



AUDIT

OF

**APOYO A LA PUESTA EN MARCHA DE LA UNIDAD DE BÚSQUEDA DE PERSONAS
DESAPARECIDAS - UBPD**
(Directly Implemented Project No. 109496, Output Nos. 108844, 108845, and 108846)

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**Report on the Audit of
Apoyo a la puesta en marcha de la Unidad de Búsqueda de Personas Desaparecidas (UBPD) (Project
No. 109496, Output Nos. 108844, 108845, and 108846) in UNDP Colombia
Executive Summary**

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), through PKF Littlejohn LLP (the audit firm), from 3 May to 8 June 2021, conducted an audit of *Apoyo a la puesta en marcha de la Unidad de Búsqueda de Personas Desaparecidas* (UBPD) (Project No. 109496, Output Nos. 108844, 108845, and 108846) (the Project), which is directly implemented and managed by the UNDP Country Office in Colombia (the Office). This was the first audit of the Project.

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 2018 to 31 December 2020 and the accompanying Funds Utilization statement¹ as of 31 December 2020. 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*. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the audit was conducted remotely.

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 Expenses*	
Amount (in \$ '000)	Opinion
2,025	Unmodified

*Expenses recorded in the Combined Delivery Report were \$2,239,776. Excluded from the audit scope were expenses incurred at the “responsible party” level in the amount of \$214,463.

Key recommendation: Total = 1, high priority = 0

The audit did not result in any high (critical) priority recommendations. There is one medium (important) priority recommendations, which means, “Action is required to ensure that UNDP is not exposed to risks. Failure to take action could result in negative consequences for UNDP.” This recommendation includes actions to address weaknesses in project budget monitoring by activity.

The one recommendation aims to ensure reliability and integrity of financial and operational information.

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

The Resident Representative accepted the recommendation and is in the process of implementing it. Comments and/or additional information provided have been incorporated into the report, where appropriate.

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