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AUDIT

OF

UNDP CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

APPUI PROCESSUS ELECTORAL RCA (Directly Implemented Project No. 124997, Output No. 119575)

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Report on the Audit of UNDP Central African Republic Appui processus electoral RCA (Project No. 124997, Output No. 119575) Executive Summary

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), through KPMG SA (the audit firm), from 3 May to 11 May 2021, conducted an audit of 'Appui processus electoral RCA' (Project No. 124997, Output No. 119575) (the Project), which is directly implemented and managed by the UNDP Country Office in the Central African Republic (the Office). This was the first audit of the Project.

The audit work covered financial transactions as well as internal controls and systems for the purpose of expressing an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the Project's operations, in accordance with the International Standards of Auditing (ISA), the 700 series, as well as assess compliance with UNDP regulations, rules, policies and procedures and donor agreements. The audit covered the Project's Combined Delivery Report, which includes expenses for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020 and the accompanying Funds Utilization statement¹ as of 31 December 2020 as well as Statement of Assets as of 31 December 2020. It also reviewed the relevant systems, procedures and practices in place as they relate to the Project, in the areas of governance, programme, and operations. The audit did not include activities and expenses incurred or undertaken at the "responsible party" level, expenses processed and approved in locations outside of the country (such as UNDP Regional Centres and UNDP Headquarters), or expenses of other United Nations agencies. 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*.

Overall audit rating

Based on the audit report submitted by the audit firm, OAI assessed the management of the Project as **fully satisfactory**, which means "the assessed governance arrangements, risk management practices and controls as applicable to the Project's financial statements were adequately established and functioning well. Issues identified by the audit, if any, are unlikely to affect the achievement of the objectives of the audited entity/area." The details of the audit results are presented in the table below:

Project Expenses*		Project Assets	
Amount (in \$ '000)	Opinion	Amount (in \$'000)	Opinion
22,331	Unmodified	105	Unmodified

^{*} Expenses recorded in the Combined Delivery Report were \$25,014,576. Excluded from the audit scope were transactions that relate to expenses of other United Nations agencies (\$244,796) and expenses processed and approved by other UNDP offices outside of the country (\$2,257,187). Also excluded were expenses incurred at the "responsible party" level (\$182,055).

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) 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.

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Management comments and action plan

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

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