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AUDIT

OF

UNDP SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

DISRUPTED LIVELIHOODS

(Directly Implemented Project No. 97173, Output No. 101023)

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**Report on the Audit of UNDP Syrian Arab Republic
Disrupted Livelihoods (Project No. 97173, Output No. 101023)
Executive Summary**

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), through Talal Abu- Ghazaleh & Co. (the audit firm), from 25 April to 21 May 2018, conducted an audit of Disrupted Livelihoods, Project No. 97173, Output No. 101023 (the Project), which is directly implemented and managed by the UNDP Country Office in the Syrian Arab Republic (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 included expenses for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2017 and the accompanying Funds Utilization statement¹ as of 31 December 2017. 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 Centers and UNDP Headquarters) or expenses of other United Nations agencies. In addition, the audit did not cover the Statement of Assets as no assets were held by the Project. Lastly, 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 submitted by the audit firm, the results are summarized in the table below:

Project Expenses*	
Amount (in \$ '000)	Opinion
2,321	Unmodified**

* Expenses recorded in the Combined Delivery Report were \$2.88 million. Excluded from the audit scope were transactions that relate to expenses of other United Nations agencies (\$0.56 million).

**Unmodified = unqualified or clean opinion

The audit did not result in any recommendations.

At the time this audit report was being issued, OAI was investigating complaints relating to parties involved with the Project.

¹ The Funds Utilization statement includes the balance, as at a given date, of five items: (a) outstanding advances received by the project; (b) undepreciated 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.

Management comments and action plan

Management comments and/or additional information provided have been incorporated into the report, where appropriate.

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