



AUDIT

OF

UNDP BANGLADESH

INCEPTION PHASE - NATIONAL URBAN POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAMME
(Project No. 84928, Output No. 92722)

Report No. 2221

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**Report on the Audit of UNDP Bangladesh
Inception Phase - National Urban Poverty Reduction Programme
(Project No. 84928, Output No. 92722)
Executive Summary**

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), through KPMG SA (the audit firm), from 15 June to 5 July 2020, conducted an audit of Inception Phase - National Urban Poverty Reduction Programme (Project No. 84928, Output No. 92722) (the Project), which is nationally implemented¹ with direct support services by the UNDP Country Office in Bangladesh (the Office). The last audit of the Project was conducted by OAI, through KPMG SA in 2019 and covered project expenses from 1 January to 31 December 2018.

The audit firm conducted a financial audit in accordance with the International Standards of Auditing (ISA) the 700 series, 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 expenses for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2019 and the accompanying Funds Utilization statement² as of 31 December 2019. The audit did not include activities and expenses incurred or undertaken by the Government, or expenses processed and approved in locations outside of the country (such as UNDP Regional Centres and UNDP Headquarters). The audit did not cover the Statement of Assets as no assets were held by the Project. In addition, 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
6,300	Unmodified

**Expenses recorded in the Combined Delivery Report were \$15,063,547. Excluded from the audit scope were transactions that relate to expenses processed and approved by other UNDP offices outside of the country \$267,406.43. Also excluded were expenses incurred by the Government (Implementing Partner) \$8,495,868*

The audit did not result in any recommendations. The previous audit (Report No. 2103, issued on 28 June 2019) also did not result in any recommendations.

¹ The responsible units in UNDP facilitate the audit of nationally implemented (NIM) projects. However, this NIM project was audited by OAI due to the significant involvement of the Country Office in its implementation, and the subsequent materiality of the amount expensed by UNDP.

² 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

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

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