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Nature4Health

for the period 1 January to 31 December 2023

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DEFINITIONS

Allocation/Total Approved Budget

Amount approved by the Steering Committee for a project/programme. The total approved budget represents the cumulative amount of allocations approved by the Steering Committee.

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 donor agreement 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 donor agreement.

Delivery Rate

The percentage of funds that have been utilized, calculated by comparing expenditures reported by a Participating Organization and Non-UN Organization against the 'net funded amount'. This does not include expense commitments by Participating Organizations.

Donor Agreement

Standard Administrative Arrangement and/or European Commission contribution agreement between contributor/donor and MPTF Office.

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 Non-UN Organization that is a partner in a Fund, as represented by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or a Framework Agreement 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. MPTF Office will report a project financially closed once the financial report(s) has been received and any balance of funds refunded.

Project Operational Closure

A project or programme is deemed operationally closed once all activities funded for Participating Organization(s) have been concluded, and the Steering Committee has approved the final narrative report.

Project Start Date

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

US Dollar Amount

The financial data in the report is recorded in US Dollars.

Transferred Funds

Funds transferred to Participating Organizations by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the Steering Committee's request.



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INTRODUCTION

This Consolidated Annual Financial Report of the **Nature4Health** 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 donor agreement signed with contributors/donors.

The MPTF Office, as Administrative Agent, is responsible for concluding an MOU with Participating Organizations and donor agreements with contributors/donors. 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 2023 and provides financial data on progress made in the implementation of projects of the **Nature4Health**. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (<https://mptf.undp.org/fund/bhp00>).



2023 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

This chapter presents financial data and analysis of the **Nature4Health** using the pass-through funding modality as of 31 December **2023**.

Financial information for this Fund is also available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY, at the following address:

<https://mptf.undp.org/fund/bhp00>.

1. SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

As of 31 December **2023**, **1** contributor deposited US\$ **56,465,000** and US\$ **2,271,449** was earned in interest.

The cumulative source of funds was US\$ **58,736,449**.

Of this amount, US\$ **2,974,614** has been net funded to **5** Participating Organizations, of which US\$ **882,388** has been reported as expenditure. The Administrative Agent fee has been charged at the approved rate of 1% on deposits and amounts to US\$ **564,650**. Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the **Nature4Health** as of 31 December 2023.

Table 1 Financial Overview, as of 31 December 2023 (in US Dollars)

	Prior Years up to 31 Dec 2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec 2023	Total
Sources of Funds			
Contributions from donors	56,465,000	-	56,465,000
Sub-total Contributions	56,465,000	-	56,465,000
Fund Interest and Investment Income Earned	658,071	1,613,378	2,271,449
Total: Sources of Funds	57,123,071	1,613,378	58,736,449
Use of Funds			
Transfers to Participating Organizations	-	999,287	999,287
Transfers to Participating Organizations for Direct Cost - Fund Secretariat etc	1,975,327	-	1,975,327
Sub-Total Transfers	1,975,327	999,287	2,974,614
Administrative Agent Fees	564,650	-	564,650
Bank Charges	1,273	1,866	3,139
Total: Uses of Funds	2,541,250	1,001,153	3,542,403
Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent			
Opening Fund balance (1 January)	55,915,255	54,581,821	-
Closing Fund balance (31 December)	54,581,821	55,194,047	55,194,047
Net Funded Amount (Includes Direct Cost)	1,975,327	999,287	2,974,614
Participating Organizations Expenditure (Includes Direct Cost)	122,310	760,078	882,388
Balance of Funds with Participating Organizations	1,853,017	239,209	2,092,226



2. PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

Table 2 provides information on cumulative contributions received from all contributors to this fund as of 31 December **2023**.

The **Nature4Health** is currently being financed by **1** contributor, 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 **2023** and deposits received by the same date. It does not include commitments that were made to the fund beyond **2023**.

Table 2. Contributions, as of 31 December 2023 (in US Dollars)

Contributors	Total Commitments	Total Deposits
Government of Germany	56,465,000	56,465,000
Grand Total	56,465,000	56,465,000

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 **2023**, Fund earned interest amounts to US\$ **2,271,449**.

No interest was received from Participating Organizations, bringing the cumulative interest received to US\$ **2,271,449**. Details are provided in the table below.

Table 3. Sources of Interest and Investment Income, as of 31 December 2023 (in US Dollars)

Interest Earned	Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023	Total
Administrative Agent			
Fund Interest and Investment Income Earned	658,071	1,613,378	2,271,449
Total: Fund Interest Earned	658,071	1,613,378	2,271,449
Participating Organization			
Total: Agency Interest Earned	-	-	-
Grand Total	658,071	1,613,378	2,271,449



4. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Allocations to Participating Organizations are approved by the Steering Committee and disbursed by the Administrative Agent. As of 31 December 2023, the AA has transferred US\$ 2,974,614 to 5 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)

Participating Organization	Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2022			Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023			Total		
	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded
ECOHEALTH	-	-	-	249,977	-	249,977	249,977	-	249,977
IUCN	-	-	-	250,000	-	250,000	250,000	-	250,000
UNDP	12,840	-	12,840	-	-	-	12,840	-	12,840
UNEP	1,962,487	-	1,962,487	249,310	-	249,310	2,211,797	-	2,211,797
WOAH	-	-	-	250,000	-	250,000	250,000	-	250,000
Grand Total	1,975,327	-	1,975,327	999,287	-	999,287	2,974,614	-	2,974,614

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 **2023** expenditure data has been posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY at <https://mptf.undp.org/fund/bhp00>.

5.1 EXPENDITURE REPORTED BY PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

In **2023**, US\$ **999,287** was net funded to Participating Organizations, and US\$ **760,078** was reported in expenditure.

As shown in table below, the cumulative net funded amount is US\$ **2,974,614** and cumulative expenditures reported by the Participating Organizations amount to **US\$ 882,388**. This equates to an overall Fund expenditure delivery rate of **29.66** percent.

Table 5.1 Net Funded Amount and Reported Expenditures by Participating Organization, as of 31 December 2023 (in US Dollars)

Participating Organization	Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Expenditure			Delivery Rate %
			Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023	Cumulative	
ECOHEALTH	249,977	249,977	-	28,806	28,806	11.52
IUCN	250,000	250,000	-	-	-	-
UNDP	12,840	12,840	-	6,099	6,099	47.50
UNEP	9,284,406	2,211,797	122,310	725,174	847,483	38.32
WOAH	250,000	250,000	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	10,047,223	2,974,614	122,310	760,078	882,388	29.66

*The expenditures reported represent payments made against obligations made by Participating Organizations prior to the operational closure of projects

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 2023 (in US Dollars)

Category	Expenditures			Percentage of Total Programme Cost
	Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023	Total	
Staff & Personnel Cost	74,853	653,866	728,718	88.16
Supplies, commodities and materials	444	900	1,344	0.16
Equipment, vehicles, furniture and depreciation	3,998	131	4,129	0.50
Contractual Services Expenses	28,004	70	28,074	3.40
Travel	3,874	42,383	46,257	5.60
Transfers and Grants	-	-	-	-
General Operating	3,135	14,888	18,023	2.18
Programme Costs Total	114,308	712,238	826,546	100.00
¹ Indirect Support Costs Total	8,002	47,840	55,842	6.76
Grand Total	122,310	760,078	882,388	-

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 2023, 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. Cumulatively, as of 31 December 2023, US\$ **564,650** has been charged in AA-fees.
- **Indirect Costs of Participating Organizations:** A general cost that cannot be directly related to any particular programme or activity of the Participating Organizations. Participating Organizations may charge 7% indirect costs based on UNSDG policy, establishing an indirect cost rate as a percentage of the programmable costs for interagency pass-through pool funds. In the current reporting period US\$ **47,840** was deducted in indirect costs by Participating Organizations. Cumulatively, indirect costs amount to US\$ **55,842** as of 31 December **2023**.

8. DIRECT COSTS

The Fund governance mechanism may approve an allocation to a Participating Organization to cover costs associated with Fund coordination covering overall coordination, and fund level reviews and evaluations. These allocations are referred to as 'direct costs'. Cumulatively, as of 31 December 2023, US\$ 1,975,327 has been charged as Direct Costs.

Participating Organization	Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Expenditure			Delivery Rate %
			Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023	Cumulative	
UNDP	12,840	12,840	-	6,099	6,099	47.50
UNEP	9,034,406	1,962,487	122,310	725,174	847,483	43.18
Grand Total	9,047,246	1,975,327	122,310	731,273	853,582	43.21

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 (<https://mptf.undp.org>). Refreshed daily 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.



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Annexes to Financial Report



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

Annex 1. Expenditure by Project within Theme/Outcome

Theme/Outcome / Project No. and Project Title	Participating Organization	Project Status	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %	
Biodiversity - Health & Pandem							
00140466	N4H Phase I Scoping Zambia	UNEP	On Going	250,000	249,310	-	-
00140467	N4H Phase I Scoping Ghana	ECOHEALTH	On Going	249,977	249,977	28,806	11.52
00140505	N4H Phase I Scoping Mongolia	WOAH	On Going	250,000	250,000	-	-
00140506	N4H Phase I Scoping Vietnam	IUCN	On Going	250,000	250,000	-	-
Biodiversity - Health & Pandem: Total				999,977	999,287	28,806	2.88
Direct Cost Budget							
00132297	Secretariat Direct Cost - Natu	UNEP	On Going	9,034,406	1,962,487	847,483	43.18
00133388	HACT_EcoHealth_N4H	UNDP	Operationally Closed	12,840	12,840	6,099	47.50
Direct Cost Budget: Total				9,047,246	1,975,327	853,582	43.21
Grand Total				10,047,223	2,974,614	882,388	29.66

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 %	
Ghana						
00140467	N4H Phase I Scoping Ghana	ECOHEALTH	249,977	249,977	28,806	11.52
Ghana: Total			249,977	249,977	28,806	11.52
Global and Interregional						
00132297	Secretariat Direct Cost - Natu	UNEP	9,034,406	1,962,487	847,483	43.18
00133388	HACT_EcoHealth_N4H	UNDP	12,840	12,840	6,099	47.50
Global and Interregional: Total			9,047,246	1,975,327	853,582	43.18
Mongolia						
00140505	N4H Phase I Scoping Mongolia	WOAH	250,000	250,000	-	-
Mongolia: Total			250,000	250,000	-	-
Viet Nam						
00140506	N4H Phase I Scoping Vietnam	IUCN	250,000	250,000	-	-
Viet Nam: Total			250,000	250,000	-	-
Zambia						
00140466	N4H Phase I Scoping Zambia	UNEP	250,000	249,310	-	-
Zambia: Total			250,000	249,310	-	-
Grand Total			10,047,223	2,974,614	882,388	29.66



Contributors



Government of
Germany

UN Participating Organizations



Other Participating Organizations

EcoHealth

**IUCN (International
Union for Conservation
of Nature)**

**WOAH (World Org for
Animal Health)**