



AUDIT

OF

UNDP BOLIVIA

**FORTALECIMIENTO DE LA CAPACIDAD DE RESPUESTA DEL ESTADO
PLURINACIONAL DE BOLIVIA PARA LA EMERGENCIA DEL COVID-19
(Directly Implemented Project No. 97823, Output No. 101401)**

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Report on the Audit of UNDP Bolivia
Fortalecimiento de la capacidad de respuesta del Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia para la emergencia del COVID-19 (Project No. 97823, Output No. 101401)
Executive Summary

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), through PKF Littlejohn LLP (the audit firm), from 14 May to 15 June 2021, conducted an audit of Fortalecimiento de la capacidad de respuesta del Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia para la emergencia del COVID-19 (Project No. 97823, Output No. 101401) (the Project), which is directly implemented and managed by the UNDP Country Office in Bolivia (the Office). This was the first audit of the Project.

The audit was conducted in accordance with the International Standards of Auditing {ISA}, the 700 series. 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, 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. 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, or 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. 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*.

Overall audit rating

Based on the audit report and corresponding management letter submitted by the audit firm, OAI assessed the management of the Project as **fully satisfactory** which means, "The assessed governance arrangements, risk management practices, as applicable to the Project's financial statements, and controls 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*	
Amount (in \$ '000)	Opinion
1,778	Unmodified

*Expenses recorded in the Combined Delivery Report were \$9,544,464.79. Excluded from the audit scope were transactions that relate to expenses processed and approved by other UNDP offices outside of the country (\$7,766,601.35).

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.



The audit did not result in any recommendations.

Management comments and action plan

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

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