



AUDIT

OF

UNDP PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUILDING
(Directly Implemented Project No. 51015, Output No. 63303)

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**Report on the Audit of UNDP Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People
Foreign Affairs Building (Project No. 51015, Output No. 63303)
Executive Summary**

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), from 18 to 29 May 2015, through Talal Abu – Ghazaleh & Co. (the audit firm), conducted an audit of Foreign Affairs Building (Project No. 51015, Output No. 63303 (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 Project was conducted by Talal Abu – Ghazaleh & Co. in 2014 and covered project expenditure from 1 January to 31 December 2013.

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, which includes expenditure for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2014 and the accompanying Funds Utilization statement¹ as of 31 December 2014 as well as Statement of Assets as of 31 December 2014. 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 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
3,157	Unqualified	1	Unqualified

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

The audit did not result in any recommendations.

¹ 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.



Implementation status of previous OAI audit recommendations: Report No. 1370, 4 September 2014.

Total recommendations: 0
Implementation rate: N/A

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