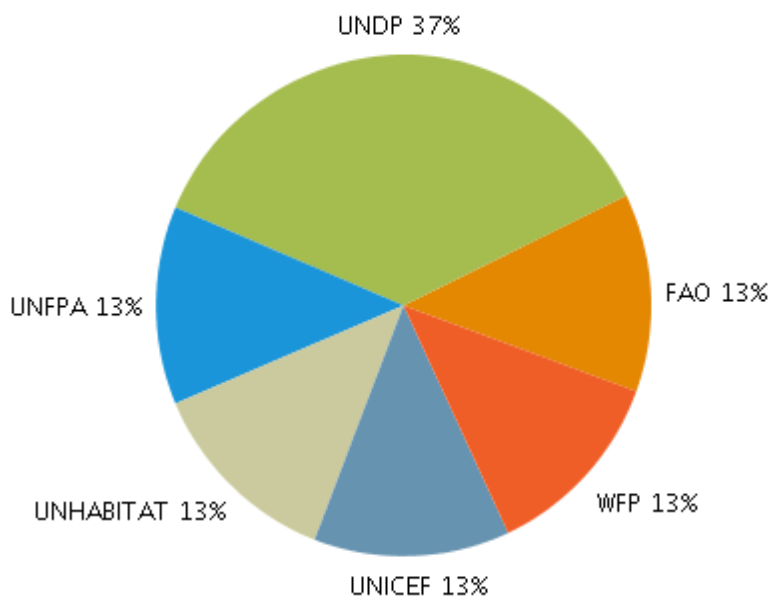
#### 4.1 TRANSFER BY PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

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 2019 (in US Dollars)**

Participating Organization	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2018			Current Year Jan-Dec-2019			Total		
	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded
FAO				300,000		300,000	300,000		300,000
UNDP				896,774		896,774	896,774		896,774
UNFPA				300,000		300,000	300,000		300,000
UNHABITAT				300,000		300,000	300,000		300,000
UNICEF				300,000		300,000	300,000		300,000
WFP				300,000		300,000	300,000		300,000
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>2,396,774</b>		<b>2,396,774</b>	<b>2,396,774</b>		<b>2,396,774</b>

**Figure 2: Transfers amount by Participating Organization for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2019**



## 5. EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL DELIVERY RATES

All final expenditures reported for the year **2019** 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 **2019** expenditure data has been posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY at <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/4X100>.

## 5.1 EXPENDITURE REPORTED BY PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

In **2019**, US\$ **2,396,774** was net funded to Participating Organizations, and US\$ **8,498** was reported in expenditure.

As shown in table below, the cumulative net funded amount is US\$ **2,396,774** and cumulative expenditures reported by the Participating Organizations amount to US\$ **8,498**. This equates to an overall Fund expenditure delivery rate of **0** percent.

The agencies with the three highest delivery rates are: UNFPA (3%), FAO (0%) and UNDP (0%)

**Table 5. Net Funded Amount, Reported Expenditure, and Financial Delivery by Participating Organization, as of 31 December 2019 (in US Dollars)**

Participating Organization	Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Expenditure			Delivery Rate %
			Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2018	Current Year Jan-Dec-2019	Cumulative	
FAO	300,000	300,000				0
UNDP	896,774	896,774				0
UNFPA	300,000	300,000		8,498	8,498	2.83
UNHABITAT	300,000	300,000				0
UNICEF	300,000	300,000				0
WFP	300,000	300,000				0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,396,774</b>	<b>2,396,774</b>		<b>8,498</b>	<b>8,498</b>	<b>0.35</b>

## 5.2 EXPENDITURE BY PROJECT

Table 5 displays the net funded amounts, expenditures reported and the financial delivery rates by Participating Organization.

**Table 6. Expenditure by Project within Country, as of 31 December 2019 (in US Dollars)**

Country / Project No.and Project Title		Participating Organization	Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
<b>Syrian Arab Republic</b>						
00116116	Syria Urban & Rural Resilience	UNDP	596,774	596,774		0
00118029	Syria Urban & Rural Resilience	FAO	300,000	300,000		0
00118029	Syria Urban & Rural Resilience	UNDP	300,000	300,000		0
00118029	Syria Urban & Rural Resilience	UNFPA	300,000	300,000	8,498	2.83
00118029	Syria Urban & Rural Resilience	UNHABITAT	300,000	300,000		0
00118029	Syria Urban & Rural Resilience	UNICEF	300,000	300,000		0
00118029	Syria Urban & Rural Resilience	WFP	300,000	300,000		0
<b>Syrian Arab Republic Total</b>			<b>2,396,774</b>	<b>2,396,774</b>	<b>8,498</b>	<b>0.35</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>2,396,774</b>	<b>2,396,774</b>	<b>8,498</b>	<b>0.35</b>

### 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 2019 (in US Dollars)**

Category	Expenditure			Percentage of Total Programme Cost
	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2018	Current Year Jan-Dec-2019	Total	
Staff & Personnel Cost	-	7,616	7,616	95.89
Suppl, Comm, Materials	-	-	-	
Equip, Veh, Furn, Depn	-	-	-	
Contractual Services	-	13	13	0.16
Travel	-	-	-	
Transfers and Grants	-	27	27	0.34
General Operating	-	286	286	3.60
<b>Programme Costs Total</b>	-	<b>7,942</b>	<b>7,942</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<sup>1</sup> Indirect Support Costs Total	-	556	556	7.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>8,498</b>	<b>8,498</b>	

<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 2019, 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\$ **21,827** was deducted in AA-fees. Cumulatively, as of 31 December 2019, US\$ **45,300** has been charged in AA-fees.
- **Indirect Costs of Participating Organizations:** Participating Organizations may charge 7% indirect costs. In the current reporting period US\$ **556** was deducted in indirect costs by Participating Organizations. Cumulatively, indirect costs amount to US\$ **556** as of 31 December 2019.

## 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.