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AUDIT

OF

UNDP GLOBAL PROCUREMENT

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Report on the Audit of UNDP Global Procurement Executive Summary

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) conducted an audit of UNDP global procurement from 1 October to 9 November 2018. 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, including organizational structure, roles and responsibilities, procurement policies and procedures.
- (b) Global procurement processing, including procurement tools and Long Term Agreements (LTAs).

The audit covered the period from 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2018. The total value of global procurement carried out during the audit period was \$346 million.

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

Overall audit rating

OAI assessed the UNDP global procurement 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 = $\mathbf{2}$, high priority = $\mathbf{0}$

The two recommendations aim to ensure the achievement of the organization's strategic objectives.

Management comments and action plan

The Bureau for Management Services accepted both recommendations and is in the process of implementing them. 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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