



AUDIT

OF

UNDP ECUADOR

**REDUCING CLIMATE VULNERABILITY AND FLOOD RISK IN COASTAL URBAN AND
SEMI URBAN AREAS IN CITIES IN LATIN AMERICA**
(Directly Implemented Project No. 121247, Output No. 117074)

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Report on the Audit of UNDP Ecuador
Reducing Climate Vulnerability and Flood Risk in Coastal Urban and Semi Urban Areas in Cities in Latin America (Project No. 121247, Output No. 117074)
Executive Summary

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), through PKF Littlejohn LLP (the audit firm), from 10 to 25 May 2021, conducted an audit of ‘Reducing Climate Vulnerability and Flood Risk in Coastal Urban and Semi Urban Areas in Cities in Latin America’ (Project No. 121247, Output No. 117074) (the Project), which is directly implemented and managed by the UNDP Country Office in Ecuador (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 29 July 2019 to 31 December 2020 and the accompanying Funds Utilization statement¹ as of 31 December. 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*.

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
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The audit did not result in any recommendations.

Management comments and action plan

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.



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

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