

CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT of the Administrative Agent

UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

for the period 1 January to 31 December 2022

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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 contributor 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'. This does not include expense commitments by Participating Organizations.

Indirect Support Costs

A general cost that cannot be directly related to any particular programme or activity of the Participating Organizations. UNSDG policy establishes a fixed indirect cost rate of 7% of programmable costs for inter-agency passthrough MPTFs.

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 a 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

Project/ Joint programme start date as per the programmatic document.

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



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INTRODUCTION

This Consolidated Annual Financial Report of the **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration** 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 stakeholders.

This consolidated financial report covers the period 1 January to 31 December 2022 and provides financial data on progress made in the implementation of projects of the **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration**. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (https://mptf.undp.org/fund/der00).



2022 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

This chapter presents financial data and analysis of the **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration** using the pass-through funding modality as of 31 December **2022**. Financial information for this Fund is also available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY, at the following address: https://mptf.undp.org/fund/der00.

1. SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

As of 31 December **2022**, **2** contributors deposited US\$ **20,498,636** and US\$ **170,457** was earned in interest.

The cumulative source of funds was US\$ **20,669,093**.

Of this amount, US\$ **6,154,973** has been net funded to **2** Participating Organizations, of which US\$ **1,049,003** has been reported as expenditure. The Administrative Agent fee has been charged at the approved rate of 1% on deposits and amounts to US\$ **204,986**. Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration** as of 31 December 2022.

Table 1 Financial Overview, as of 31 December 2022 (in US Dollars)

	Annual 2021	Annual 2022	Cumulative
Sources of Funds			
Contributions from donors	16,210,600	4,288,036	20,498,636
Sub-total Contributions	16,210,600	4,288,036	20,498,636
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income	8,977	161,480	170,457
Total: Sources of Funds	16,219,577	4,449,516	20,669,093
Use of Funds			
Transfers to Participating Organizations	-	6,154,973	6,154,973
Net Funded Amount	-	6,154,973	6,154,973
Administrative Agent Fees	162,106	42,880	204,986
Bank Charges	2	353	355
Total: Uses of Funds	162,108	6,198,207	6,360,314
Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent	16,057,470	(1,748,691)	14,308,779
Opening Fund balance (1 January)	-	16,057,470	-
Closing Fund balance (31 December)	16,057,470	14,308,779	14,308,779
Net Funded Amount (Includes Direct Cost)	-	6,154,973	6,154,973
Participating Organizations Expenditure (Includes Direct Cost)	-	1,049,003	1,049,003
Balance of Funds with Participating Organizations	-	5,105,970	5,105,970



2. PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

Table 2 provides information on cumulative contributions received from all contributors to this fund as of 31 December **2022**.

The **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration** is currently being financed by **2** contributors, as listed in the table below.

The table includes financial commitments made by the contributors through signed Standard Administrative Agreements with an anticipated deposit date as per the schedule of payments by 31 December **2022** and deposits received by the same date. It does not include commitments that were made to the fund beyond **2022**.

Table 2. Contributions, as of 31 December 2022 (in US Dollars)

Contributors	Total Commitments	Prior Years as of 31-Dec- 2021 Deposits	Current Year Jan-Dec-2022 Deposits	Total Deposits
Government of Denmark	4,288,036	-	4,288,036	4,288,036
Government of Germany	16,210,600	16,210,600	-	16,210,600
Grand Total	20,498,636	16,210,600	4,288,036	20,498,636



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 **2022**, Fund earned interest amounts to US\$ **170,457**.

Interest received from Participating Organizations amounts to US\$ nil, bringing the cumulative interest received to US\$ 170,457. Details are provided in the table below.

Table 3. Sources of Interest and Investment Income, as of 31 December 2022 (in US Dollars)

Interest Earned	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2021	Current Year Jan-Dec-2022	Total
Administrative Agent			
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income	8,977	161,480	170,457
Total: Fund Earned Interest	8,977	161,480	170,457
Participating Organization			
Total: Agency Earned Interest	-	-	-
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Grand Total	8,977	161,480	170,457
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4. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Allocations to Participating Organizations are approved by the Steering Committee and disbursed by the Administrative Agent. As of 31 December **2022**, the AA has transferred US\$ **6,154,973** to **2** Participating Organizations (see list below). 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 (in US Dollars)

		Prior Years Cumulative of 31-Dec-202	21		Current Year lan-Dec-2022			Total	
Participating Organization		Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded
FAO	-	-	-	2,148,544	-	2,148,544	2,148,544	-	2,148,544
UNEP	-	-	-	4,006,429	-	4,006,429	4,006,429	-	4,006,429
Grand Total	-	-	-	6,154,973	-	6,154,973	6,154,973	-	6,154,973



5. EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL DELIVERY RATES

All final expenditures reported are submitted as certified financial information by the Headquarters of the Participating Organizations. These were consolidated by the MPTF Office.

Joint programme/ project expenditures are incurred and monitored by each Participating Organization, and are reported to the Administrative Agent as per the agreed upon categories for inter-agency harmonized reporting. The expenditures are reported via the MPTF Office's online expenditure reporting tool. The **2022** expenditure data has been posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY at https://mptf.undp.org/fund/der00.

5.1 EXPENDITURE REPORTED BY PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

In **2022**, US\$ **6,154,973** was net funded to Participating Organizations, and US\$ **1,049,003** was reported in expenditure.

As shown in table below, the cumulative net funded amount is US\$ **6,154,973** and cumulative expenditures reported by the Participating Organizations amount to US\$ **1,049,003**. This equates to an overall Fund expenditure delivery rate of **17.04** percent.

Table 5.1 Net Funded Amount and Reported Expenditures by Participating Organization, as of 31December 2022 (in US Dollars)

Participating Organization	Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount		Expenditure		Delivery Rate %
			Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2021	Current Year Jan-Dec-2022	Cumulative	
FAO	2,148,544	2,148,544	-	579,683	579,683	26.98
UNEP	4,006,429	4,006,429	-	469,320	469,320	11.71
Grand Total	6,154,973	6,154,973	-	1,049,003	1,049,003	17.04



5.2. EXPENDITURES 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 Executives Board (CEB) modified these categories as a result of IPSAS adoption to comprise eight categories.

Table 5.2. Expenditure by UNSDG Budget Category, as of 31 December 2022 (in US Dollars)

Category		Percentage of Total Programme Cost		
	Prior Years Cumulative as of 31-Dec-2021	Current Year Jan-Dec-2022	Total	
Staff & Personnel Cost	-	504,472	504,472	51.33
Supplies, commodities and materials	-	177	177	0.02
Contractual Services Expenses	-	30,104	30,104	3.06
Travel	-	73,700	73,700	7.50
Transfers and Grants	-	40,000	40,000	4.07
General Operating	-	334,279	334,279	34.02
Programme Costs Total	-	982,732	982,732	100.00
¹ Indirect Support Costs Total	-	66,271	66,271	6.74
Grand Total	-	1,049,003	1,049,003	-

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 2022, 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\$

 42,880 was deducted in AA-fees.
 Cumulatively, as of 31 December 2022, US\$ 204,986 has been charged in AA-fees.
- Indirect Costs of Participating Organizations: Participating Organizations may charge 7% indirect costs. In the current reporting period US\$ 66,271 was deducted in indirect costs by Participating Organizations. Cumulatively, indirect costs amount to US\$ 66,271 as of 31 December 2022.

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 (<u>https://mptf.undp.org</u>). 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.



Annex 1. EXPENDITURE BY PROJECT GROUPED BY THEME/OUTCOME

Annex 1 displays the net funded amounts, expenditures reported and the financial delivery rates by Theme/Outcome by project/ joint programme and Participating Organization

Table Annex 1 Expenditure by Project within Theme/Outcome

Theme/C	Dutcome / Project No. and Project Title	Participating Organization	Project Status	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
Flagship su	pport						
00130753	Full Flagship Support	FAO	On Going	409,487	409,487	229,083	55.94
00130753	Full Flagship Support	UNEP	On Going	190,083	190,083	170,117	89.50
Flagship su	pport: Total			599,570	599,570	399,200	66.58
Global supp	port						
00130751	Global Support	FAO	On Going	1,739,057	1,739,057	350,600	20.16
00130751	Global Support	UNEP	On Going	3,698,646	3,698,646	181,503	4.91
Global supp	oort: Total			5,437,703	5,437,703	532,103	9.79
Targeted su	ipport						
00130752	Targeted Support	UNEP	On Going	117,700	117,700	117,700	100.00
Targeted su	ıpport: Total			117,700	117,700	117,700	100.00
Grand Total				6,154,973	6,154,973	1,049,003	17.04



Annex 2. EXPENDITURE BY PROJECT GROUPED BY COUNTRY

Annex 2 displays the net funded amounts, expenditures reported and the financial delivery rates by Country by project/ joint programme and Participating Organization

Table Annex 2 Expenditure by Project, grouped by Country

Country / Project No. and Project Title		Participating Organization	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
Global and I	nterregional					
00130751	Global Support	FAO	1,739,057	1,739,057	350,600	20.16
00130751	Global Support	UNEP	3,698,646	3,698,646	181,503	4.91
00130752	Targeted Support	UNEP	117,700	117,700	117,700	100.00
00130753	Full Flagship Support	FAO	409,487	409,487	229,083	55.94
00130753	Full Flagship Support	UNEP	190,083	190,083	170,117	89.50
Global and I	nterregional: Total		6,154,973	6,154,973	1,049,003	17.04
Grand Total			6,154,973	6,154,973	1,049,003	17.04



Contributors



UN Participating Organizations



