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Sudan Financing Platform

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 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.



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INTRODUCTION

This Consolidated Annual Financial Report of the **Sudan Financing Platform** 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 **Sudan Financing Platform**. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (https://mptf.undp.org/fund/4sd00).



2023 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

This chapter presents financial data and analysis of the **Sudan Financing Platform** 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/4sd00.

1. SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

As of 31 December 2023, 7 contributors deposited US\$ 45,342,926 and US\$ 1,279,865 was earned in interest.

The cumulative source of funds was US\$ 46,622,791.

Of this amount, US\$ **7,343,840** has been net funded to **2** Participating Organizations, of which US\$ **5,203,133** has been reported as expenditure. The Administrative Agent fee has been charged at the approved rate of 1% on deposits and amounts to US\$ **453,429**. Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the **Sudan Financing Platform** as of 31 December 2023.

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

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	Prior Years up to 31 Dec 2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec 2023	Total					
Sources of Funds								
Contributions from donors	45,342,926	-	45,342,926					
Sub-total Contributions	45,342,926	-	45,342,926					
Fund Interest and Investment Income Earned	154,525	1,125,341	1,279,865					
Total: Sources of Funds	45,497,450	1,125,341	46,622,791					
Use of Funds								
Transfers to Participating Organizations	5,075,107	1,863,359	6,938,466					
Transfers to Participating Organizations for Direct Cost - Fund Secretariat etc	405,374	-	405,374					
Sub-Total Transfers	5,480,481	1,863,359	7,343,840					
Administrative Agent Fees	453,429	-	453,429					
Bank Charges	74	1,293	1,367					
Total: Uses of Funds	5,933,985	1,864,652	7,798,636					
Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent	39,563,466	(739,311)	38,824,155					
Opening Fund balance (1 January)	4,932,364	39,563,466	-					
Closing Fund balance (31 December)	39,563,466	38,824,155	38,824,155					
Net Funded Amount (Includes Direct Cost)	5,480,481	1,863,359	7,343,840					
Participating Organizations Expenditure (Includes Direct Cost)	2,167,598	3,035,535	5,203,133					
Balance of Funds with Participating Organizations	3,312,883	(1,172,176)	2,140,707					



2. PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

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

The **Sudan Financing Platform** is currently being financed by **7** 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 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	5,917,405	5,917,405
Government of Ireland	99,177	99,177
Government of Norway	2,806,060	2,806,060
Government of Switzerland	686,608	686,608
Government of the United Kingdom (Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office)	500,076	500,076
Government of the United Kingdom (Former DFID)	333,600	333,600
Government of United States of America	35,000,000	35,000,000
Grand Total	45,342,926	45,342,926



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\$ **1,279,865**.

No interest was received from Participating Organizations, bringing the cumulative interest received to US\$ 1,279,865. 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	154,525	1,125,341	1,279,865
Total: Fund Interest Earned	154,525	1,125,341	1,279,865
Participating Organization			
Total: Agency Interest Earned	-	-	
Grand Total	154,525	1,125,341	1,279,865



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\$ 7,343,840 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 up to 31-Dec-2022			Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023		Total			
Participating Organization	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded
UNDP	1,300,713	-	1,300,713	-	-	-	1,300,713	-	1,300,713
UNITAMS	4,179,768	-	4,179,768	1,863,359	-	1,863,359	6,043,127	-	6,043,127
Grand Total	5,480,481		5,480,481	1,863,359		1,863,359	7,343,840		7,343,840



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/4sd00.

5.1 EXPENDITURE REPORTED BY PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

In **2023**, US\$ **1,863,359** was net funded to Participating Organizations, and US\$ **3,035,535** was reported in expenditure.

As shown in table below, the cumulative net funded amount is US\$ **7,343,840** and cumulative expenditures reported by the Participating Organizations amount to **US\$ 5,203,133**. This equates to an overall Fund expenditure delivery rate of **70.85** 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	
UNDP	1,300,713	1,300,713	1,230,713	-	1,230,713	94.62
UNITAMS	6,043,127	6,043,127	936,885	3,035,535	3,972,420	65.73
Grand Total	7,343,840	7,343,840	2,167,598	3,035,535	5,203,133	70.85

^{*}The expenditures reported represent payments made against obligations made by PUNOs 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		Percentage of Total Programme Cost		
	Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023	Total	
Staff & Personnel Cost	1,186,378	1,402,003	2,588,381	53.23
Equipment, vehicles, furniture and depreciation	34,568	-	34,568	0.71
Contractual Services Expenses	266,349	77,244	343,593	7.07
Travel	113,079	18,807	131,886	2.71
Transfers and Grants	42,747	(42,747)	-	-
General Operating	382,619	1,382,020	1,764,639	36.29
Programme Costs Total	2,025,738	2,837,327	4,863,065	100.00
¹ Indirect Support Costs Total	141,860	198,208	340,068	6.99
Grand Total	2,167,598	3,035,535	5,203,133	-

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\$ 453,429 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 passthrough pool funds. In the current reporting period US\$ 198,208 was deducted in indirect costs by Participating Organizations. Cumulatively, indirect costs amount to US\$ 340,068 as of 31 December 2023.

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.

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\$ 405,374 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	405,374	405,374	405,374	-	405,374	100.00
Grand Total	405,374	405,374	405,374		405,374	100.00



Sudan Financing Platform Annex to Financial Report



SRF 1 Stabilizaton

Annex. EXPENDITURE BY PROJECT GROUPED BY THEME/OUTCOME

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

Theme/O	utcome / Project No. and Project Title	Participating Organization	Project Status	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
Direct Cost							
00129617	Sudan FP_2021Secretariat	UNDP	On Going	405,374	405,374	405,374	100.00
Direct Cost:	Total			405,374	405,374	405,374	100.00
Enablers							
00119859	Secretariat - Sudan International Partners Forum (SIPF)	UNDP	On Going	330,264	330,264	330,264	100.00
Enablers: To	otal			330,264	330,264	330,264	100.00
Peace Proce	ess						
00131835	Training for Members of the permanent ceasefire committee and its structures.	UNITAMS	Operationally Closed	184,896	184,896	18,716	10.12
Peace Proce	ess: Total			184,896	184,896	18,716	10.12
Peacebuildir	ng & Stabilization						
00126645	Conflict Prevention and Infrastructure for Peace in Darfur	UNDP	On Going	495,075	495,075	495,075	100.00
Peacebuildir	ng & Stabilization: Total			495,075	495,075	495,075	100.00
Peacebuildir	ng POC ROL						
00128982	Capacity support to align the National Plan for Protection of Civilians throughout the Government of Sudan	UNDP	Operationally Closed	70,000	70,000		
Peacebuildir	ng POC ROL: Total			70,000	70,000		
Political Tra	nsition						
00130731	Support the 'Good Offices' function of the Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS)	UNITAMS	Operationally Closed	5,858,231	5,858,231	3,953,704	67.49
Political Trai	nsition: Total			5,858,231	5,858,231	3,953,704	67.49

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SRF 1 Stabilizaton: Total Grand Total



Contributors



Government of Germany



Government of Ireland



Government of Norway



Government of Switzerland





UN Participating Organizations



