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UNDP PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

EXPORT DEVELOPMENT IN THE WEST BANK (Directly Implemented Project No. 61765, Output No. 78517)

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## Report on the Audit of UNDP Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People Export Development in the West Bank (Project No. 61765, Output No. 78517) Executive Summary

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), through Moore Stephen LLP (the audit firm), from 18 to 20 July 2016, conducted an audit of Export Development in the West Bank (Project No. 61765, Output No. 78517) (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 2015 and the accompanying Funds Utilization statement<sup>1</sup> as of 31 December 2015 as well as Statement of Assets as of 31 December 2015. 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
1,156	Unqualified	22	Unqualified

OAI decided to include in the audit scope the expenditures incurred by the responsible party (totalling \$922,275) because they were processed and approved at the level of the Office. The audit firm reported that all supporting documents were available in the Office and were reviewed by them.

The audit did not result in any recommendations.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.