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Report on the Audit of UNDP Nepal Executive Summary

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) conducted an audit of UNDP Nepal (the Office) from 4 to 13 September 2017. The audit aimed to assess the adequacy and effectiveness of the governance, risk management and control processes relating to the following areas and sub-areas:

- (a) governance (leadership, corporate direction, corporate oversight and assurance, corporate external relations and partnership);
- (b) programme (quality assurance process, programme/project design and implementation, knowledge management);
- (c) operations (financial resources management, ICT and general administrative management, procurement, human resources management, and staff and premises security); and
- (d) United Nations leadership and coordination.

The audit covered the activities of the Office from 1 January 2016 to 31 August 2017. The Office recorded programme and management expenses of approximately \$64 million. The last audit of the Office was conducted by OAI in 2014.

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

Overall audit rating

OAI assessed the Office as **satisfactory**, which means “the assessed governance arrangements, risk management practices and controls were adequately established and functioning well. Issues identified by the audit, if any, are unlikely to affect the achievement of the objectives of the audited entity/area.”

Key recommendations: Total = 4, high priority = 0

The audit did not result in any high (critical) priority recommendations. There are four medium (important) priority recommendations, which means “Action is required to ensure that UNDP is not exposed to risks. Failure to take action could result in negative consequences for UNDP.” These recommendations include actions to address weaknesses in the management of project cash advances, Office vehicles, and operations of the UN Clinic.

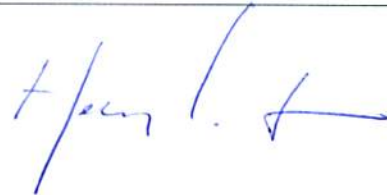
The four recommendations aim to ensure the following:

Objectives	Recommendation No.	Priority Rating
Safeguarding of assets	4	Medium
Compliance with legislative mandates, regulations and rules, policies and procedures	1, 2, 3	Medium

Management comments and action plan

The Resident Representative accepted all recommendations and is in the process of implementing them. Management comments and/or additional information provided have been incorporated in the report, where appropriate.

Low risk issues (not included in this report) have been discussed directly with management and actions have been initiated to address them.

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