



**FINANCING AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND MINISTRY**  
**OF DEFENCE PRESENTED BY NATIONAL CIVIL PROTECTION AGENCY**

WHEREAS the Ministry of Defense in Albania and United Nations Development Programme, to promptly react to the post-earthquake needs, have jointly prepared a detailed project document, Resilience Strengthening in Albania (RESEAL) project, that has been signed in July 2020 by both institutions in a bilateral agreement, with the aim to address and strengthen the civil protection system in the country. RESEAL project intends to support the efforts of the Government of Albania for improving the disaster risk management (DRM) system in the country. The project was signed and started in July 2020 thanks to joint efforts and contribution of the government of Sweden and the government of Portugal with overall objective to strengthen National Civil Protection Agency, Albania's DRM system and support country's efforts in becoming a full-fledged member of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

WHEREAS significant progress of the civil protection system in the country thanks to the technical assistance provided by UNDP in Albania, as one of the government strategic partners, through RESEAL project have led to important and impressive results and achievements at all levels of civil protection in the country by strengthening national civil protection framework and institutional capacities in Disaster Risk Management;

WHEREAS the government of Albania through Ministry of Defense is fully committed to strengthen national capacities to improve and strengthen the civil protection system in the country at all levels and work in close cooperation with international partners to build a strong and resilient national system of Disaster Risk Management in line with Sendai Framework and European standards and requirements;

WHEREAS the United Nations Development Programme (hereinafter referred to as "UNDP") and the Ministry of Defense presented by National Civil Protection Agency (NCPA) (hereinafter referred to as the "Donor") have agreed to co-operate in the implementation of RESEAL project (project ID: 00115508) (hereinafter referred to as "the project"), as described in the Project document annexed to this Agreement and submitted to the National Civil Protection Agency for information.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Defense presented by National Civil Protection Agency has informed UNDP of its willingness to contribute funds (hereinafter referred to as "the contribution") to the UNDP on a cost-sharing basis to increase the resources available for the ongoing RESEAL project.

WHEREAS the UNDP shall designate an Implementing Partner for the implementation of each Project financed from the contribution (hereinafter referred to as "the Implementing Partner")

NOW THEREFORE, UNDP and the Ministry of Defense presented by National Civil Protection Agency hereby agree as follows:

**Article I**

1. The Ministry of Defense through National Civil Protection Agency shall, in the manner referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, place at the disposal of UNDP the contribution of 16,500,000 ALL (sixteen million and five hundred thousand ALL).
2. The Ministry of Defense presented by National Civil Protection Agency shall, in accordance with the schedule of payments set out below, deposit the contribution in:

Account Name:	UNDP
Bank Name:	Intesa Sanpaolo Bank
Account Number:	1003730902
IBAN ALL	AL60208110080000001003730902

<b><u>Date payment due</u></b>	<b><u>Amount (stated currency)</u></b>
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Installment February 2024	16,500,000 ALL
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3. The National Civil Protection Agency on behalf of Ministry of Defense will inform UNDP when the Contribution is paid via an e-mail with remittance information to [contributions@undp.org](mailto:contributions@undp.org), providing the following information: National Civil Protection Agency on behalf of Ministry of Defense, UNDP Albania, Resilience Strengthening in Albania (RESEAL) project ID: 00115508. This information should also be included in the bank remittance advice when funds are remitted to UNDP.
4. The value of the payment, if made in a currency other than United States dollars, shall be determined by applying the United Nations operational rate of exchange in effect on the date of payment. Should there be a change in the United Nations operational rate of exchange prior to the full utilization by the UNDP of the payment, the value of the balance of funds still held at that time will be adjusted accordingly. If, in such a case, a loss in the value of the balance of funds is recorded, UNDP shall inform the National Civil Protection Agency as representative of the Ministry of Defense with a view to determining whether any further financing could be provided by the National Civil Protection Agency. Should such further financing not be available, the assistance to be provided to the Resilience Strengthening in Albania (RESEAL) project may be reduced, suspended or terminated by UNDP.
5. The above schedule of payments takes into account the requirement that contributions shall be paid in advance of the implementation of planned activities. It may be amended to be consistent with the progress of project delivery. UNDP shall not absorb any loss (including but not limited to exchange fluctuations) under the Project. The Parties acknowledge and agree that all losses shall be charged to the Project.
6. All financial accounts and statements shall be expressed in United States dollars.

7. UNDP may agree to accept Contributions in a currency other than United States dollars provided such currency is fully convertible or readily usable by UNDP and subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 above. Any change in the currency of the Contribution shall be made only in agreement with UNDP.

## **Article II**

1. In accordance with the decisions and directives of UNDP's Executive Board reflected in its Policy on Cost Recovery from Other Resources, the Contribution shall be subject to cost recovery for indirect costs incurred by UNDP headquarters and country office structures in providing General Management Support (GMS) services. To cover these GMS costs, the contribution shall be charged a fee equal to 5%. Furthermore, as long as they are unequivocally linked to the specific project(s), all direct costs of implementation, including the costs of implementing partner, will be identified in the project budget against a relevant budget line and borne by the project accordingly.
2. The aggregate of the amounts budgeted for the project, together with the estimated costs of reimbursement of related support services, shall not exceed the total resources available to the project under this Agreement as well as funds which may be available to the project for project costs and for support costs under other sources of financing.

## **Article III**

1. The contribution shall be administered by the UNDP in accordance with UNDP regulations, rules, policies and procedures, applying its normal procedures for the execution of its projects.
2. Project management and expenditures shall be governed by the regulations, rules, policies and procedures of UNDP and, where applicable, the regulations, rules, policies and procedures of the Implementing Partner.

## **Article IV**

1. The implementation of the responsibilities of the UNDP and of the Implementing Partner pursuant to this Agreement and the relevant project document shall be dependent on receipt by the UNDP of the contribution in accordance with the schedule of payments set out in Article I, paragraph 2, above. UNDP shall not start implementation of the activities prior to receiving the Contribution or the first tranche of the Contribution (whichever is applicable).
2. If unforeseen increases in expenditures or commitments are expected or realized (whether due to inflationary factors, fluctuation in exchange rates or unforeseen contingencies) UNDP shall submit to the National Civil Protection Agency on a timely basis a supplementary estimate showing the further financing that will be necessary. The National Civil Protection Agency shall use its best endeavors to make available to UNDP the additional funds required.
3. If the Contribution referred to in Article I, paragraph 2, above, are not received in accordance with the payment schedule, or if the additional financing required in accordance with paragraph 2, above, is not forthcoming from the National Civil Protection Agency or other sources, the assistance to be provided to the Project under this Agreement may be reduced, suspended or terminated by UNDP.

**Article V**

Ownership of equipment, supplies and other property financed from the contribution shall vest in UNDP. Matters relating to the transfer of ownership by UNDP shall be determined in accordance with the relevant policies and procedures of UNDP.

**Article VI**

The contribution shall be subject exclusively to the internal and external auditing procedures provided for in the financial regulations, rules, policies and procedures of UNDP.

**Article VII**

UNDP shall provide the National Civil Protection Agency on request with financial and other reports prepared in accordance with UNDP reporting procedures.

**Article VIII**

1. UNDP shall notify the National Civil Protection Agency when all activities relating to the Resilience Strengthening in Albania (RESEAL) project have been completed in accordance with the Project Document.
2. Notwithstanding the completion of all activities relating to the Resilience Strengthening in Albania (RESEAL) project, UNDP shall continue to hold unutilized funds from the Contribution until all commitments and liabilities incurred in implementation of the activities finance by the contribution have been satisfied and these activities brought to an orderly conclusion.
3. If the unutilized funds prove insufficient to meet such commitments and liabilities, UNDP shall notify and consult with the National Civil Protection Agency on the manner in which such commitments and liabilities may be satisfied.
4. In cases where the Project is completed in accordance with the project document any funds below 5,000 USD (five thousand US Dollars) that remain unexpended after all commitments and liabilities have been satisfied shall be automatically reallocated by UNDP. Any funds above 5,000 USD (five thousand US Dollars) that remain unexpended after all commitments and liabilities have been satisfied shall be reallocated by UNDP after consultation with the National Civil Protection Agency.

**Article IX**

The Parties agree that it is important to take all necessary precautions to avoid corrupt practices. To this end, UNDP shall maintain standards of conduct to govern the performance of its staff, including of corrupt practices in connection with the award and administration of contracts, grants, or other benefits, as set forth in the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, the UNDP Financial Regulations and Rules, and the UN Procurement Manual.

### Article X

Consistent with numerous United Security Council resolutions, including S/RES/1269 (1999), S/RES 1368 (2001), and S/RES/1373 (2001), both the Donor and UNDP are firmly committed to the international fight against terrorism, and in particular, against the financing of terrorism. It is the policy of UNDP to seek to ensure that none of its funds are used, directly or indirectly, to provide support to individuals or entities associated with terrorism. In accordance with this policy, UNDP undertakes to use reasonable efforts to ensure that none of the Donor funds provided under this Agreement are used to provide support to individuals or entities associated with terrorism.

### Article XI

1. After consultations have taken place between the two Parties to this Agreement and provided that the funds from the Contribution already received are, together with other funds available to the Resilience Strengthening in Albania (RESEAL) project sufficient to meet all commitments and liabilities incurred in the implementation of the Resilience Strengthening in Albania (RESEAL) project, this Agreement may be terminated by UNDP or by the National Civil Protection Agency. The Agreement shall cease to be in force thirty days after either of the Parties may have given notice in writing to the other Party of its decision to terminate the Agreement.
2. If the unutilized contribution-payments, together with other funds available to the Resilience Strengthening in Albania (RESEAL) project, are insufficient to meet such commitments and liabilities, UNDP shall notify and consult with the National Civil Protection Agency on the manner in which such commitments and liabilities may be satisfied.
3. Notwithstanding termination of this Agreement, UNDP shall continue to hold unutilized funds until all commitments and liabilities incurred in implementation of the activities financed by the contribution have been satisfied and these activities brought to an orderly conclusion.
4. In cases where this agreement is terminated before Project completion any funds below 5,000 USD (five thousand US Dollars) that remain unexpended after all commitments and liabilities have been satisfied shall be automatically reallocated by UNDP. Any funds above 5,000 USD (five thousand US Dollars) that remain unexpended after all commitments and liabilities have been satisfied shall be reallocated by UNDP after consultation with the National Civil Protection Agency.

### Article XII

Any notice or correspondence between UNDP and the National Civil Protection Agency will be addressed as follows:

(a) **To the National Civil Protection Agency:**

Address: Blloku i Ambasadave, Rruga Skënderbeg, 1023, Tirana, Albania

Tel & fax +355 696877957; e-mail: info@akmc.gov.al;

(b) Upon receipt of funds, UNDP shall send an electronic receipt to the National Civil Protection Agency email address provided below as confirmation that the remitted funds have been received by UNDP

National Civil Protection Agency email address: [haki.cako@akmc.gov.al](mailto:haki.cako@akmc.gov.al)

**Attention:** Mr. Haki Çako - General Director of National Civil Protection Agency.

(c) **To UNDP:** Monica Merino - UNDP Resident Representative in Albania  
Address: United Nations Development Programme, Skenderbej Street, Gurten Building,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Tirana, Albania.

### Article XIII

This Agreement shall enter into force upon the signature of this Agreement by parties hereto, on the date of the last signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Agreement in the English and Albanian language (s) in two copies.

For the National Civil Protection Agency:

For the United Nations Development Programme

(Signature)



Name: **Haki Cako**

Title: General Director

National Civil Protection Agency

Date: 10 /01/2024 Nr. prot 2133/3

Place: Tirana, Albania

(Signature)



Name: **Monica Merino**

Title: Resident Representative

Date: 10 /01/2024 Nr. Prot. 5596

Place: Tirana, Albania