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**AUDIT** 

OF

**UNDP HAITI** 

Appui au retour aux quartiers (Directly Implemented Project, Output No. 79750)

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# Report on the audit of UNDP Haiti Appui au retour aux quartiers, Output No. 79750 Executive Summary

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), from 29 March to 28 April 2014, through Fabel, Werner & Schnittke (the audit firm), conducted an audit of Appui au retour aux quartiers, Output No. 79750 (the Project), which is directly implemented and managed by the UNDP Country Office in Haiti (the Office). This was the first audit of the Project.

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 Combined Delivery Report (CDR), which includes expenditure for the period from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2013 and the accompanying Funds Utilization statement<sup>1</sup> as of 31 December 2013 as well as Statement of Assets. The audit did not cover the Statement of Cash Position as no separate bank account was established and maintained for the Project.

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 reports and corresponding management letters submitted by the audit firm, the results are summarized in the table below:

	Project Expenditure		Project Assets	
Year	Amount (in \$ '000)	Opinion	Amount (in \$ '000)	Opinion
2012	3,585	Unqualified	125	Unqualified
2013	3,602	Unqualified	114	Unqualified

The audit firm issued an unqualified opinion on the Funds Utilization statement.

#### **Key recommendations:** Total = **3**, high priority = **0**

The audit did not result in any high (critical) priority recommendations. There are three medium (important) priority recommendations, 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." These recommendations include actions to address: the disclosure of correction bookings; purchase orders issued post-facto; and the calculation of management fees.

OAI took note of the audit firm's opinion on the CDR for financial years 2012 and 2013 and the points highlighted as emphasis of matter. In OAI's opinion, these points, as presented in the audit reports, do not warrant an emphasis of matter and therefore, will not be given further consideration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Funds Utilization statement includes the balance, as at a given date, of five items: (a) outstanding advances received by the project; (b) depreciated fixed assets used at the project level; (c) inventory held at the project level; (d) prepayments made by the project; and (e) outstanding commitments held at the project level.

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#### Management comments and action plan

The UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative accepted all of the recommendations and is in the process of implementing them. Comments and/or additional information provided have been incorporated into the report, where appropriate.

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