



HAITI MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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SECTION I: ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2023 Annual Report of the Haiti Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) underscores significant strides made in response to the devastating 2021 earthquake and the subsequent Tropical Storm Grace. Anchored by a robust governance structure and proactive coordination by UNOPS as the Fund's Secretariat, the MPTF has successfully marshaled international pledges and resources towards recovery and sustainable development.

Key achievements in 2023 include:

Governance Structure Implementation: The establishment of the Steering Committee and the Secretariat, guided by UNOPS, has enabled effective oversight and strategic direction of the fund's initiatives.

Secretariat Development: The recruitment of essential staff, including a Project Manager, has significantly improved operational capabilities.

Project Proposal Development: The MPTF, alongside implementing agencies like UNICEF and UNESCO, has started the development of a joint project proposal focusing on the critical area of educational infrastructure, marking a pivotal step in addressing the immediate and long-term recovery needs of the South Peninsula.

INTRODUCTION - THE FUND

On August 14, 2021, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the South Peninsula of Haiti, soon followed by Tropical Storm Grace on August 17. This region had previously suffered from Hurricane Matthew in 2016. The recent catastrophe claimed multiple lives and many more were injured and went missing. In response, the Haitian authorities declared a state of emergency to expedite the emergency response.

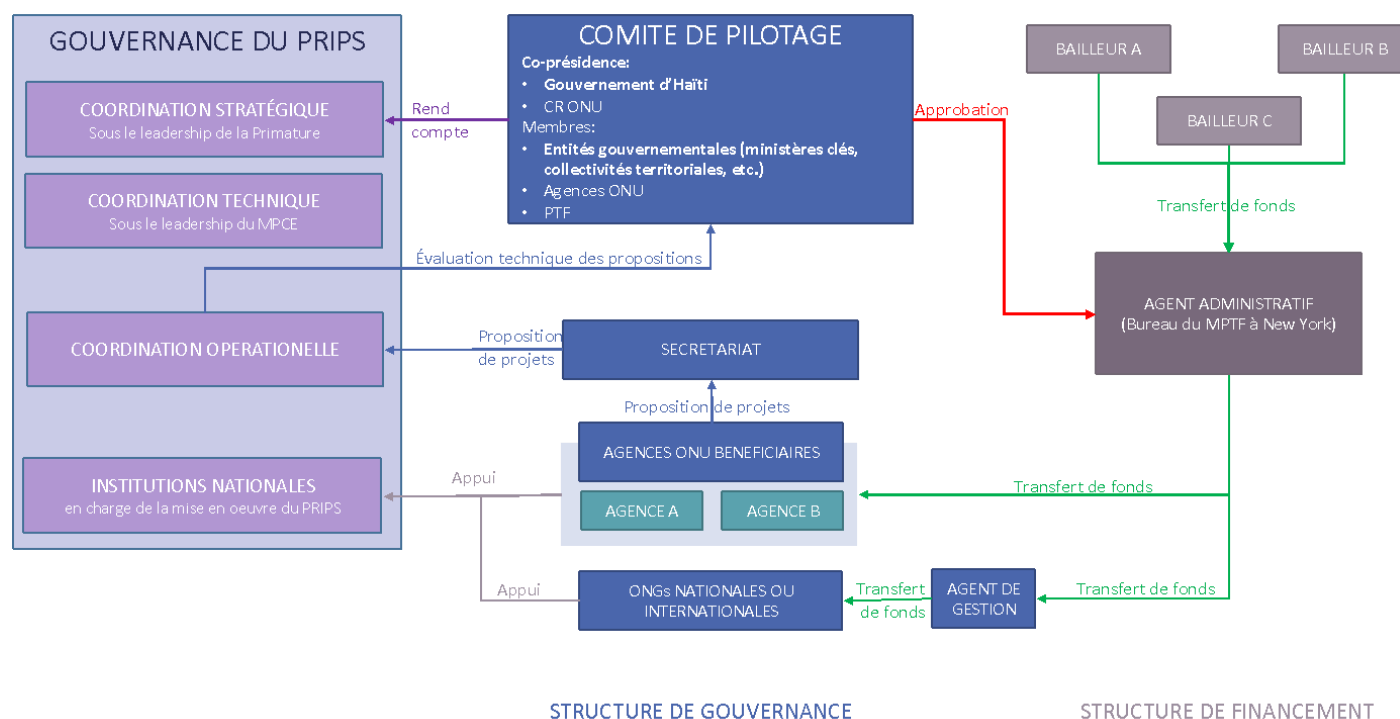
Just two days post-earthquake, which triggered over 1,000 aftershocks, the Haitian Government, collaborating with the United Nations, called for the activation of a global tripartite agreement involving the UN, the World Bank, and the EU to facilitate post-crisis assessment and recovery planning. On August 30, 2021, a comprehensive post-disaster needs assessment (PDNA) was initiated. The PDNA evaluated needs across five primary sectors—infrastructure, social sectors, the productive sector, macroeconomics, and human impacts, which included housing, health, education, WASH, electricity, transport, agriculture, tourism, culture, and commerce. It also addressed vital cross-cutting issues such as gender, governance, employment and livelihoods, environment, and disaster risk reduction. The outcomes of this assessment laid the groundwork for a recovery and reconstruction framework. This enabled the development of the Integrated Recovery Plan for the South Peninsula (PRIPS) as well as an action plan.

To finance the PRIPS and its action plan, the Government, through the UN Resident Coordinator Office, asked the United Nation to establish the Haiti Multi-Partner Trust Fund. This fund was designed to collect and manage various international pledges made during an International Event, supporting the execution of the PRIPS action plan.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The governance structure and management of the Fund, consists of three levels:

1. **Fund Operation**, involving coordination and operations, managed by the Steering Committee(s), Technical Committees, and the Fund's Secretariat (UNOPS)
2. **Fund Design and Administration**, conducted by the Administrative Agent (MPTF Office).
3. **Fund Implementation**, carried out by the participating United Nations organizations (UNICEF and UNESCO).



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Throughout 2023, the Steering Committee meetings were pivotal in shaping the fund's strategic alignment and operational guidelines. Key decisions and approvals made during these meetings include:

Strategic Alignment of Projects: The committee emphasized the importance of ensuring coherence and alignment between the MPTF projects aimed at the recovery of the South Peninsula and the projects of the National Education Fund (FNE).

Secretariat Leadership: UNOPS was designated as responsible for managing the Fund's Secretariat, a decision that leverages UNOPS's expertise in infrastructure and project management to lead recovery efforts.

Operational and Governance Documentation: Several critical documents were approved, including the Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee's operations, the Operational Manual of the fund, and the Secretariat's documentation.

The decisions made by the Steering Committee have directly influenced the operational advancements and strategic direction of the fund over the past year

Key Achievements for the Year 2023

SECRETARIAT DEVELOPMENT

Following the Steering Committee's decision to appoint UNOPS as the responsible entity for the Secretariat, significant progress was made, including the successful recruitment of essential staff such as a Project Manager.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE IMPLEMENTATION

The establishment of the fund's governance structure, including the Steering Committee, has greatly contributed to the fund's direction. The committee's initial meetings have laid a strong foundation for collaborative decision-making and stakeholder engagement.

PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT

Substantial progress was achieved by the implementing agencies to develop a joint project proposal. This initiative is crucial for addressing the immediate recovery needs and establishing a resilient foundation for long-term reconstruction efforts.

2024 UPDATE

The first four months of 2024 have been productive for the Haiti Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF). During this period, several milestones have been achieved, advancing the goals and solidifying the framework for future activities.

Finalization and Approval of Key Documents

Significant progress was made with the finalization and approval of essential documents that will guide the operation and strategy of the Haiti MPTF. This includes the Secretariat proposal document, which outlines the roles, responsibilities, and procedures for the Secretariat, ensuring that the operations are aligned with the strategic goals.

Joint Project Proposal by UNICEF and UNESCO

A major highlight was the finalization and approval of a joint project proposal by UNICEF and UNESCO, which was endorsed by both the technical and steering committees. This project, titled "Soutenir l'accès à une éducation de qualité dans la péninsule sud d'Haïti frappée par le tremblement de terre d'août 2021", is designed to rebuild and rehabilitate educational infrastructure severely damaged or destroyed by the 2021 earthquake. The initiative will construct complete schools with permanent structures, including gender-segregated WASH facilities and solar panels to ensure sustainable operations. It also encompasses the printing and distribution of educational materials aligned with the new curriculum from the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, ensuring that all students in public schools in the affected regions receive the necessary support to continue their education.

Funds Transfer to the Secretariat and to the implementing Agencies

The MPTF has successfully transferred the necessary funds to the Secretariat. Additionally, the process for fund transfer requests to the implementing agencies has been initiated, ensuring that resources are allocated to facilitate the immediate commencement of activities.

CONCLUSION

As we reflect on the year 2023, it becomes apparent that while there has not been an abundance of concrete activities on the ground, substantial foundational work has been accomplished, setting the stage for significant project implementation in the coming year. The year was primarily dedicated to establishing the governance frameworks and operational groundwork essential for the effective deployment of resources. All these efforts have ensured that all elements are in place to swiftly transition from planning to action.

Moreover, the development of the UNICEF/UNESCO joint project proposal for rebuilding educational infrastructure is particularly noteworthy. Looking ahead to 2024, the project is now poised to transition from a period of strategic planning and setup to one of activities and visible impact. The funds have been allocated, the projects have been defined, and the operational guidelines are set. The coming year promises to be a transformative period, with the groundwork laid in 2023 enabling a good start to the important tasks of rebuilding and revitalizing Haiti's South Peninsula.

SECTION II: ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

of the Administrative Agent

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 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. 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.

INTRODUCTION

This Consolidated Annual Financial Report of the **Haiti Multi-Partner Trust 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 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 **Haiti Multi-Partner Trust Fund**. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (<https://mptf.undp.org/fund/hti00>).

2023 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

This chapter presents financial data and analysis of the **Haiti Multi-Partner Trust Fund** 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/hti00>.

1. SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

As of 31 December **2023**, **3** contributors deposited US\$ **15,615,266** and US\$ **458,296** was earned in interest.

The cumulative source of funds was US\$ **16,073,562**.

Of this amount, no funds have been transferred to Participating Organization. The Administrative Agent fee has been charged at the approved rate of 1% on deposits and amounts to US\$ **156,153**. Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the **Haiti Multi-Partner Trust Fund** 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	650,000	14,965,266	15,615,266
Sub-total Contributions	650,000	14,965,266	15,615,266
Fund Interest and Investment Income Earned	1,152	457,144	458,296
Total: Sources of Funds	651,152	15,422,410	16,073,562
Use of Funds			
Administrative Agent Fees	6,500	149,653	156,153
Bank Charges	-	529	529
Total: Uses of Funds	6,500	150,182	156,682
Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent	644,652	15,272,229	15,916,880
Opening Fund balance (1 January)	-	644,652	-
Closing Fund balance (31 December)	644,652	15,916,880	15,916,880

2. PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

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

The **Haiti Multi-Partner Trust Fund** is currently being financed by **3** contributors, as listed in the table below.

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

Contributors	Total Commitments	Total Deposits
Government of Brazil	650,000	650,000
Government of Canada	14,915,266	14,915,266
Government of Guyana	50,000	50,000
Grand Total	15,615,266	15,615,266

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\$ **458,296**. 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	1,152	457,144	458,296
Total: Fund Interest Earned	1,152	457,144	458,296
Participating Organization			
Total: Agency Interest Earned	-	-	-
Grand Total	1,152	457,144	458,296

4. 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\$ **156,153** 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 no funds were deducted in indirect costs by Participating Organizations since there were no transfers made to Participating Organizations.

5. 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.