



INTERNAL AUDIT AND INVESTIGATIONS GROUP

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES (UNOPS)

FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

16 January 2026

PROJECT NAME:	SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME (SGP) OPERATIONAL PHASES 6 AND 7
PROJECT NUMBER:	11960-003 & 21970-002
COUNTRY:	ERITREA
AUDITOR:	BDO LLP
PERIOD SUBJECT TO AUDIT:	1 JANUARY 2018 TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

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Acronyms and abbreviations

IAIG	Internal Audit and Investigations Group
IESBA	International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants
ISA	International Standards on Auditing
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
US\$	United States Dollars

Financial audit report

Audit opinion on the project financial statement

Qualified opinion

We have audited the accompanying project financial statement for the project 'Small Grants Programme – Operational Phases 6 and 7, Eritrea' (Project IDs 11960-003 and 21970-002) for the period from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2021.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the basis for qualified opinion section, the financial statement gives a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the income and expenditure of the project 'Small Grants Programme – Operational Phases 6 and 7, Eritrea' (Project IDs 11960-003 and 21970-002) for the period from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2021, which is implemented and managed by the SGP office in Eritrea 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 totalling US\$ 154,927 (32% of the total reported expenditure), as set out in the relevant section of the accompanying internal audit report. This amount is considered material in the context of our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the project financial statement' section of this report.

We are independent of UNOPS in accordance with the IESBA Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Management responsibility for the financial statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 for the audit of the project financial statement

The objectives of our audit are set out in the terms of reference for the audits of UNOPS projects, as issued by the Internal Audit and Investigations Group (IAIG) of UNOPS, and include obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the project financial statement is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of the project financial statement.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also identify and assess the risks of material

misstatement of the project financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

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

Use of this report

This report is made solely to UNOPS, in accordance with terms of reference defined by UNOPS. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to UNOPS those matters we are required to state to it in accordance with UNOPS's terms of reference and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than UNOPS, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Project financial statement

This is attached as Annex I to this report.



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Responsibility statement by management

This is attached as Annex II to this report.

Annex I – Project financial statement

Sum of Amount	Project	Project_Description	Work_Package_De	Nature_Of_Cost_Description	Account_Description	Account_Type_Descr	Fiscal_Year				Grand Total
							2018	2019	2020	2021	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Acquis of Computer Hardware	Expense Account	0	3,012	0	0	3,012	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Acquisition of Communic Equip	Expense Account	0	0	1,690	(1,690)	0	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Audio Visual Productions	Expense Account	0	0	1,000	(333)	667	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Bank Charges - Payments	Expense Account	43	0	0	0	43	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Capacity Assessment	Expense Account	0	0	178	0	178	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Common Services-Premises	Expense Account	0	0	12,945	(6,472)	6,473	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Courier Charges	Expense Account	0	0	153	0	153	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Daily Subsistence Allow-Intl	Expense Account	2,366	0	0	0	2,366	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Daily Subsistence Allow-Local	Expense Account	2,085	1,705	0	0	3,791	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Foreign Exch Transaction Loss	Expense Account	0	5	10	0	15	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Foreign Exch Translation Loss	Expense Account	0	0	0	0	0	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Fuel, petroleum and other oils	Expense Account	465	0	0	0	465	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Inform Technology Supplies	Expense Account	0	956	40	(40)	956	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Insurance	Expense Account	0	155	102	(102)	156	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Land Storage&Handling charges	Expense Account	0	804	1,405	(1,405)	804	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Land Telephone Charges	Expense Account	556	0	0	0	556	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Leased Vehicles	Expense Account	1,319	1,473	0	0	2,792	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Maint. Oper of Transport Equip	Expense Account	(21)	0	0	0	(21)	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Miscellaneous Expenses	Expense Account	401	(13)	(195)	(193)	0	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Participation of counterparts	Expense Account	57	0	0	0	57	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Postage and Pouch	Expense Account	0	45	0	0	45	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Printing and Publications	Expense Account	0	0	648	(650)	198	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Realized Gain	Expense Account	0	0	0	0	0	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Realized Loss	Expense Account	0	0	0	0	0	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Reimb to UNDP for Supp Svcs	Expense Account	9,183	10,368	(10,175)	0	9,376	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Rent/Leased land, building	Expense Account	0	0	7,600	(3,800)	3,800	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Service Contracts-Individuals	Expense Account	0	0	0	(900)	(900)	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Stationery & other Office Supp	Expense Account	200	694	2,819	(1,960)	1,753	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Sundry	Expense Account	702	0	0	0	702	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Travel - Other	Expense Account	0	20	0	0	20	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Travel DSA Mtng Partic	Expense Account	500	164	0	0	664	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	Travel Tickets-International	Expense Account	250	0	0	0	250	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	COB	UNOPS ICA Fee	Expense Account	0	0	0	0	0	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	CORE GRANTS	Foreign Exch Transaction Loss	Expense Account	0	0	93	0	93	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	CORE GRANTS	Foreign Exch Translation Loss	Expense Account	0	0	0	0	0	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	CORE GRANTS	Grants to Insitt & other Benef	Expense Account	70,360	0	3,000	0	73,360	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	CORE GRANTS	Miscellaneous Expenses	Expense Account	0	0	0	0	0	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	CORE GRANTS	Realized Gain	Expense Account	0	0	0	0	0	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	CORE GRANTS	Realized Loss	Expense Account	0	0	0	0	0	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	CORE GRANTS	Reimb to UNDP for Supp Svcs	Expense Account	126	0	32	0	158	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	FEE	Facilities&Admin-Implement	Expense Account	7,443	3,968	4,595	3,175	19,181	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	PERSONNEL	CMDC non-person related (Engagement	Expense Account	0	0	71	0	71	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	PERSONNEL	CMDC_UNOPS Supervised ICA	Expense Account	0	0	638	(354)	284	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	PERSONNEL	Service Contracts-Individuals	Expense Account	34,555	46,382	54,101	(65,263)	69,785	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	STAR GRANTS	Grants to Insitt & other Benef	Expense Account	0	0	0	136,769	136,769	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	(blank)	CMDC non-person related (Engagement	Expense Account	858	372	324	312	1,966	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	(blank)	CMDC non-person related (IPAS Services	Expense Account	36	0	0	0	36	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	(blank)	Foreign Exch Translation Gain	Revenue Account	0	0	0	0	0	
11960-003	SGP-OP6 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	(blank)	Foreign Exch Transaction Gain	Revenue Account	0	0	(3)	0	(3)	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	1.1 GRANTS (CORE)	Grants to Insitt & other Benef	Expense Account	0	0	14,590	0	14,590	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	2.4 PERSONNEL - Contractual Serv	CMDC_UNOPS Supervised ICA	Expense Account	0	0	1,204	0	1,204	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	2.4 PERSONNEL - Contractual Serv	Service Contracts-Individuals	Expense Account	0	0	83,217	0	83,217	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.2 COB - Travel	Acquisition of Communic Equip	Expense Account	0	0	1,690	0	1,690	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.2 COB - Travel	Capacity Assessment	Expense Account	0	0	39	0	39	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.2 COB - Travel	Daily Subsistence Allow-Local	Expense Account	0	0	296	0	296	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.2 COB - Travel	Inform Technology Supplies	Expense Account	0	0	40	0	40	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.2 COB - Travel	Realized Gain	Expense Account	0	0	(4)	0	(4)	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.2 COB - Travel	Realized Loss	Expense Account	0	0	0	0	0	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.3 COB - Premises	Common Services-Premises	Expense Account	0	0	16,404	0	16,404	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.3 COB - Premises	Realized Loss	Expense Account	0	0	0	0	0	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.3 COB - Premises	Rent/Leased land, building	Expense Account	0	0	7,600	0	7,600	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.4 COB - Office Supplies	Foreign Exch Transaction Loss	Expense Account	0	0	3	0	3	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.4 COB - Office Supplies	Realized Loss	Expense Account	0	0	0	0	0	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.4 COB - Office Supplies	Stationery & other Office Supp	Expense Account	0	0	1,216	0	1,216	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.5 COB - Other Operating Costs	Audio Visual Productions	Expense Account	0	0	333	0	333	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.5 COB - Other Operating Costs	Common Services-Premises	Expense Account	0	0	6,472	0	6,472	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.5 COB - Other Operating Costs	Foreign Exch Transaction Loss	Expense Account	0	0	3	0	3	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.5 COB - Other Operating Costs	Insurance	Expense Account	0	0	102	0	102	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.5 COB - Other Operating Costs	Land Storage&Handling charges	Expense Account	0	0	1,405	0	1,405	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.5 COB - Other Operating Costs	Miscellaneous Expenses	Expense Account	0	0	193	0	193	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.5 COB - Other Operating Costs	Mobile Telephone Charges	Expense Account	0	0	29	0	29	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.5 COB - Other Operating Costs	Printing and Publications	Expense Account	0	0	650	0	650	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.5 COB - Other Operating Costs	Realized Loss	Expense Account	0	0	0	0	0	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.5 COB - Other Operating Costs	Rental & Maint-Other Office Eq	Expense Account	0	0	20	0	20	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	3.5 COB - Other Operating Costs	Stationery & other Office Supp	Expense Account	0	0	1,960	0	1,960	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	4. UNOPS Fee	Facilities&Admin-Implement	Expense Account	1	8,249	0	0	8,249	
21970-002	SGP-OP7 AFRICA (Anglophone)	ERITREA	(blank)	CMDC non-person related (Engagement	Expense Account	9	0	0	0	9	
Grand Total						131,494	70,112	81,281	201,804	484,691	

Note: Expenditure included 6% fee

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 Title Finance, Budget And Oversight Advisor

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Date 23 / 05 / 22

Annex II – Responsibility Statement by Management

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES

Project ID: Small Grants Programme (SGP), SGP OP6/OP7 - Eritrea, (OneUNOPS project number 11960-003 / 21970-002)

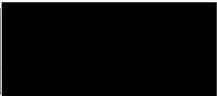
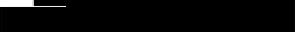
Responsibility Statement by Management

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 6 & 7 (OP6 & OP7) in Eritrea, (OneUNOPS project number 11960-003 and 21970-002). 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\$ 484,691 incurred by the SGP office for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2021 in conformity with the terms of the agreements and in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards.

(Signature) 	(Signature) 	(Signature) 
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Place: New York	Place: New York	Place: New York
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