



CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT of the Administrative Agent

Albania SDG Fund II

for the period 26 July 2021 to 31 December 2024

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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 the applicable legal 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 **Albania SDG Fund II** 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 26 July 2021 to 31 December 2024 and provides financial data on progress made in the implementation of projects of the **Albania SDG Fund II**. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (<https://mptf.undp.org/fund/al200>).

2024 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

This chapter presents financial data and analysis of the **Albania SDG Fund II** using the pass-through funding modality as of 31 December 2024. Financial information for this Fund is also available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY, at the following address:

<https://mptf.undp.org/fund/al200>.

1. SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

As of 31 December 2024, 3 contributors deposited US\$ 14,035,501 and US\$ 29,732 was earned in interest.

The cumulative source of funds was US\$ 14,065,232.

Of this amount, US\$ 13,291,236 has been net funded to 7 Participating Organizations, of which US\$ 9,792,127 has been reported as expenditure. The Administrative Agent fee has been charged at the approved rate of 1% on deposits and amounts to US\$ 140,355. Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the **Albania SDG Fund II** as of 31 December 2024.

Table 1 Financial Overview, as of 31 December 2024 (in US Dollars)

	Prior Years up to 31 Dec 2023	Financial Year Jan-Dec 2024	Total
Sources of Funds			
Contributions from donors	8,601,555	5,433,946	14,035,501
Sub-total Contributions	8,601,555	5,433,946	14,035,501
Fund Interest and Investment Income Earned	11,171	16,918	28,090
Interest Income received from Participating Organizations	-	1,642	1,642
Total: Sources of Funds	8,612,726	5,452,506	14,065,232
Use of Funds			
Transfers to Participating Organizations	7,834,061	5,461,299	13,295,360
Sub-Total Transfers	7,834,061	5,461,299	13,295,360
Refunds received from Participating Organizations	-	(4,124)	(4,124)
Sub-Total Refunds	-	(4,124)	(4,124)
Administrative Agent Fees	86,016	54,339	140,355
Bank Charges	59	45	104
Total: Uses of Funds	7,920,135	5,511,560	13,431,695
Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent	692,591	(59,053)	633,537
Opening Fund balance (1 January)	1,338,699	692,591	-
Closing Fund balance (31 December)	692,591	633,537	633,537
Net Funded Amount (Includes Direct Cost)	7,834,061	5,457,175	13,291,236
Participating Organizations Expenditure (Includes Direct Cost)	5,243,365	4,548,761	9,792,127
Balance of Funds with Participating Organizations	2,590,695	908,414	3,499,109

2. PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

Table 2 provides information on cumulative contributions received from all contributors to this fund as of 31 December **2024**.

The **Albania SDG Fund II** is currently being financed by **3** 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 **2024** and deposits received by the same date. It does not include commitments that were made to the fund beyond **2024**.

Table 2. Contributions, as of 31 December 2024 (in US Dollars)

Contributors	Total Commitments	Total Deposits
Sida	5,761,654	5,761,654
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation	8,058,847	8,058,847
Swisscontact Foundation	215,000	215,000
Grand Total	14,035,501	14,035,501

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 **2024**, Fund earned interest amounts to US\$ **28,090**.

Interest received from Participating Organizations amounts to US\$ **1,642**, bringing the cumulative interest received to US\$ **29,732**. Details are provided in the table below.

Table 3. Sources of Interest and Investment Income, as of 31 December 2024 (in US Dollars)

Interest Earned	Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2023	Financial Year Jan-Dec-2024	Total
Administrative Agent			
Fund Interest and Investment Income Earned	11,171	16,918	28,090
Total: Fund Interest Earned	11,171	16,918	28,090
Participating Organization			
FAO	-	1,642	1,642
Total: Agency Interest Earned	-	1,642	1,642
Grand Total	11,171	18,560	29,732

4. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Allocations to Participating Organizations are approved by the Steering Committee and disbursed by the Administrative Agent. As of 31 December 2024, the AA has transferred US\$ **13,295,360** to 7 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 to Participating Organization (in US Dollars)

Participating Organization	Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2023			Financial Year Jan-Dec-2024			Total		
	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded
FAO	139,067	-	139,067	526,785	(407)	526,378	665,852	(407)	665,445
ILO	235,922	-	235,922	453,489	(3,717)	449,772	689,411	(3,717)	685,694
UNDP	4,476,760	-	4,476,760	2,556,266	-	2,556,266	7,033,026	-	7,033,026
UNFPA	467,570	-	467,570	248,725	-	248,725	716,296	-	716,296
UNICEF	1,075,716	-	1,075,716	420,208	-	420,208	1,495,924	-	1,495,924
UNIDO	126,547	-	126,547	458,487	-	458,487	585,033	-	585,033
UNWOMEN	1,312,479	-	1,312,479	797,339	-	797,339	2,109,818	-	2,109,818
Grand Total	7,834,061	-	7,834,061	5,461,299	(4,124)	5,457,175	13,295,360	(4,124)	13,291,236

5. EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL DELIVERY RATES

All 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 **2024** expenditure data has been posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY at <https://mptf.undp.org/fund/al200>.

5.1 EXPENDITURE REPORTED BY PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

In **2024**, US\$ **5,457,175** was net funded to Participating Organizations, and US\$ **4,548,761** was reported in expenditure.

As shown in the table below, the cumulative net funded amount is US\$ **13,291,236** and cumulative expenditures reported by the Participating Organizations amount to **US\$ 9,792,127**. This equates to an overall Fund expenditure delivery rate of **73.67** percent.

Table 5.1 Net Funded Amount and Reported Expenditures by Participating Organization, as of 31 December 2024 (in US Dollars)

Participating Organization	Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Expenditure			Delivery Rate %
			Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2023	Financial Year Jan-Dec-2024	Cumulative	
FAO	1,050,923	665,445	134,595	163,217	297,811	44.75
ILO	994,485	685,694	232,204	152,809	385,014	56.15
UNDP	6,091,840	7,033,026	2,956,844	2,572,275	5,529,119	78.62
UNFPA	604,278	716,296	406,098	240,337	646,436	90.25
UNICEF	1,086,383	1,495,924	666,303	426,904	1,093,207	73.08
UNIDO	893,469	585,033	126,955	35,343	162,297	27.74
UNWOMEN	1,894,416	2,109,818	720,366	957,877	1,678,243	79.54
Grand Total	12,615,793	13,291,236	5,243,365	4,548,761	9,792,127	73.67

5.2 EXPENDITURE BY OUTCOME

Table 5.2 displays the net funded amounts, expenditures incurred and the financial delivery rates by Outcome.

Table 5.2. Expenditure with breakdown by Outcome (in US Dollars)

Outcome	Current Year Jan-Dec-2024		Cumulative Total		Delivery Rate %
	Net Funded Amount	Expenditure	Net Funded Amount	Expenditure	
Albania					
A1 Human Capital Development	2,241,107	2,868,475	7,978,258	6,797,772	85.20
B1 Green Economic Growth	2,186,913	598,001	2,950,436	1,330,081	45.08
C2 Gender	1,029,156	1,082,285	2,362,541	1,664,273	70.44
Total	5,457,175	4,548,761	13,291,236	9,792,127	73.67
Grand Total	5,457,175	4,548,761	13,291,236	9,792,127	73.67

5.3. 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 5.3. Expenditure by UNSDG Budget Category, as of 31 December 2024 (in US Dollars)

Category	Expenditures			Percentage of Total Programme Cost
	Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2023	Financial Year Jan-Dec-2024	Total	
Staff & Personnel Cost	253,972	355,038	609,010	6.68
Supplies, commodities and materials	195,938	153,012	348,949	3.83
Equipment, vehicles, furniture and depreciation	63,821	128,745	192,566	2.11
Contractual Services Expenses	2,287,552	1,867,837	4,155,388	45.57
Travel	171,444	102,478	273,922	3.00
Transfers and Grants	1,090,326	1,171,791	2,262,117	24.81
General Operating	809,182	467,987	1,277,169	14.01
Programme Costs Total	4,872,234	4,246,888	9,119,122	100.00
¹ Indirect Support Costs Total	371,131	301,874	673,005	7.38
Grand Total	5,243,365	4,548,761	9,792,127	-

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 is 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 2024, were as follows:

- **The Administrative Agent (AA) fee:** 1% is charged at the time of the contributor deposit and covers services provided on that contribution for the entire duration of the Fund. Cumulatively, as of 31 December 2024, US\$ **140,355** 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\$ **301,874** was deducted in indirect costs by Participating Organizations. Cumulatively, indirect costs amount to US\$ **673,005** as of 31 December **2024**.

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 2024, no funds have been charged as Direct Costs.

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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Annex to Financial Report

Annex EXPENDITURE BY PROJECT GROUPED BY OUTCOME

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

Annex Expenditure by Project within Outcome

Outcome / Project No. and Project Title		Participating Organization	Project Status	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
A1 Human Capital Development							
00128662	UN JP Leave No one behind Phase II	UNDP	On Going	3,839,115	5,286,374	4,622,676	87.45
00128662	UN JP Leave No one behind Phase II	UNFPA	On Going	297,147	409,165	401,765	98.19
00128662	UN JP Leave No one behind Phase II	UNICEF	On Going	1,086,383	1,495,924	1,093,207	73.08
00128662	UN JP Leave No one behind Phase II	UNWOMEN	On Going	571,393	786,796	680,124	86.44
A1 Human Capital Development: Total				5,794,038	7,978,258	6,797,772	85.20

Outcome / Project No. and Project Title		Participating Organization	Project Status	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
B1 Green EcoNmic Growth							
00130966	Business Partnerships & Solutions	FAO	On Going	420,188	138,660	138,660	100.00
00130966	Business Partnerships & Solutions	ILO	On Going	540,995	232,204	232,204	100.00
00130966	Business Partnerships & Solutions	UNDP	On Going	768,062	261,988	238,327	90.97
00130966	Business Partnerships & Solutions	UNIDO	On Going	434,982	126,547	125,946	99.53
00140549	Business Partnerships Solutions Phase II	FAO	On Going	417,885	417,885	51,715	12.38
00140549	Business Partnerships Solutions Phase II	ILO	On Going	453,489	453,489	152,809	33.70
00140549	Business Partnerships Solutions Phase II	UNDP	On Going	752,276	752,276	246,632	32.78
00140549	Business Partnerships Solutions Phase II	UNIDO	On Going	458,487	458,487	36,351	7.93
00140660	Empowering Local Communities	FAO	On Going	212,850	108,900	107,437	98.66
B1 Green EcoNmic Growth: Total				4,459,214	2,950,436	1,330,081	45.08

Outcome / Project No. and Project Title		Participating Organization	Project Status	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
C2 Gender							
00140014	Outcome 4: Gender Responsive G	UNDP	On Going	732,387	732,388	421,484	57.55
00140014	Outcome 4: Gender Responsive G	UNFPA	On Going	307,130	307,131	244,671	79.66
00140014	Outcome 4: Gender Responsive G	UNWOMEN	On Going	1,323,023	1,323,023	998,119	75.44
C2 Gender: Total				2,362,541	2,362,541	1,664,273	70.44

Grand Total				12,615,793	13,291,236	9,792,127	73.67
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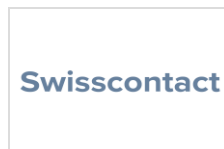
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