



**Consolidated Annual Financial
Report of the Administrative Agent
for
the Ethiopia New Way Platform Fund**

for the period 1 January to 31 December 2020

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PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS



Food and Agriculture Organization



United Nations Development Programme

CONTRIBUTORS



Austrian Development Agency

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 **Ethiopia New Way Platform 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 **2020** and provides financial data on progress made in the implementation of projects of the **Ethiopia New Way Platform Fund**. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (<http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/ETH00>).

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2020 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

This chapter presents financial data and analysis of the **Ethiopia New Way Platform Fund** using the pass-through funding modality as of 31 December **2020**. Financial information for this Fund is also available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY, at the following address: <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/ETH00>.

1. SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

As of 31 December **2020**, **1** contributor deposited US\$ **3,348,660** in contributions and US\$ **7,539** was earned in interest.

The cumulative source of funds was US\$ **3,356,199** (see respectively, Tables 2 and 3)

Of this amount, US\$ **3,322,195** has been net funded to **2** Participating Organizations, of which US\$ **3,150,669** has been reported as expenditure. The Administrative Agent fee has been charged at the approved rate of 1% on deposits and amounts to US\$ **33,487**. Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the **Ethiopia New Way Platform Fund** as of 31 December 2020.

Table 1. Financial Overview, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

	Annual 2019	Annual 2020	Cumulative
Sources of Funds			
Contributions from donors	662,536	898,124	3,348,660
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income	1,260	498	7,539
Interest Income received from Participating Organizations	-	-	-
Refunds by Administrative Agent to Contributors	-	-	-
Fund balance transferred to another MDTF	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-
Total: Sources of Funds	663,795	898,622	3,356,199
Use of Funds			
Transfers to Participating Organizations	-	1,552,075	3,322,195
Refunds received from Participating Organizations	-	-	-
Net Funded Amount	-	1,552,075	3,322,195
Administrative Agent Fees	6,625	8,981	33,487
Direct Costs: (Steering Committee, Secretariat...etc.)	-	-	-
Bank Charges	1	7	26
Other Expenditures	-	-	-
Total: Uses of Funds	6,627	1,561,063	3,355,707
Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent	657,169	(662,440)	492
Opening Fund balance (1 January)	5,763	662,932	-
Closing Fund balance (31 December)	662,932	492	492
Net Funded Amount (Includes Direct Cost)	-	1,552,075	3,322,195
Participating Organizations' Expenditure (Includes Direct Cost)	1,246,662	1,754,474	3,150,669
Balance of Funds with Participating Organizations			171,526

2. PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

Table 2 provides information on cumulative contributions received from all contributors to this Fund as of 31 December 2020.

The **Ethiopia New Way Platform Fund** is currently being financed by 1 contributor, as listed in the table below.

The table below includes commitments made up to 31 December 2020 through signed Standard Administrative Agreements, and deposits made through 2020. It does not include commitments that were made to the fund beyond 2020.

Table 2. Contributors' Commitments and Deposits, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

Contributors	Total Commitments	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2019 Deposits	Current Year Jan-Dec-2020 Deposits	Total Deposits
Austrian Development Agency	3,348,660	2,450,536	898,124	3,348,660
Grand Total	3,348,660	2,450,536	898,124	3,348,660

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 2020, Fund earned interest amounts to US\$ 7,539.

Details are provided in the table below.

Table 3. Sources of Interest and Investment Income, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

Interest Earned	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2019	Current Year Jan-Dec-2020	Total
Administrative Agent			
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income	7,041	498	7,539
Total: Fund Earned Interest	7,041	498	7,539
Participating Organization			
Total: Agency earned interest			
Grand Total	7,041	498	7,539

4. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Allocations to Participating Organizations are approved by the Steering Committee and disbursed by the Administrative Agent. As of 31 December 2020, the AA has transferred US\$ **3,322,195** to 2 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 2020 (in US Dollars)

Participating Organization	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2019			Current Year Jan-Dec-2020			Total		
	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded
FAO	885,060		885,060	776,038		776,038	1,661,098		1,661,098
UNDP	885,060		885,060	776,038		776,038	1,661,098		1,661,098
Grand Total	1,770,120		1,770,120	1,552,075		1,552,075	3,322,195		3,322,195

5. EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL DELIVERY RATES

All final expenditures reported for the year 2020 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 2020 expenditure data has been posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY at <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/ETH00>.

5.1 EXPENDITURE REPORTED BY PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

In 2020, US\$ 1,552,075 was net funded to Participating Organizations, and US\$ 1,754,474 was reported in expenditure.

As shown in table below, the cumulative net funded amount is US\$ 3,322,195 and cumulative expenditures reported by the Participating Organizations amount to US\$ 3,150,669. This equates to an overall Fund expenditure delivery rate of 95 percent.

Table 5.1 Net Funded Amount, Reported Expenditure, and Financial Delivery by Participating Organization, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

Participating Organization	Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Expenditure			Delivery Rate %
			Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2019	Current Year Jan-Dec-2020	Cumulative	
FAO	1,661,098	1,661,098	680,150	925,807	1,605,957	96.68
UNDP	1,661,098	1,661,098	716,044	828,667	1,544,711	92.99
Grand Total	3,322,195	3,322,195	1,396,194	1,754,474	3,150,669	94.84

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 2020 (in US Dollars)

Sector / Project No. and Project Title	Participating Organization	Project Status	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %	
Support Livelihoods							
00111261	JP SUPPORT LIVELIHOODS	FAO	On Going	1,661,098	1,661,098	1,605,957	96.68
00111261	JP SUPPORT LIVELIHOODS	UNDP	On Going	1,661,098	1,661,098	1,544,711	92.99
Support Livelihoods: Total				3,322,195	3,322,195	3,150,669	94.84
Grand Total				3,322,195	3,322,195	3,150,669	94.84

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 2020 (in US Dollars)

Category	Expenditure			Percentage of Total Programme Cost
	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2019	Current Year Jan-Dec-2020	Total	
Staff & Personnel Cost	162,867	418,399	581,266	19.74
Suppl, Comm, Materials	538,916	588,459	1,127,375	38.28
Equip, Veh, Furn, Depn	49,944	114,369	164,313	5.58
Contractual Services	270,743	189,330	460,072	15.62
Travel	74,979	38,653	113,632	3.86
Transfers and Grants	125,103	94,936	220,040	7.47
General Operating	81,818	196,252	278,071	9.44
Programme Costs Total	1,304,370	1,640,398	2,944,768	100.00
¹ Indirect Support Costs Total	91,824	114,076	205,900	6.99
Total	1,396,194	1,754,474	3,150,669	

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 2021, 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\$ was deducted in AA-fees. Cumulatively, as of 31 December 2021, US\$ **33,487** has been charged in AA-fees.
- **Indirect Costs of Participating Organizations:** Participating Organizations may charge 7% indirect costs. In the current reporting period US\$ was deducted in indirect costs by Participating Organizations. Cumulatively, indirect costs amount to US\$ **205,900** as of 31 December 2021.

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.