



AUDIT

OF

UNDP PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

**URGENT SUPPORT TO THE AGRICULTURE AND ELECTRICITY SECTORS IN THE GAZA
STRIP & REHABILITATION OF GAZA ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSPORT
NETWORKS**

(Directly Implemented Project No. 63805)

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**Report on the audit of UNDP Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People
Urgent Support to the Agriculture and Electricity Sectors in the Gaza Strip & Rehabilitation of Gaza
Electricity Distribution and Transport Networks (Project No. 63805)
Executive Summary**

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), from 1 October to 30 November 2013, through Talal Abu-Ghazaleh & Co. (the audit firm), conducted an audit of Urgent Support to the Agriculture and Electricity Sectors in the Gaza Strip & Rehabilitation of Gaza Electricity Distribution and Transport Networks, Project No. 63805 (the Project), which is directly implemented and managed by the UNDP Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (the Office). The last audit of the Office was conducted by OAI in 2010.

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.

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	NFI (in \$ '000)	Amount (in \$ '000)	Opinion	NFI (in \$ '000)
3,207	Unqualified	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

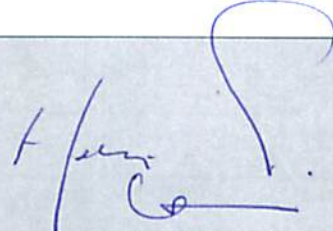
NFI = Net Financial Impact

Key recommendation

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 address salaries stated in the contracts that do not comply with the actual salaries as per the Payroll General Ledger Account Detail Report.

Management comments and action plan

The Special 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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