

New York, 29 September 2023

H.E. Mr. Martin Kimani
President
Executive Board UNDP UNFPA UNOPS
New York

Excellency,

Please find enclosed herewith the eighth written update on the status of implementation of Executive Board decisions and the recommendations of the KPMG reviews, for the attention of the Executive Board.

The written update summarizes key progress and challenges in implementing the [UNOPS comprehensive response plan](#), since the last update on August 31st. It also presents an overview of the expenditures and financial commitments against the approved allocation of \$35.4 million via an [online expenditures tracking tool](#). Lastly, an update on the progress to date in the distribution of excess reserves to paying entities is provided.

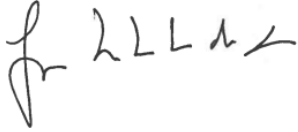
I am attaching the independent third party review regarding the distribution of excess reserves, as detailed in the written update. The conclusion of this review will help UNOPS accelerate the refund process upon receipt of further instructions from key partners.

In response to the Executive Board's feedback, UNOPS proposes that all upcoming Monthly Update Briefing Q&A sessions will include deep-dives on the transformation initiatives UNOPS has embarked on as part of the Comprehensive Response Plan.

I look forward to an interactive exchange and hearing your feedback in the upcoming Q&A session, to be held virtually on Thursday, 5 October (via Zoom) at 8:30am EST. Specifically for that session, we will present an overview of the Digitalisation Programme, the roadmap on the revision of the UNOPS Financial Regulations and Rules and the findings of the independent third party review of the excess reserve refund process. Attached you will find the Note on the Review of the UNOPS Financial Regulations and Rules as well as the slides to be presented at the session on 5 October.

Questions can also be submitted in advance of the meeting by emailing: hafidal@unops.org, tanvim@unops.org and NYBER@unops.org.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Moreira da Silva".

Jorge Moreira da Silva
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