UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME Office of Audit and Investigations



AUDIT

OF

UNDP YEMEN

SUPPORT TO ELECTIONS DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD PHASE I (Directly Implemented Project No. 80501)

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## Report on the audit of UNDP Yemen Support to Elections during the Transitional Period (SETP) PHASE I (Project No. 80501) Executive Summary

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), from 1 October to 13 November 2013, through Talal Abu -Ghazaleh & Co (the audit firm), conducted an audit of Support to Elections during the Transitional Period PHASE I, Project No. 80501 (the Project), which is directly implemented and managed by the UNDP Country Office in Yemen (the Office). The last audit of the Office was conducted by OAI in 2009.

The audit firm conducted a financial audit to express an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the Project's operations. The audit covered the Project's Statement of Expenditure (Combined Delivery Report) for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2012 and Statement of Assets as of 31 December 2012.

The audit was conducted under the general supervision of OAI in conformance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing*.

## Audit results

Based on the audit report and corresponding management letter submitted by the audit firm, the results are summarized in the table below:

Project Expenditure		Project Assets	
Amount (in \$ '000)	Opinion	Amount (in \$'000)	Opinion
6,653	unqualified	298	unqualified

## **Key recommendations**

The audit did not result in any high (critical) priority recommendations. There is one medium (important) priority recommendation, which means, "Action is required to ensure that UNDP is not exposed to risks that are considered moderate. Failure to take action could contribute to negative consequences for UNDP." This recommendation includes actions to update the fixed assets register.



## Management comments and action plan

The Resident Representative accepted the recommendation and is in the process of implementing it. Comments and/or additional information provided have been incorporated into the report, where appropriate.

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