



CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

of the Administrative Agent

JP Community-Based Forestry and Protected Area Management in Liberia

for the period 14 July 2022 to 31 December 2024

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DEFINITIONS

Allocation/Total Approved Budget

Amount approved by the Steering Committee of the Joint Programme. The total approved budget represents the cumulative amount of allocations approved by the Steering Committee.

Contributor Commitment

Amount(s) committed by a contributor to a Joint Programme 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 or 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.

Joint Programme Expenditure

The sum of expenses and/or expenditure reported by all Participating Organizations for a Joint Programme irrespective of which basis of accounting each Participating Organization follows for donor reporting.

Joint Programme Financial Closure

A Joint Programme is considered financially closed when all financial obligations of an operationally completed Joint Programme have been settled, and no further financial charges may be incurred. MPTF Office will report a Joint Programme financially closed once the financial report(s) has been received and any balance of funds refunded.

Joint Programme Operational Closure

A Joint Programme is considered operationally closed when all programmatic activities for which Participating Organization(s) received funding have been completed, and the Steering Committee has approved the final narrative report

Joint Programme Start Date

Joint Programme start date as per the programmatic document.

Transferred Funds

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

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 **JP Community-Based Forestry and Protected Area Management in Liberia** 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 Joint Programme Document, 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 and financial statements, for transmission to stakeholders.

This consolidated financial report covers the period 14 July 2022 to 31 December 2024 and provides financial data on progress made in the implementation of Joint Programme of the **JP Community-Based Forestry and Protected Area Management in Liberia**. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (<https://mptf.undp.org/fund/jlr20>).



2024 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

This chapter presents financial data and analysis of the **JP Community-Based Forestry and Protected Area Management in Liberia** using the pass-through funding modality as of 31 December 2024. Financial information for this Joint Programme is also available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY, at the following address: <https://mptf.undp.org/fund/jlr20>.

1. SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

As of 31 December 2024, 1 contributor deposited US\$ 6,095,785 and US\$ 30,967 was earned in interest.

The cumulative source of funds was US\$ 6,126,752.

Of this amount, US\$ 6,038,668 has been net funded to 2 Participating Organizations, of which US\$ 3,340,932 has been reported as expenditure. The Administrative Agent fee has been charged at the approved rate of 1% on deposits and amounts to US\$ 60,958. Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the **JP Community-Based Forestry and Protected Area Management in Liberia** 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 | 3,257,364 | 2,838,420 | 6,095,785 |
| Sub-total Contributions | 3,257,364 | 2,838,420 | 6,095,785 |
| Fund Interest and Investment Income Earned | 20,316 | 10,651 | 30,967 |
| Total: Sources of Funds | 3,277,680 | 2,849,072 | 6,126,752 |
| Use of Funds | | | |
| Transfers to Participating Organizations | 3,228,696 | 2,809,972 | 6,038,668 |
| Sub-Total Transfers | 3,228,696 | 2,809,972 | 6,038,668 |
| Administrative Agent Fees | 32,574 | 28,384 | 60,958 |
| Bank Charges | 47 | 9 | 56 |
| Total: Uses of Funds | 3,261,316 | 2,838,365 | 6,099,681 |
| Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent | 16,364 | 10,707 | 27,071 |
| Opening Fund balance (1 January) | 315,310 | 16,364 | - |
| Closing Fund balance (31 December) | 16,364 | 27,071 | 27,071 |
| Net Funded Amount | 3,228,696 | 2,809,972 | 6,038,668 |
| Participating Organizations Expenditure | 1,719,265 | 1,621,667 | 3,340,932 |
| Balance of Funds with Participating Organizations | 1,509,431 | 1,188,305 | 2,697,735 |



2. PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

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

The **JP Community-Based Forestry and Protected Area Management in Liberia** 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 2024 and deposits received by the same date. It does not include commitments that were made to the Joint Programme beyond 2024.

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

| Contributors | Total Commitments | Total Deposits |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Sida | 6,095,785 | 6,095,785 |
| Grand Total | 6,095,785 | 6,095,785 |



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\$ **30,967** and no interest was received from the Participating Organizations.

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 | 20,316 | 10,651 | 30,967 |
| Total: Fund Interest Earned | 20,316 | 10,651 | 30,967 |
| Participating Organization | | | |
| Total: Agency Interest Earned | - | - | - |
| Grand Total | 20,316 | 10,651 | 30,967 |



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\$ **6,038,668** 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 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 | 1,621,471 | - | 1,621,471 | 1,606,090 | - | 1,606,090 | 3,227,561 | - | 3,227,561 |
| UNDP | 1,607,225 | - | 1,607,225 | 1,203,882 | - | 1,203,882 | 2,811,107 | - | 2,811,107 |
| Grand Total | 3,228,696 | - | 3,228,696 | 2,809,972 | - | 2,809,972 | 6,038,668 | - | 6,038,668 |



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 **2024** expenditure data has been posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY at <https://mptf.undp.org/fund/jlr20>.

5.1 EXPENDITURE REPORTED BY PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

In **2024**, US\$ **2,809,972** was net funded to Participating Organizations, and US\$ **1,621,667** was reported in expenditure.

As shown in the table below, the cumulative net funded amount is US\$ **6,038,668** and cumulative expenditures reported by the Participating Organizations amount to **US\$ 3,340,932**. This equates to an overall Fund expenditure delivery rate of **55.33** 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 | 4,446,802 | 3,227,561 | 1,169,023 | 307,736 | 1,476,760 | 45.75 |
| UNDP | 4,407,313 | 2,811,107 | 550,242 | 1,313,931 | 1,864,173 | 66.31 |
| Grand Total | 8,854,115 | 6,038,668 | 1,719,265 | 1,621,667 | 3,340,932 | 55.33 |



5.2. Expenditures Reported by Category

Joint Programme 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 Joint Programme 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 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 | 85,215 | 170,160 | 255,375 | 8.20 |
| Supplies, commodities and materials | 78,989 | 142,444 | 221,433 | 7.11 |
| Equipment, vehicles, furniture and depreciation | 60,571 | 10,561 | 71,132 | 2.28 |
| Contractual Services Expenses | 282,128 | 585,178 | 867,306 | 27.86 |
| Travel | 56,638 | 157,421 | 214,059 | 6.88 |
| Transfers and Grants | 936,666 | 91,369 | 1,028,035 | 33.02 |
| General Operating | 106,888 | 349,171 | 456,060 | 14.65 |
| Programme Costs Total | 1,607,096 | 1,506,304 | 3,113,400 | 100.00 |
| ¹ Indirect Support Costs Total | 112,169 | 115,363 | 227,533 | 7.31 |
| Grand Total | 1,719,265 | 1,621,667 | 3,340,932 | - |

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 Joint Programme. Once Joint Programme is financially closed, this number is not to exceed 7%.



6. COST RECOVERY

Cost recovery policies for the Joint Programme are guided by the applicable provisions of the Joint Programme Document, 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\$ **60,958** 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\$ **115,363** was deducted in indirect costs by Participating Organizations. Cumulatively, indirect costs amount to US\$ **227,533** as of 31 December **2024**.

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 and Joint Programmes, 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.



Contributors



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UN Participating Organizations

