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UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES (UNOPS)

FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

27 November 2017

PROJECT NAME: SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME (SGP) – OPERATIONAL PHASE 5
ATLAS PROJECT NUMBER: 00078649
ONEUNOPS WORKPACKAGE: 10175-008-03
COUNTRY: BARBADOS
AUDITOR: MOORE STEPHENS LLP
PERIOD SUBJECT TO AUDIT: 1 JANUARY 2011 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2016
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Acronyms and abbreviations

IAIG        Internal Audit and Investigations Group
IPSAS       International Public Sector Accounting Standards
PC          Project Centre
SGP         Small Grants Programme
TOR         Terms of Reference
UNOPS       United Nations Office for Project Services
USD         United States Dollars
Financial audit report

Audit opinion on the project financial statement


We have audited the accompanying project financial statement for the project ‘Small Grants Programme – Operational Phase 5, Palestine’ (Atlas Project ID 00078649, OneUNOPS Work Package 10175-008-03) of UNOPS for the period from 1 January 2011 to 30 September 2016.

Management responsibility for the project financial statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the project financial statement in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the project financial statement based upon the results of our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation of a financial statement that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Qualified opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters referred to in the basis for qualified opinion paragraph below, the project financial statement gives a true and fair view of, in all material respects, the income and expenditure of the project ‘Small Grants Programme – Operational Phase 5, Barbados’ (Atlas Project ID 00078649, OneUNOPS Work Package 10175-008-03), for the period from 1 January 2011 to 30 September 2016 in conformity with the terms of the agreements and in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards.
Basis for qualified opinion

We have raised financial audit findings with a combined financial impact of US$ 52,165, (reflecting an overstatement of US$ 78,222 and an understatement of US$ 26,057), as set out in the relevant sections of the accompanying internal audit report, which represent expenditure amounts included in the project financial statement which, in our opinion, do not meet the criteria for funding set out in the project documents. These findings amount to 2.4% of the total expenditure reported in the project financial statement.

We also draw your attention to the other audit findings, as set out within the relevant sections of the accompanying internal audit report, which represent internal control weaknesses we came across during the conduct of our audit, and in particular to finding 6, which results in an estimated understatement of expenditure of US$ 62,348.

The financial and other audit findings are, together, considered material in the context of our audit.

Project financial statement

This is attached as Annex I to this report.

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27 November 2017
Responsibility statement by management

This is attached as Annex II to this report.
Annex I – Project financial statement
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Note: The expenditure figures include 6% UNOPS fee.

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Annex II – Statement of management responsibility
UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES

Project ID: Small Grants Programme (SGP), Operational Phase 5 (OP5) in Barbados, (Atlas Project ID 00078649, OneUNOPS Work Package 10175-008-03)

Responsibility Statement by Management

The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) management is responsible for the preparation, integrity and fair presentation of the Financial Statement of the UNOPS Project Small Grants Programme (SGP), Operational Phase 5 (OP5) in Barbados, (Atlas Project ID 00078649, OneUNOPS Work Package 10175-008-03). The Statement, presented in Annex I, has been prepared in accordance with the applicable UNOPS regulations and rules.

We do hereby state that, in our opinion:

Financial Statement

The Financial Statement as reported, as set out in Annex I, presents fairly in all material respects, the expenditure of US$ 2,186,052 incurred by the SGP office for the period 1 January 2011 to 30 September 2016 in conformity with the terms of the agreements and in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards.


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