



AUDIT

OF

UNDP PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

**STRENGTHENING THE RULE OF LAW IN THE OPT - JUSTICE AND SECURITY FOR THE
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE**

(Directly Implemented Project No. 77565, Output No. 88270)

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**Report on the Audit of UNDP Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People
Strengthening the Rule of Law in the oPt - Justice and Security for the Palestinian people
(Project No. 77565, Output No. 88270)
Executive Summary**

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), from 25 May to 4 June 2015, through Talal Abu – Ghazaleh & Co. (the audit firm), conducted an audit of Strengthening the Rule of Law in the oPt - Justice and Security for the Palestinian people (Project No. 77565, Output No. 88270) (the Project), which is directly implemented and managed by the UNDP Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (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, which includes expenditure for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2014 and the accompanying Funds Utilization statement¹ as of 31 December 2014. The audit did not include activities and expenses incurred or undertaken at the “responsible party” level, or expenses processed and approved in locations outside of the country (such as UNDP Regional Centres and UNDP Headquarters), or where supporting documentation was not retained at the UNDP Country Office level. 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*	
Amount (in \$ '000)	Opinion
2,023	Unqualified

* Expenditures recorded in the Combined Delivery Report were \$2.48 million. Excluded from the audit scope were expenditures processed and approved by other UNDP offices outside of the country (\$0.19 million). Also excluded were expenditures incurred at the “responsible party” level (\$0.26 million).

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

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.



The audit did not result in any recommendations.



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