SPECIFIC AGREEMENT

1. Name of Programme/Project:	Improving Marine Monitoring Along the Aqaba Coastline as described in the Programme/Project Document (Application for Grants from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) dated 8 November 2024 (hereinafter the "Programme/Project")
2. Agreement number	UN ref. no: 00122196, the Donor ref. no JOR-24/0012
3. Agreement Start Date:	Upon entry into force in accordance with paragraph 25, below.
4. Support Period	From [1 December 2024] to [1 December 2025]
5. Agreement End Date:	The Agreement shall expire on 1 December 2025 with the completion of the Programme/Project. However, the obligations of the Parties under the Agreement will remain in force until all obligations arising from it have been fulfilled and all commitments and liabilities incurred in the implementation of the Programme/Project have been met. The Recipient shall notify the Donor when all activities related to the Programme/Project have been completed.
6. Donor:	The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
7. Recipient:	United Nations Development Programme "UNDP"
8. Contribution Currency/Amount:	Not exceeding NOK 3,000,000
9. Payment:	☒ The full amount of the Contribution will be transferred upon entry into force of this Agreement.
9.a. Coordination Levy:	Pursuant to paragraph 10(a) of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 72/279 of 31 May 2018, the Donor agrees that an amount corresponding to 1% of the contribution to the Recipient shall be paid to fund the United Nations Resident Coordinator System. This amount, hereinafter referred to as the "coordination levy" will be held in trust by the Recipient until transfer to the United Nations Secretariat for deposit into the United Nations Special Purpose Trust Fund for the reinvigorated Resident Coordinator system, which has been established to fund the UN Resident Coordinator System and is managed by the United Nations Secretariat. The Donor acknowledges that once the coordination levy has been transferred by the Recipient to the United Nations Secretariat, the Recipient is not responsible for the use of the coordination levy and does not assume any liability. The fiduciary responsibility lies with the United Nations Secretariat as the manager of the Resident Coordinator system. The coordination levy does not form part of the Recipient's cost recovery and is additional to the costs of the Recipient to implement the activity or activities covered by the contribution. Accordingly, there is

	no normal obligation for the Recipient to refund the levy, in part or in full, even where the activities covered by the contribution are not carried out in full by the Recipient. As deemed necessary by the Donor – and especially where the scale of the resources concerned, or reputational risk justifies the refund transaction costs – the donor can submit a request for refund to the United Nations Secretariat directly or through the Recipient. The responsibility to refund the levy lies with the United Nations Secretariat, and not with the Recipient. The coordination levy for this agreement is 1% amount. The payment schedule, refer to Article 9, provides the breakdown of the disbursements of the coordination levy and the payments of the contribution.
10. UNDP Bank Account:	Company name: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Account name: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bank name, address. and Branch no: DNB BANK ASA, 0021 Oslo, Norway, NO 984 851 006 MVA Account no: 70010243287 Currency: NOK IBAN: NO4170010243287 SWIFT/BIC: DNBANOKK
11. Recovery Rate for Indirect Costs: (enter Executive Board decision authorizing recovery rate)	7% of the Contribution (GMS) is charged on the basis of the total expenses incurred from the Contribution.
12. Programme/Project Description and Budget	The Programme/Project description, results framework, theory of change, and budget are included in Annex I, Annex II, Annex III, and Annex IV respectively.
13. Remittance Advice to be sent to:	Finance.jo@undp.org
14. Confirmation of Remittance Receipt to be sent to:	Kgl. norsk ambassade i Amman – Royal Norwegian Embassy in Amman 25 Damascus St. Abdoun, Amman, Jordan 11183 Royal Norwegian Embassy in Amman – cmb.amman@mfa.no
15. Consultations:	☒ Annual, tentatively in the month of August/2025. Unless otherwise agreed, the Recipient shall convene and chair the consultations. The Recipient shall draft the agreed minutes of the meeting and submit these within 3 weeks to the Donor for comments and approval. Each Party shall bear their own costs for participating in such consultations. The purpose of these consultations is to: a) review the progress of the Programme/Project b) discuss possible revisions of plans and budgets c) discuss issues of special concern for the implementation of the Programme/Project.

	The documents specified in the Framework Agreement (hereinafter the Framework Agreement) Articles V, VI, and VII shall form the basis for the Annual Consultations.
16. Additional reporting:	The Recipient shall provide the following additional reporting: 1. Bi-Annual Narrative and Financial Report: Due on 30 June 2025 (covering 1 December 2024 – 31 May 2025) 2. Final Narrative and Financial Report: Due on 31 January 2026 (covering the entire project period) 3. Certified Financial Report: Due no later than 30 June 2026 The costs of additional reporting to be provided hereunder shall be considered a direct cost of the Programme/Project and be included in the budget.
17. Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Sexual Harassment (SEAH)	The Parties have a zero tolerance for inaction approach to tackling sexual exploitation and abuse ("SEA") and sexual harassment ("SA"), as included in Annex VI.
18. Contact Persons:	(a) For the Donor: Name: Leena Adawiya Title: Programme Officer Email: leena.adawiya@mfa.no Telephone: +(962)79 727 7920 Name: Birgitte Sørgaard Wessel Title: Head of Development Email: birgitte.sorgaard.wessel@mfa.no Telephone: +(962)79 727 7831
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19. Annexes: *(add additional Annexes as necessary)*	Annex I: Programme/Project description. Annex II: Results Framework Annex III: Theory of Change Annex IV: Budget Annex V: Copy of the Framework Agreement. Annex VI: Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Sexual Harassment
19. The Donor agrees to make the Contribution to the Recipient (together with the Donor referred to as the "Parties"), in accordance with the terms of this Specific Agreement and the Framework Agreement for the Programme/Project activities as specified in the Programme/Project description document.	
21. In the event that the Contribution is disbursed by the Donor subject to a tentative payment schedule as set out paragraph 9 above, the Parties agree that such schedule shall be subject to the principle that payments must be received by the Recipient in advance of any implementation	

of Programme/Project activities. The tentative payment schedule may be amended as agreed between the Parties in writing, to ensure that it remains consistent with the progress of the Programme/Project. If payments are not received in accordance with the payment schedule, the Recipient reserves the right to reduce, suspend or discontinue the Programme/Project.

22. This Specific Agreement constitutes an agreement supplementary to the Framework Agreement between the Parties. The terms of the Framework Agreement constitute an integral part of this Specific Agreement.

23. This Specific Agreement may be modified by written agreement between the Parties. It may be terminated by mutual agreement of the Parties or by one Party providing to the other Party a written notice of termination of not less than 30 calendar days. Upon receipt by one Party of the other Party's written notice of termination, the Parties will take all reasonable and necessary measures to conclude the implementation of the Programme/Project and complete their activities in an orderly manner. The Recipient may apply any unutilized portion of the Contribution up to the date of termination to permit the orderly conclusion of the Programme/Project, including the completion of final reports, the withdrawal of personnel, funds and property, the settlement of accounts between the Parties, and the settlement of contractual commitments or liabilities relating to or in connection with the Programme/Project, including in respect of any implementing partners, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or suppliers.

24. Any unspent funds that according to the Framework Agreement shall be repaid to the Donor, shall be marked: "Unused funds from: (specify agreement number), (specify agreement name), and repaid to the following bank account:

Name of the account: Royal Norwegian Embassy in Amman
Account no.: 76940514440
IBAN no.: NO6876940514440
Swift/BIC code: DNBANOKK
Name and address of the bank: DnB NOR ASA / 0021 Oslo

The Recipient shall inform the Donor when a repayment is made via an e-mail message with remittance information to leena.adawiya@mfa.no, birgitte.sorgaard.wessel@mfa.no, and emb.amman@mfa.no stating the agreement number.

25. This Specific Agreement will enter into force on the date it is signed for and on behalf of both Parties.

26. In witness whereof, the undersigned, acting on behalf of their respective Parties, have signed the present Agreement in the English language in two copies.

FOR THE NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:	FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:
Signature:	Signature:
Title, name: Chargé d'affaires, Anniken Kleven-Gasser	Title, name: Resident Representative, Randa Aboul-Hosn
Date: 1/12-24	Date:

Anniken Kleven-Gasser

Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Application for grants from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

S01 – Application for project/programme support

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Postbox 8114 Dep
N-0032 Oslo

The application and attachments should be sent to post@mfa.no with a copy to the unit responsible for the grant scheme. For more information see www.regjeringen.no.

Read this first

- The budget and results framework should be attached to the application.
- In principle, all the information asked for in the application form should be filled in. If any questions are not relevant, this should be explained.
- Instructions and questions that may be relevant are provided in the comments. These may be useful when filling in the sections concerned.

Key information

Name of applicant (and abbreviation)

United Nations Development Program (UNDP)-Jordan Country Office

Name of project/programme and a brief description

Improving Marine Monitoring along the Aqaba Coastline: the project aims to contribute to enhancing the existing marine monitoring program that was established more than 25 years ago by Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA). The project is in line with the national and local polices and strategies that are directing all efforts towards protecting and sustaining natural resources.

Monitoring of the unique marine ecosystem in Aqaba is essential to sustain its diversity, functions and services, particularly with the increase of threats from pollution, overfishing, and tourism, which put its biodiversity and resilience at risk

While the existing monitoring program has been of great importance and benefit during the past 25 years to describe the state of the marine ecosystem, it has been recognized that there were attempts to improve the effectiveness of the program by introducing new technology, modern protocols and techniques, better interpretation of data and trends analysis.

The project will be implemented in partnership with the Norwegian Institute for Marine Research (IMR), a leading institute in Europe in the field of marine environment. The project is designed to contribute to establishing a viable partnership between Jordanian and Norwegian Institutes, therefore, there will be a number of entities in Aqaba that will be engaged in the different activities. The project will be implemented in full coordination with ASEZA and the other concerned institutions e.g. the Aqaba Marine Reserve, the Marine Science station and Faculty of Amrine Sciences in Aqaba. The project is designed with one main outcome and three outputs with a diverse activity that shall be implemented over a one year.

Grant scheme

Unit responsible for the grant scheme (in the Ministry or at a mission abroad)

Total amount apllied for in NOK	Ar 1	Ar 2	Ar 3
3,000,000			

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICANT AND PARTNERS

1. Contact information, applicant

1.1 Postal address

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1.4 Website
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1.5 Contact person, name and title
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nedal.alouran@undp.org	962-79-655-7-699

2. About the applicant

2.1 Type of organisation (enter a cross in one box per line)
International- UN agency

☐ Governmental/public ☐ Non-governmental, specify: ☒ Multilateral

☐ Norwegian, org. no.: ☐ Non-Norwegian, org. no. if relevant:

2.2 Brief description of applicant

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Jordan country office is operating in Jordan since 1976 and is implementing tens of projects every year under its different pillars with an average annual turnover -during last three commercial years- of US$ M14,298 and around 100 staff appointed under different contract modalities.

UNDP is one of the United Nations Agencies working in Jordan and the main convener of sustainable development.

As part of the global development system; UNDP Jordan upholds a vision focusing on the achievements of Sustainable Human Development in Jordan, ending poverty and reducing inequalities. UNDP is at the heart of the UN's work on sustainable development and a leader for the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals.

UNDP Jordan's country programs are specifically designed to support national efforts in reaching a solution pathway that achieves the goal of a more inclusive and resilient nation which is able to effectively address the development challenges it is faced with, through its five program pillars

- Inclusive Growth & Sustainable Livelihoods
- Inclusive Participation
- Environment, Climate change, and Disaster Risk Reduction
- Development Impact Policy and Planning
- Social Cohesion
- Gender equality

UNDP has been supporting GoJ to fulfil its commitments towards International Environmental Conventions including the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) to conserve Jordan`s unique biodiversity in landscapes and marine ecosystems. Support is primarily focused on enhancing the effectiveness and sustainability of protected area systems, improving biodiversity policy, planning and review, addressing direct drivers to protect habitats and species, effective implementation of Nagoya protocols and mainstream biodiversity across sectors.

UNDP has an accumulated experience working in the field of Biodiversity and Marine Conservation and has led various projects and interventions including but not limited to;

1- Support the establishment of the marine reserve
2- Translocation of more than 7000 coral reefs colonies into protected areas within the marine park
3- Capacity development plan for the institutions engaged in ICZM
4- Developing an Ecotourism plan for Aqaba to assist taking pressure off the coastline.

5- Developing Hazard Maps and Emergency Risk Management Plan for Aqaba Region, The South Industrial Zone
6- Improving the reserve management facilities
7- Establishing a functional GIS- database system configurated successfully
8- Implement awareness and outreach programs

2.3 Brief description of applicant's routines for procurement, anti-corruption work and internal control

Responsibility for procurement is decentralized. Headquarters plays a limited role with the Procurement Services Unit (PSU) providing support and specialized assistance. The Procurement Oversight Unit (POU), an independent unit within the Bureau for Management Services, approves contracts exceeding 150,000 USD. The POU ensures that procurement undertaken by UNDP all units complies with relevant guidelines, and that procurement risks are properly assessed and mitigated. With offices all over the world and with a broad mandate to work for sustainable human development, UNDP buys both goods and services to be able to carry out projects and programmes together with partners.

UNDP buys approximately $3 billion (US) worth of goods and services every year to maintain operations in the field and to react to upcoming and recurring demands.

Procurement at UNDP

UNDP is abiding the following principles:

- Best Value for Money
- Fairness, Integrity and Transparency
- Effective International Competition
- In the best interest of UNDP

Procurement process

The value of the goods, services or simple works to be procured below USD 5,000, Micro-Purchasing may be used. This method uses a simple canvassing template, and procurement staff may obtain pricing information over the phone, internet, or by visiting local vendors. Micro-purchasing can normally be done in 1 or 2 days. Award is made to the lowest price available.

A Request for Quotation (RFQ) is an informal invitation to submit a quotation, used for goods/services/civil works valued between USD 5,000 and USD 100,000.

An Invitation to Bid (ITB) is a formal invitation to submit a bid, usually associated with requirements that are clearly and concisely defined, with an estimated procurement value of USD 100,000 or more. Normally price is the sole determinant in making an award. Where all technical criteria are met, an award is made to the lowest bidder.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) is a formal request to submit a proposal usually associated with requirements for services, which cannot be clearly or concisely defined, with an estimated procurement value of USD 100,000 or more.

Direct Contracting exceptionally and when it is deemed in the best interest of UNDP, procurement staff may buy goods or services through Direct Contracting.

Responsible Parties: UNDP may also engage Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) as Responsible Parties, a deliverables-based approach to undertaking project activities.

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS

Most of UNDP's procurement activities are dedicated to acquiring services, which may be executed by companies or by individuals. Individuals provide services directly to UNDP under the Individual Contract (IC) modality.

Anti-Corruption

The Office of Audit and Investigations is responsible for assessing and investigating allegations of fraud and corruption committed by UNDP personnel or committed by others to the detriment of UNDP.

Scope and application

1. UNDP has zero tolerance for fraud and corruption, meaning that UNDP staff members, non-staff personnel, vendors, implementing partners and responsible parties are not to engage in fraud or corruption.

2. All incidents of fraud and corruption are to be reported, will be assessed and, as appropriate, investigated in accordance with the Investigation Guidelines of the UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) and the UNDP Legal Framework for Addressing Non-compliance with UN Standards of Conduct ("UNDP Legal Framework"), when applicable. UNDP will pursue rigorously disciplinary and other actions against perpetrators of fraud, including recovery of financial loss suffered by UNDP.

3. UNDP is committed to preventing, identifying and addressing all acts of fraud and corruption against UNDP, through raising awareness of fraud risks, implementing controls aimed at preventing and detecting fraud and corruption, and enforcing this Policy.

4. This Policy applies to all activities and operations of UNDP, including projects and programmes funded by UNDP as well as those implemented by UNDP. This Policy aims to prevent, detect and address acts of fraud and corruption involving:

i) Staff members holding a UNDP letter of appointment ("staff members");

ii) Non-staff personnel, including Service Contract holders, Individual Contractors, United Nations Volunteers assigned to UNDP and interns (collectively, "non-staff personnel");

iii) Vendors, including offerors or prospective, registered or actual suppliers, contractor or provider of goods, services and/or works to UNDP (collectively, "vendors"); and

iv) Implementing partners and responsible parties engaged/contracted by UNDP for a UNDP funded project ("implementing partners" and "responsible parties", respectively)

Internal Control Framework (ICF)

The updated ICF Policy and the ICF Operational Guide provide clarity on roles, responsibilities, and accountabilities in the implementation of internal controls for clustered and non-clustered processes. Additionally, the ICF Policy has been aligned with industry best practices, including the COSO (the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission) framework and the Three Lines of Defense model. The COSO framework describes what we do in internal control and the three lines of defense framework describes who does it. Both frameworks have been endorsed by the High-Level Committee on Management. Additionally, the ICF policy specifies: (i) the roles and responsibilities of staff at all levels of the organization in the achievement of internal control objectives, and the ways in which UNDP monitors and assesses internal control effectiveness; and (ii) the roles and responsibilities of participants in UNDP's shared services delivery model.

2.4 Information about the auditor

The Office of Audit and Investigations is responsible for the internal audit of UNDP. It conducts independent, objective assurance and advisory activities in conformity with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. It evaluates and contributes to the improvement of governance, risk management and control processes, and reports thereon. The Office of Audit and Investigations exercises operational independence in the performance of its duties.

2.5 Has the applicant previously received support from the Ministry, a mission abroad, Norad or FK Norway? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2.6 If yes, give details

Norway Agreement Ref. no. JOR-18/0011

Norway Agreement Ref. no. JOR-20/0005

Norway Agreement Ref. no. JOR-21/0008

Norway Agreement Ref. no JOR-22/0010

Norway Agreement Ref. no JOR-23/0010

3. Bank details

3.1 Name and address of the bank
Bank of America, DC1-701-07-08, 730 15th Street, N.W. 7th Floor, Washington DC, USA

3.2 Name of the account holder
UNDP Representative in Jordan (USD) Account

3.3 Account number/IBAN number	3.4 Swift code	3.5 Currency of the account
3752184158	BOFAUS3N	USD

4. Partner(s)

4.1 Name(s) of partner(s) (and abbreviation(s))
The Institute of Marine Research of Norway (IMR)

4.2 Postal address	4.3 Country
PB 1870 Nordnes, N-5817 Bergen	Norway

4.4 Telephone no.	4.5 Email address	4.6 Website
+4755238500	post@hi.no	www.hi.no

4.7 Type of organisation (enter a cross in one box per line)
Government research institute

☒ Governmental/public	☐ Non-governmental, specify:	☐ Multilateral
☒ Norwegian, org. no.: 971 349 077		☐ Non-Norwegian

4.8 Brief description of applicant's experience with this partner
IMR has extensive experience in working with different UN agencies e.g. FAO and UNIDO and the present proposal would contribute to establish and enhance collaboration between UNDP Jordan and IMR. Worth mentioning that the present proposal has been prepared in full coordination with IMR and with significant input from their side. The communication and coordination between UNDP Jordan and IMR have been initially suggested and recommended by the Norwegian Embassy in Amman mid of 2024. The concerned team at the embassy has facilitated establishing the communication and collaboration which was taken forwarded bilaterally between the two organizations and concluded with developing the present proposal. The common ultimate goal agreed upon by the two organization is that collaboration shall go beyond and establish for a longer-term partnership that would bring in also other concerned institution in the two countries.

PART II: THE PROJECT/PROGRAMME

5. General information about the project/programme

5.1 Where will the project/programme be implemented (area/country)?
Aqaba, Jordan

5.2 Project/programme duration (mm.yyyy–mm.yyyy)
12/2024 to 12/2025

5.3 Sector/field
Conservation and protection measures, Natural reserves and actions. Relevant Purpose codes: 41010, 41030

5.4 Is the application for additional support for a project/programme that is already receiving or has already received support?
☒ No

5.5 If yes, give a brief description of the results achieved so far and status for the project that has previously received support

6. Applicant's and partner's/partners' competence and capacity to carry out the project/programme

6.1 The applicant's and partner's/partners' experience with the thematic and geographical area of the project/programme and other relevant experience

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); the applicant, possesses extensive expertise in sustainable development, conservation, and community engagement across diverse thematic areas, including marine and coastal management. With a robust presence in Jordan, UNDP has been instrumental in establishing the first Marine Reserve in Jordan, thereby significantly advancing marine conservation initiatives and enhancing the capacity of local institutions. UNDP's proven track record in fostering collaboratio among communities, government stakeholders, and international partners positions it as a highly capable facilitator for achieving sustainable outcomes within this project. UNDP has been in particular implementing marine and coastal related projects since more than 15 years in Aqaba. UNDP and given the expansion in its projects portfolio, has established an office in Aqaba with the necessar capacity to ensure smooth and effective implementation of all of its interventions in Aqaba. The UNDP 's Environment and Inclusive Growth Pillar (under which the present proposed project will be implemented) has extensive experience working on different progr and projects implemented and being implemented across the country.

The Institute of Marine Research (IMR) has been selected as the project partner. IMR will have responsibility for the scientific servic the project to improve the capacity of Jordanian institutions in monitoring and providing the scientific basis for management advice

The Institute of Marine Research (IMR) is one of the biggest marine research institutes in Europe, with about 1,000 employees. The research, advisory work and monitoring. The IMR has over 120 years of experience in monitoring and providing advice for the Norw on the state of Norway's fish stocks, which in the past 50 years have been expanded to include effects of all human activities on the ecosystems. In January 2018, the IMR was merged with NIFES – the National Institute of Nutrition and Seafood Research. The new ir supplier of knowledge relating to the sustainable management of the resources in marine ecosystems and the whole food chain fro table.

The head office is in Bergen. IMR also have an office in Tromsø and research stations in Matre, Austevoll and Flødevigen. In addition Vessel Department has ownership responsibility for the research vessels, which are its most important tools for collecting marine da has several laboratories that analyse the samples taken by its monitoring and research programmes.

Through its research and advice, the IMR seeks to help society to continue exploiting the valuable assets in the sea sustainably. IMR neutral knowledge provider and publicise their research results both in Norway and internationally.

The IMR is affiliated to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, which also provides around half of IMR's funding. The rest com research grants.

The IMR also has over 50 years of experience in development aid projects, most notably as the provider of scientific services for the Programme (since 1975), but also as the leading partner in bilateral development projects in the Global south. Currently the IMR ha projects in Columbia, Cuba, Ghana, Mozambique, Kenya, Sudan, Sri Lanka and India. Through these projects and the EAF Nansen Pro has acquired extensive experience and capacity in working in tropical marine ecosystems, providing training and capacity developm particular the IMR's involvement in Sudan since 2012 bears particular relevance to the current application as many of the methods developed there can be transferred to the Gulf of Aqaba.

6.2 Distribution of roles between the applicant and the partner(s)

The UNDP will be the organizing agency responsible for on the ground organization as well as reporting, while the IMR will be resp providing the scientific services and capacity development parts of the project. UNDP as the main applicant for the present proposa to establish the agreement with IMR upon the approval of the present proposal.

7. Description of the project/programme and anticipated results

7.1 The project/programme's overall objective and target group (up to 500 characters in English, for statistical purposes)

The project is intended to complement the interventions supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other agencie improving the marine monitoring and contributing to the assessment of conservation status of marine biodiversity along the Aqaba'

The project is expected to achieve the following results inter alia; an integrated program for monitoring of marine biodiversity; capa on best practices in conducting marine surveys and data collection/analysis and bridging the gap and suggest an appropriate institut for coordination between policy and research institutions.

7.2 Description of the project/programme

The Jordanian Gulf of Aqaba is a crucial marine environment for Jordan, both economically and ecologically. It is a key route for ma and supports tourism and fisheries. This project builds on the support from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to improve Jor monitoring capacities and enhance the sustainable management of the Gulf of Aqaba's marine resources.

The Gulf is home to unique and diverse marine ecosystems, including coral reefs, which are among the northernmost tropical reefs g endemic and rare species. However, this coastline faces significant pressures, including pollution, overfishing, and tourism activities. challenges, Jordan has made significant strides by establishing its first Marine Reserve in 2020 with UNDP's support.

This project aims to complement and extend previous efforts, focusing on enhancing Aqaba's national marine monitoring program, capacity of local institutions, and promoting inclusive marine management. The initiative will involve key stakeholders such as gover scientific researchers, fishers, women, and local communities. Through a combination of technical training, field surveys, and outrea strengthen local capacities to monitor water quality, biodiversity, and other key environmental indicators, essential for sustainable c management.

Through partnering with the Norwegian Institute of Marine Research (IMR) which is considered one of the biggest marine research i Europe, the project is intending to establish a viable collaboration between Jordan and Norway in the field of marine conservation a exchanging of knowledge and experience. It shall build on an earlier collaboration established and achieved in Aqaba through two p 'Improving the management and operation system of the new Aqaba Marine Reserve', and 'A collaborative management of the Aqa Ecosystem'.

The project will also facilitate collaboration between local authorities, academia, NGOs, and community organizations to ensure tha practices are science-based and community-supported. By fostering strong partnerships, the project will enhance Aqaba's ability to environment while supporting sustainable development.

OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS

The Outcome of the project will be: "**Improving the marine monitoring and contributing to the assessment of conservation status biodiversity along the Aqaba's coastline**" through four outputs:

Output 1. Methods for monitoring of water quality and ichthyoplankton improved

Output 2. Methods for monitoring of fish abundance and species diversity improved

Output 3. New multi-year project proposal developed

Key activities will include:

- Visit of a delegation of Jordanian scientists to IMR in Norway to get an introduction to various methods for monitoring and as initiating discussions on developing a new project period
- Purchase new equipment for monitoring water quality (CTD), zooplankton and fish larvae (nets), biodiversity monitoring (vi analyses software) as well as for measuring and recording fish from commercial and recreational catches
- Training workshops in Jordan on water sampling, fish larvae identification, sampling of commercial fish catches, marine mo operated video (DOV) transects and baited remote underwater video (BRUV) rigs
- Training workshop in Jordan on methods for fish stock assessment
- Workshop to discuss and identify path to develop more sustainable management advice

By adopting an inclusive and collaborative approach, this project directly contributes to the achievement of Sustainable Developmer SDG 14 (Life Below Water).

7.3 Comments on the attached results framework

The results framework for this project is thoughtfully designed to address Aqaba's urgent conservation needs and support sustainal its unique marine ecosystem. Aqaba's Gulf faces a range of challenges—pollution, overfishing, and tourism pressures—and the fram monitoring key areas like water quality, fish diversity, and ichthyoplankton provides a solid foundation for protecting these valuable Building on the experience of implementing the two previous projects funded by Norway in Aqaba and the lessons learned the resul theory of change of the present intervention has been developed in the same direction where it considered that there will be differ actors who will be engaged and benefit from the project activities.

The results framework and the different outputs and activities have been consulted over with the concerned partners in Aqaba as w partner; the IMR, and it was agreed that we should give the necessary ownership to local actors and ensuring they are engaged and project activities.

Given that there are a number of relevant interventions and projects that are being implemented in Aqaba aiming to conserve the m the outputs and the respective activities under each output in the present proposal are intended to be achieved and implement synergy with these interventions.
The result framework is designed in a flexible manner to ensure the engagement and empowerment of gender and youth groups sc role in community-based management of marine protected areas.

The results framework included a livelihood-focused output which seek to enhance, diversify or introduce new livelihood activit output is at the core of many coastal development programs seeking to alleviate or reduce poverty and contribute to income gene Three outputs have been developed with a number of relevant activities. The first two outputs focus on procuring the necessary eq help implementing the monitoring activities and to exchange experience and knowledge between scientists from both; Jordan an N the IMR will deliver the necessary training on the latest marine monitoring practices to the concerned entities in Aqaba. The outpu site visits for both IMR and the concerned selected groups from Aqaba and have the exposure to learn about the efforts by all peo engaged.
The results framework has a dedicated output that would enable the projects partners to work together in designing a longer term p developing a New multi-year project proposal. This output will benefit from both; the experience of the implementation of the t funded by Norway in Aqaba as well as the findings and results achieved under the present proposal. This is of course supported by the Jordanian and Norwegian sides.

The indicators chosen, such as the "number of scientists trained" and "protocols developed," are both relevant and practical, giving goals and the ability to measure progress in a meaningful way. These results framework is also designed to empower local scientists they need to manage conservation efforts independently. By centering the project around hands-on training workshops and acquiri equipment, the framework helps local institutions gain the knowledge and tools to track vital data, like biodiversity levels and water own

8. Risk, cross-cutting issues and sustainability

8.1. Assess what risks could affect goal achievement. Also describe the risks that could have a negative impact on cross-cutting issues (human rights, v gender equality, climate and the environment, and anti-corruption)

Identification	Analysis	Management	Follow-up			
Risk	**Probability**	**Impact**	**Overall risk**	**Risk-reducing measures**	**Responsibility**	**Deadline**
[Lack of coordination/collaboration between/among the different stakeholders]	Low	medium	medium	• Conducting an inception workshop for all concerned groups to explain the different activities • Early engagement of all stakeholders • Regular briefing meetings	ASEZA, the reserve management team & project team	End of Q1)
Staff turnover / Limited institutional capacity	medium	medium	medium	Implement "train-the-trainer" models to retain skills within institutions. - Establish certification requirements for key marine monitoring skills.		
[Cross-cutting issues: Negative impact on human rights]	Low	Low	Low	• the scope of the proposal focuses on inclusive and collaborative monitoring, therefore, the activities themselves are considered as risk-reducing measures,	ASEZA, the reserve management team & project team	Till end of the project

				further, the proposed intervention will ensure that the identification, selection, and implementation of activities remains people-centred; as beneficiaries and key local actors. Improving the citizens' quality of life is a key of environmental sustainability.		
[Cross-cutting issues: Negative impact on women's rights and gender equality]	Low	Low	Low	• Provide Equal Opportunities: Ensure equal access to training, resources, and leadership roles for women and men throughout the project. Establish Support Networks: Create networks and support systems for women involved in the project to enhance their participation and address any challenges they face. Monitor and Evaluate Gender Outcomes: Regularly monitor and evaluate the project's impact on gender equality, using gender-disaggregated data to inform adjustments as needed. Raise Awareness: Conduct awareness campaigns about women's rights and gender equality within the community to foster a supportive environment. • Encourage, motivate females to participate in the project activities.	ASEZA, the reserve management team & project team	Till end of the project
[Cross-cutting issues: Negative impact on climate/environment]	Low	Low	Low	• The results framework is designed to contribute to achieving resilience of the marine ecosystem. •The entire intervention aims at monitoring and sustaining the marine and	ASEZA, IMR, tThe reserve management team & project team	Till end of the project

				coastal ecosystem of Aqaba		
[Cross-cutting issues: Negative impact on anti-corruption]	Low	Low	Low	• Applying the rules and procedures of UNDP and the partner entities namely IMR for all procurement/recruitment and give a good model for good governance and best practices with respect to transparency.	ASEZA, IMR & UNDP project team	Till end of the project

8.2. Describe the sustainability, local ownership and exit strategy of the project/programme

The project has benefited from the two previous projects funded by Norway and implemented in Aqaba in designing its scope and approach and shall adopt the same strategy to ensure its sustainability and local ownership. The key aspect is that the design of the project was done in full coordination with all concerned people an dhas taken into account the need to build on previous interventions by conducting extensive consultations with various partners, including local authorities, to gather feedback and insights on the proposed scope of work. This participatory approach ensures that the project is grounded in local needs and priorities.

The active involvement of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA) since the initial idea was crucial for the project's sustainability. ASEZA, as the primary authority responsible for coastal and marine reserve management, has expressed strong commitment to achieving the project's objectives. They will endorse, adopt, and integrate the project's outputs into their operational framework. The presence of a dedicated directorate for reserve management within ASEZA, along with the recently developed bylaws for marine reserve and coastal zone management, further strengthens the foundation for sustainable practices along the coastline and within the reserve.

The project will ensure that local stakeholders have full ownership of its activities and outputs. This includes conducting inclusive capacity building that will contribute to enhancing the quality of the findings of monitoring and management of marine resources. ASEZA's full support for implementing the project activities guarantees that the necessary resources and institutional frameworks are in place for long-term sustainability.

As the project progresses, the exit strategy will focus on empowering local actors and institutions, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to maintain the project's benefits. Training sessions will be conducted to enhance local capacity in marine monitoring and data analysis, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility among community members. Additionally, the integration of the project's outputs into ASEZA's ongoing operations will ensure continuity and effective management of marine ecosystems after project completion.
Given that the existing national monitoring program and other monitoring programs are conducted by the Marine Science Station/Faculty of marine Sciences and Ben Hayyan Laboratory, these entities will be also important partners who shall be targeted by and benefit from the proposed program.

To ensure effective scientific coordination, the project coordinate with ASEZA as the key partner to name a focal point. This focal point will be responsible for coordinating all scientific activities, including data collection, analysis, and reporting, thereby streamlining communication between local and international partners. Selection criteria for Jordanian scientists traveling to Norway under Activity 1 will include relevant academic qualifications in marine sciences, demonstrated experience in marine research or monitoring, and a commitment to knowledge transfer and capacity building within their home institutions. Priority will be given to candidates who show leadership potential and an eagerness to engage in collaborative research efforts upon their return.
Coordination with other initiatives, as mentioned under point 7.3, will be achieved through regular stakeholder meetings, joint workshops, and collaborative projects with existing marine conservation programs in the region. By leveraging synergies with ongoing initiatives, the project aims to avoid duplication of efforts and enhance the overall effectiveness of marine management in the Gulf of Aqaba. Continuous communication with other organizations will also facilitate knowledge sharing and the integration of best practices, thereby reinforcing the sustainability and impact of all related efforts.

9. Budget and financing plan

9.1. Comments to the attached budget

The attached budget gives the estimate cost in both NOK and USD, the exchange rate is calculated using the link: OANDA Currency Converter The total budget required is 3,110,347.44 (NOK 3,000,000 by Norway and NOK 110,347.44 a cofinance by UNDP)

10. Additional information

10.1 Any additional information of relevance for the application

PART III: ATTACHMENTS

☒ Number _1__ **Results framework (mandatory)**

☒ Number __2_ **Budget (mandatory)**

☐ Number ___ Implementation/activity plan

☐ Number ___ Theory of change

☐ Number ___ Documentation of bank details

☐ Number ___ _____

☐ Number ___ _____

DATE AND SIGNATURE

I confirm that I am authorised to enter into legally binding agreements on behalf of the applicant, and I confirm that to the best of my judgement the information in this application is correct.

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Place and date Name, title and signature

This is s suggested template for results framework for projects/programmes to be supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The approved results framework will be included as a part of the agreement between the MFA and grant recipient. It is therefore important that the results framework is consistent and realistic.

Improving Marine Monitoring along the Aqaba Coastline

RESULTS FRAMEWORK:

Overall impact. Enhanced conservation status and sustainable management of Aqaba's marine biodiversity through improved monitoring systems						
LEVEL	**EXPECTED RESULT**	**INDICATORS**	**BASELINE**	**TARGET**	**Data source of verification**	**Comments**
Outcome 1	Improved institutional capacity for marine monitoring in Jordan	% of trained scientists applying monitoring techniques in their work	0%	75%	Post-training assessment	End of Year 1
Output 1.1	Methods for monitoring of water quality and ichtyoplankton improved	1. Number of scientists trained on methods of monitoring of water quality and ichtyoplankton 2. 2.Protocols for monitoring water quality and ichtyoplankton developed	0 0	10 1	1. Training report including e.g. training attendance and completion records. 2.Concept note (including visit agenda) for the visit and "back to office report" by the Jordanian team 3.Updated Monitoring Program	By Q2 Year 1 End of Year 1

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Activities	1.1.1 4-day training in species identification of ichtyoplankton (in Aqaba) 1.1.2 Visit to IMR by 5 Jordanian scientists to evaluate methods for monitoring of water quality and ichtyoplankton used in Norway and discuss possible implementation of some of these in Jordan 1.1.3 Purchase of a winch, a CTD and a Bongo net 1.1.4Online Workshop to develop a procedure for water and ichtyoplankton sampling along specific monitoring lines (in Aqaba)					
Output 1.2	Methods for monitoring of fish abundance and species diversity improved	1. Protocols for monitoring of fish abundance and species diversity developed. 2.Number of scientists trained on monitoring of fish abundance and species diversity improved	0 0	1 8	1.Updated Monitoring Program 2. Training report including Training attendance and completion records	End of Year 1 By Q3 Year 1
Activities	1.2.1 Visit to IMR by 5 Jordanian scientists to evaluate methods for monitoring fish used in Norway and discuss possible implementation of some of these in Jordan. 1.2.2 4-day workshop to discuss and develop improved collection, storage and use of fisheries dependent data . Jordanian scientists to have increased capacity to plan, conduct and report findings from fisheries dependent surveys according to scientifically recognized norms. Includes purchasing of a length measuring board and PC to store data (workshop in Aqaba, Jordanian expert visit to Norway) 1.2.3 4-day workshop to develop an overview of potential assessment methods that could be useful for implementation in Jordan given the available data from the fisheries (workshop in Aqaba and building also on monitoring program developed) 1.2.4 4-day workshop to provide technical assistance for the implementation of surveys of fisheries independent data, in order to provide data on status of biodiversity (fish and vertebrates) within the marine protected area as well as outside the Marine protected area (field/technical workshop in Aqaba) 1.2.5 Purchase of a diver operated video (DOV) rig, minimum of two baited remote underwater video (BRUV) rigs, a calibration cube, and SeaGis video analyses software license. 1.2.6 Online workshop in Aqaba to synthesis outputs (reports) from the above activities into advice aimed to improve the sustainability of Gulf of Aqaba fisheries management					
Output 1.3	New multi-year project proposal developed	1.Number of joint activities planned and implemented	0	One Project proposal delivered in October 2025	Project document	End of Year 1. The cooperation between Norway

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		aiming at conserving the marine ecosystem and bring global benefits. 2. Number of consultations conducted with all concerned stakeholders to identify and agree on the scope of the new proposal	0	3	Invitations and agendas for the consultations meetings/workshops	and Jordan with respect directly to marine conservation has been launched recently with two 1-year interventions.
Activities	1.3.1 Deliver a new project proposal for multi-year collaborative project on marine monitoring and capacity development in fisheries and biodiversity conservation through desktop work, online interaction and discussions during other activities in 2025 Project proposal delivered to the Norwegian Embassy in October 2025. 1.3.2Closing workshop					

Improving Marine Monitoring along the Aqaba Coastline Project

Theory of Change

Overall Impact

Enhanced conservation status and sustainable management of Aqaba's marine biodiversity through improved monitoring systems

Outcome 1

Improved institutional capacity for marine monitoring in Jordan

Output 1
Methods for monitoring of water quality and ichtyoplankton improved

Output 2
Methods for monitoring of fish abundance and species diversity improved

Output 3
New multi-year project proposal developed

Input

- 4-day training in species identification of ichtyoplankton (in Aqaba)
- Visit to IMR by 5 Jordanian scientists to evaluate methods for monitoring of water quality and ichtyoplankton used in Norway.
- Purchase of a winch, a CTD and a Bongo net.
- Online Workshop to develop a procedure for water and ichtyoplankton sampling along specific monitoring lines (in Aqaba).

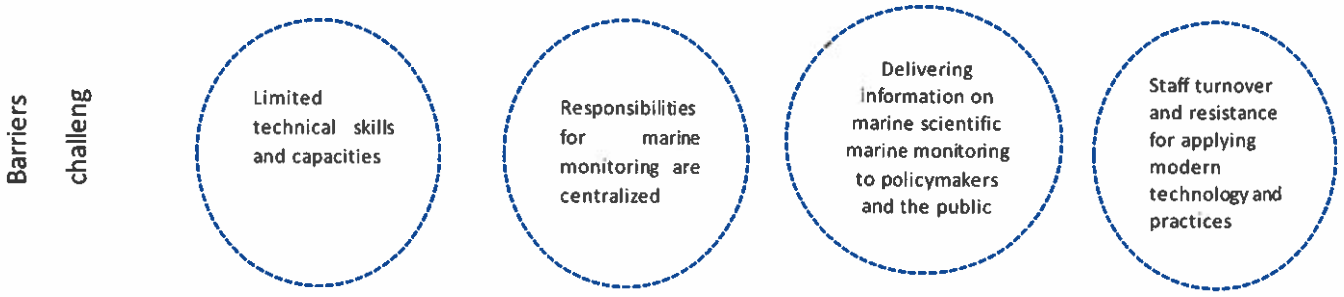
Input

- Visit to IMR by 5 Jordanian scientists to evaluate methods for monitoring fish used in Norway
- 4-day workshop to discuss and develop improved collection, storage and use of fisheries dependent
- 4-day workshop to develop an overview of potential assessment methods that could be useful for implementation in Jordan.
- 4day workshop to provide technical assistance for the implementation of surveys of fisheries independent data.
- Purchase of a diver operated video (DOV) rig, minimum of two baited remote underwater video (BRUV) rigs.
- Online workshop in Aqaba to synthesis outputs (reports)

Input

- Deliver a new project proposal for multi-year collaborative project on marine monitoring and capacity development in fisheries and biodiversity conservation.
- Closing workshop

Assumptions & external factors	The two countries and the concerned partner institutions government are willing to advance collaboration	The target groups are collaborative and facilitate the implementation of the project.	There is a common understanding of the benefit of proposed collaboration	There is an agreement of the need of improving the existing marine monitoring program



Problem Statement

Limited usage and contribution of the National Marine Monitoring to the decision-making process with respect to the management of the coastal area in Aqaba.

Improving the Marine Monitoring along the Aqaba's Coastline
Detailed Budget - Annex IV

Description	Norway contribution (USD)	Other Contribution by UNDP (USD)	Number of units	Unit	Unit Cost (USD)	Total Output (USD)	Output Total Cost (NOK)
outcome 1: Improved institutional capacity for marine monitoring in Jordan							
Output 1.1 Methods for monitoring of water quality and ichthyoplankton improved							
Activity 1.1.1: Visit to IMR by 5 Jordanian scientists to evaluate methods for monitoring of water quality and ichthyoplankton used in Norway and discuss possible implementation of some of these in Jordan	$ 29 544,57	$ 2 967,92	5	Flight tickets	$ 793,58	$ 3 967,90	NOK 361 083,49
			6	Nights (for 5 persons)	$ 340,00	$ 10 200,00	
			112	Hour (personnel time at IMR)	$ 163,79	$ 18 344,57	
Activity 1.1.2: Purchase of a winch, a CTD and a Bongo net	$ 21 477,73	$ -	1	Item winch	$ 8 500,00	$ 21 477,73	NOK 238 531,67
			1	Item CTD	$ 7 500,00		
			1	Item Bongo net	$ 5 477,73		
Activity 1.1.3: Workshop to develop a procedure for water and ichthyoplankton sampling along specific monitoring lines (in Aqaba)	$ 8 924,72	$ -	4	Day technical workshop	$ 2 231,18	$ 8 924,72	NOK 99 117,94
Activity 1.1.4: Training in species identification of ichthyoplankton (in Aqaba)	$ 16 973,55	$ 2 967,92	5	Day Training workshop	$ 3 988,29	$ 19 941,47	NOK 221 469,97
Total output 1.1	**$ 76 920,57**	**$ 5 935,84**				**$ 82 856,39**	**NOK 920 203,07**
Output 1.2 Methods for monitoring of fish abundance and species diversity improved							
Activity 1.2.1: Visit IMR by 5 Jordanian scientists to evaluate methods for monitoring fish used in Norway and discuss possible implementation of some of these in Jordan. **Joint with activity 1.1.1 covers also activity 1.2.1**	$ -	$ -		**Covered by activity 1.1.1**			
Activity 1.2.2: 4-day workshop to discuss and develop improved collection, storage, and use of fisheries-dependent data, Jordanian scientists to have increased capacity to plan, conduct, and report findings from fisheries-dependent surveys according to scientifically recognized norms **(workshop in Aqaba, Jordanian expert visit to Norway, joint with Activity 1.2.1)**	$ 27 297,00	$ -	3	Flight tickets (IMR experts travelling to Aqaba)	$ 1 000,00	$ 3 000,00	NOK 303 160,48
			7	Nights (4 days workshop and 2 days preparations and meetings)	$ 340,00	$ 7 140,00	
			105	Hour (personnel time of 3 IMR experts to deliver the workshop)	$ 163,40	$ 17 157,00	
Activity 1.2.3: 4-day workshop to develop an overview of potential assessment methods that could be useful for implementation in Jordan given the available data from the fisheries (workshop in Aqaba jointly with Activity 1.2.2, building also on monitoring program developed as part of Activity 1.2.4)	$ 12 311,20	$ 2 000,00	68	hour (personnel time of 3 IMR experts to deliver the workshop)	$ 163,40	$ 11 111,20	NOK 158 940,19
			4	Day technical workshop	$ 800,00	$ 3 200,00	
Activity 1. 2.4: 4-day workshop to provide technical assistance for the implementation of surveys of fisheries independent data, in order to provide data on the status of biodiversity (fish and vertebrates) within the marine protected area as well as outside the Marine protected area **(field/technical workshop in Aqaba, jointly with Activity 1.2.3)**	$ 14 925,60	$ 2 000,00	84	hour (personnel time of 3 IMR experts to deliver the workshop)	$ 163,40	$ 13 725,60	NOK 187 975,71
			4	Day technical workshop	$ 800,00	$ 3 200,00	

Activity 1.2.5: Purchase of one diver operated video (DOV) rig, of two baited remote underwater video (BRUV) rigs, a calibration cube, and SeaGis video analyses software license.	$ 23 365,89	$ -	1	Lump sum	$ 23 365,89	$ 23 365,89	NOK	259 501,57
Activity 1.2.6: Online workshop in Aqaba to synthesize outputs (reports) from Activities 1. 2.1, 1.2.2, A 2.3, and 1. 2.4) into advice aimed to improve the sustainability of Gulf of Aqaba fisheries management	$ 13 784,40	$ -	66	Hour (personnel time of 3 IMR experts to deliver the workshop)	$ 163,40	$ 10 784,40	NOK	153 089,55
			5	Day technical workshop (venue & logistics are needed for 20-25 participants)	$ 600,00	$ 3 000,00		
Total Output 1.2	**$ 91 684,09**	**$ 4 000,00**				**$ 95 684,09**	**NOK**	**1 062 667,50**
Output a.3. New multi-year project proposal developed								
Activity 1.3.1: Deliver a new project proposal for multi-year collaborative project on marine monitoring and capacity development in fisheries and biodiversity conservation through desktop work, online interaction and discussions during other activities in 2025	$ 29 085,20	$ -	178	Hour (personnel time of IMR experts)	$ 163,40	$ 29 085,20	NOK	323 020,23
Activity 1.3.2: Closing workshop (50-60 participants)	$ 1 500,00	$ -	1	Day	$ 1 500,00	$ 1 500,00	NOK	16 659,00
Total Output 1.3	**$ 30 585,20**	**$ -**				**$ 30 585,20**	**NOK**	**339 679,23**
Output 1.4. Project management								
Project management. IMR hours and UNDP Project Officer (Part-time)	$ 31 592,33	$ -				$ 31 592,33	NOK	350 864,38
Monitoring and Audit budget	$ 7 378,54	$ -				$ 7 378,54	NOK	81 946,06
DPC Direct Project Cost - Support Services-	$ 11 792,32	$ -				$ 11 792,32	NOK	130 965,48
Total Output 1.4	**$ 50 763,18**	**$ -**				**$ 50 763,18**	**NOK**	**563 775,93**
Total Programmable	**$ 249 953,05**	**$ 9 935,84**				**$ 259 888,86**	**NOK**	**2 886 325,73**
Indirect Cost								
GMS 7% - General Management Services	$ 17 496,71	$ -				$ 17 496,71	NOK	194 318,50
UN Coordination Levy	$ 2 674,50	$ -				$ 2 674,50	NOK	29 702,97
Total Indirect Cost	**$ 20 171,21**	**$ -**				**$ 20 171,21**	**NOK**	**224 021,47**
Total Budget	**$ 270 124,26**	**$ 9 935,84**				**$ 280 060,08**	**NOK**	**3 110 347,44**

Total Fund: NOK 3,110,347.44
Norway: NOK 3,000,000.00
UNDP JO. CO.: NOK 110,347.44
Exchange rate 1 USD = 11.106 NOK based on UN Operational Exchange Date on 20th November 2024
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FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT IN THE FIELD OF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY

AND

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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The Government of Norway (hereinafter referred to as "Norway") and the United Nations Development Programme (hereinafter referred to as "UNDP"), (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties"), desiring to further strengthen their cooperation for the purpose of implementing activities which are consistent with and supportive of UNDP's mandate and Strategic Plan, including organisation-wide results framework, hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
Scope and Objectives

1. This Framework Agreement covers non-core contributions, as described in Article II, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry"), from the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad), and other Ministries and their subordinate agencies if deemed relevant to UNDP, setting forth the general terms and conditions for such support. Contribution to UNDP's regular resources is not to be covered under this Framework Agreement. This Framework Agreement shall replace the previous Framework Agreement in the field of Development Cooperation between the Norway and UNDP dated 2 December 2003.

2. Programme activities under this Framework Agreement shall be selected, designed and implemented in line with the Strategic Plan approved by the Executive Board of UNDP as well as the relevant policy decisions and guidelines. Thematic support (Type A, below) and other multi-donor support (Type B, below) are preferred modalities for support.

3. Programme activities to be implemented under this Framework Agreement through non-core contributions, in accordance with the directives outlined by the Executive Board of UNDP, are:

   A: Thematic support at global, regional or country level (Type A: support),

   B: Earmarked contributions to programmes/projects funded by Norway together with other donors e.g. through multi-donor trust funds or other co-financing modalities (Type B: support),

   C: Earmarked contributions to programmes/projects funded by Norway as single-donor (Type C: support).

4. The Parties will enter into a separate agreement for each specific contribution, setting forth the specific terms and procedures for such contribution.

Type A: thematic support at global level will be regulated in a Programme Cooperation Agreement (PCA), while Type A: thematic support at regional and country level will be regulated in a specific agreement ("specific agreement").

Type B: support and Type C: support will be regulated in a specific agreement based on agreed templates unless covered by the PCA. A PCA may also include global "Type B" and "Type C: support".

5. The Parties shall strive to ensure that there are no discrepancies between this Framework Agreement and the PCA or the specific agreement. In exceptional cases, the Parties may agree to deviate from specific clauses in the Framework Agreement. If such discrepancies do occur, then the terms of the PCA or specific agreement shall prevail. Should such discrepancies be unintentional, the Parties shall in good faith consult, and if necessary make the required amendment to the PCA/specific agreement.

6. The overall objective of this Framework Agreement is to support the realization of international development goals in developing countries through the work of UNDP and based on the guidance provided in the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR). A specific results framework will be included in each PCA/specific agreement.

7. UNDP shall receive and administer support under this Framework Agreement in accordance with UNDP's financial regulations and rules, applicable resolutions of the General Assembly and decisions of UNDP's Executive Board.

ARTICLE II
Contribution

1. Norway shall, subject to Parliamentary appropriations, and on the terms and procedures set out or referred to herein and in the relevant PCA/specific agreement, make available financial contributions to be used exclusively to finance the activities described in or referred to in the PCA/specific agreement.

   Based on proposals from UNDP, Norway shall, in the PCA also include the distribution among result areas in the Strategic Plan.

2. Contributions will cover, in addition to direct costs of the activities concerned, expenses for administrative and technical backstopping at the level approved by the Executive Board (the cost-recovery rate). The level will be reflected in the PCA/specific agreement as well as in the financial statements.

3. Disbursement of the contributions will be undertaken upon written requests from UNDP in instalments based on the documented financial need of the activities and

shall take into account that payment shall be made in advance of the implementation of planned activities. Instalments will take place annually or more frequently as agreed in the PCA/specific agreement.

A: for Type A: Support, contributions shall, unless otherwise agreed, be disbursed to UNDP's General Account upon receipt and assessment of relevant reports as referred to in Articles V, Clause 4 and VI, Clause 1, a)

B: for Type B: Support, contributions shall be disbursed to an account specified in the specific agreement upon request from UNDP and receipt and assessment of relevant reports by Norway, as referred to in Articles V, Clause 5, as well as VI, Clause 1, a)

C: for Type C: Support, contributions shall be disbursed to an account specified in the specific agreement upon request from the Organisation and receipt and assessment of relevant reports by Norway, as referred to in Articles V, Clause 6 , and VI, Clause 1, a)

4. Norwegian contributions shall be made and transferred in Norwegian Kroner (NOK). UNDP shall acknowledge in writing receipt of contributions in Norwegian Kroner as well as the equivalent amount in US dollars at the United Nation operational rate of exchange applicable on the date of each transaction.

5. UNDP shall administer and account for the funds in accordance with its Financial Regulations and Rules. All financial commitments and expenditure incurred by UNDP with respect to activities financed under this Framework Agreement shall be expressed in US dollars at the United Nations operational rate of exchange applicable on the date of each transaction.

6. The Parties agree that interest resulting from any contribution hereunder shall be retained by the UNDP and form part of its regular resources, as provided under UNDP's Financial Regulations and Rules.

ARTICLE III
Programming of Funds

1. Contributions to activities under Article I, Clause 3, A shall be allocated on the basis of the organisation-wide or country-specific results framework, as applicable.

2. Contributions to activities under Article I, Clause 3, B or C shall be allocated on the basis of programme/project-documents/proposals or similar submitted by UNDP

3. The programme/project-documents/proposals shall contain a results framework and an accompanying description of risk management. UNDP shall prepare annual results-based work plans and results and cost-based budgets. The plans and budgets shall be discussed with Norway as specified in the PCA/specific agreement. For global type A support the work plan shall consist of the organisation-wide results framework.

4. Activities at country level shall, unless otherwise agreed, be in line with national priorities and plans as reflected in the United Nations Development Assistance Framework or other relevant framework. The Parties agree that the relevant programme country government should, whenever relevant, include any transfer of cash by UNDP to the government, which is financed from contributions made hereunder, in its national budget.

5. To maximize the development effectiveness of activities to be financed under the Framework Agreement, UNDP shall participate in joint analysis and reviews undertaken by the UN Country Team, and pursue collaboration and partnerships with relevant development partners, regardless of source of funding.

ARTICLE IV
Monitoring, Review and Evaluation

1. Norway and UNDP shall promptly inform each other about any condition/event/situation which interferes or threatens to interfere with the successful implementation of any activity financed in full or in part by Norway.

2. UNDP shall be responsible for the monitoring and regular review of activities carried out under this Framework Agreement. For activities under Article I, Clause 3, B and C above, the cost of monitoring and review shall constitute a direct cost to the programme and, therefore, will be paid from the relevant contribution.

3. The evaluation of programmes hereunder shall be subject to the provisions of the UNDP Evaluation Policy as from time to time approved or amended by UNDP's Executive Board.

4. Unless otherwise decided by UNDP's Executive Board, final evaluation reports and management responses, as applicable, are publicly disclosed by UNDP at http://www.UNDP.org/evaluation/ (or at such other URL as UNDP from time to time may decide).

5. UNDP shall each year, in connection with the annual consultations referred to in Article XIII below, inform Norway about the schedule for reviews and evaluations planned for the following twelve (12) months.

6. Terms of reference for reviews of types B and C: activities, shall be forwarded to Norway at least four (4) weeks in advance for comments. Norway may be invited to participate in the review activities.

7. UNDP shall forward without undue delay to Norway any review and/or evaluation report pertaining to activities funded under this Framework Agreement, or inform Norway that such report is available at UNDP's website, as referred to in Clause 4 above.

8. Norway may, separately or jointly with other partners, take the initiative to evaluate or review its cooperation with UNDP under this Framework Agreement, with a view to determining whether results are being or have been achieved and whether contributions have been used for their intended purposes. UNDP shall be informed about such initiatives and may be invited to join. UNDP shall upon request assist in providing relevant information within the limits of its regulations and rules. All major costs shall be borne by Norway, unless otherwise agreed.

ARTICLE V
Progress Reporting on Results and Finances

1. UNDP shall prepare progress reporting on results and finances. The reporting shall cover the entire activity, not only the Norwegian contribution and display status compared to the previous period.

2. Progress reporting on results shall:
   - compare actual outputs with planned outputs and analyse how these outputs contribute to expected outcomes of the programme/project activities.
   - include information on how financial resources have been distributed among the outcomes and outputs achieved, based on the format of UNDP's organization-wide, country specific or programme/project specific results framework, as applicable,
   - explain major deviations from plans and problems encountered,
   - include a brief account of materialised internal and external risk factors to the programme/project and how these have been handled, and
   - include other information, as relevant, related to the successful implementation of the activities.

3. Progress reporting on finances shall include;
   - For type A support; Information on allocations from regular resources and all forms of other resources as well as an overview of the amount received in thematic funding per donor as well as the total amount of cost recovery.
   - For type B support; Information on income from all donors and actual expenditure including the total amount of cost recovery for the previous

calendar year comparable to the approved cost-based budget for such previous period.

- For type C support; Information on the amounts received from the contribution and actual expenditure including the total amount of cost recovery for the previous calendar year compared to the approved cost-based budget for such previous period.

4. For activities under Article I, Clause 3, A above, UNDP shall provide the above specified information in annual thematic reports at the appropriate level.

5. For multi-donor activities under Article I, Clause 3, B above, UNDP shall provide the above specified information in common annual reports.

6. For single-donor activities under Article I, Clause 3, C above, UNDP shall provide the above specified information in an annual report one month before the annual consultation, or if such a meeting is not held, by 30 of June each calendar year, but in no case earlier than 31 March of each calendar year.

7. For activities under Article I, Clause 3, B and C above, UNDP shall prepare a final report no later than six (6) months after programme/project completion or termination of the specific agreement. The final report shall give a summary of actual outputs compared to planned outputs for the entire period and analyse how these outputs contribute to the outcomes and impact of the programme/project and reporting on finances as referred to in Clause 3 above.

8. Norway may request additional information at any time. Such information shall be provided in a timely manner, and to the extent possible within 30 days of the request.

ARTICLE VI
Certified Financial Statements

1. For all Norwegian contributions under this Framework Agreement, UNDP will submit to Norway:

   (a) One annual financial statement with regard to the Contribution certified by an authorized official of UNDP as of 31 December of the year in question, to be submitted no later than 30 June of the following year;

   (b) For B and C support; One final financial statement certified by an authorized official of UNDP to be submitted no later than 30 June following the year in which the programme/project was financially completed.

2. All statements referred to under this Article will be expressed in US dollars. In the event that other donors contributed to the Programme (e.g. in the case of Type B: support), the statements will be consolidated, specifying the Contribution from each donor.

ARTICLE VII
Audit

1. External and Internal Audit of UNDP:

   Any contribution transferred hereunder shall be subject exclusively to the provisions on external and internal audit provided for in UNDP's Financial Regulations and Rules as well as its financial policies and procedures.

2. Audit of Implementing Partners:

   The part of any contribution transferred by UNDP to implementing partners for activities towards the implementation of the programme shall be audited as provided under UNDP's Financial Regulations and Rules as well as its financial policies and procedures. Such audits are performed by external audit professionals designated by UNDP or by a government's supreme audit institution. It is understood that the external audit professionals may be either individual or corporate persons (such as an audit or accounting firm).

3. Disclosure of external audit reports prepared by the United Nations Board of Auditors on the audit of the financial statements of UNDP:

   (a) The reports on the audits of the financial statements of UNDP by the United Nations Board of Auditors become public documents by reason of being transmitted through the Advisory Committee (*i.e.* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, or "ACABQ") to the United Nations General Assembly.

   (b) External audit reports of UNDP will be publicly disclosed by the United Nations Board of Auditors at http://www.un.org/en/auditors/board/reports.shtml, or at such other URL as the Board of Auditors may from time to time decide and at the website of UNDP's Executive Board.

4. Disclosure of Internal Audit Reports:

4.1 Unless the Executive Board otherwise decides, internal audit reports shall be publicly disclosed by UNDP's Director, Office of Audit and Investigation, subject to the limitations contained in the relevant decisions of the Executive Board.

4.2 Internal audit reports shall be publicly disclosed by UNDP's Director, Office of Audit and Investigation at http://audit-public-disclosure.undp.org or at such other URL as the Director, Office of Audit and Investigations from time to time may decide.

4.3 For purposes of this Article VII, the term "internal audit report" shall mean the final report resulting from an audit issued by the Director, Office of Audit and Investigation, to the UNDP Administrator and the auditees for their consideration and for the implementation of recommendations, unless otherwise defined in any policy approved by UNDP's Executive Board.

5. Disclosure of Audit Reports concerning Implementing Partners:

5.1. Upon request, UNDP shall provide Norway with summaries of available audit reports that cover programmes implemented by national institutions or NGOs and that are in receipt of funding from Norway.

5.2. Upon written requests, audit reports prepared by external audit professionals designated by UNDP and audit reports prepared by a government's supreme audit institution, on the activities of an implementing partner towards the implementation of programmes, will be disclosed by UNDP to Norway. Such written requests shall be in a standard form and format as from time to time decided by UNDP.

5.3 It is understood that disclosure as provided in Clause 5.2 of this Article shall be contingent upon UNDP having obtained written consent to such disclosure from the Implementing Partner.

6. Norway may reasonably request additional explanations or consultations at any time. Additional explanations shall be provided in a timely manner and, to the extent possible within 30 days of the request, subject to UNDP's regulations, rules, policies and procedures.

ARTICLE VIII
Procurement

In implementing the activities financed under this Framework Agreement, UNDP shall effect all procurement of goods and services in accordance with UNDP's policies, rules and procedures for procurement. UNDP will engage in international competitive bidding as its preferred procurement method and, make reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of local suppliers in the relevant developing countries when procuring goods and services.

ARTICLE IX
Conflict of Interests

1. The Parties agree that it is important to take all necessary precautions to avoid conflicts of interest and corrupt practices. To this end, UNDP shall continue to maintain standards of conduct that govern the performance of its staff, including the prohibition of conflicts of interest and 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's Financial Regulations and Rules, and UNDP's Procurement Procedures.

2. In accordance with United Nations Staff Regulation 1.2, a "conflict of interest occurs when, by act or omission, a staff member's personal interests interfere with the performance of his or her official duties and responsibilities or with the integrity, independence and impartiality required by the staff member's status as an international civil servant. When an actual or possible conflict of interest does arise, the conflict shall be disclosed by staff members to their head of office, mitigated by the Organization and resolved in favour of the interests of the Organization."

ARTICLE X
Recognition

UNDP shall make every effort to ensure that publications and communications hereunder, press releases or other information material issued by UNDP with respect to any activity financed under the Framework Agreement, clearly indicate that the activities in question have received funding from Norway in all cases subject to security and safety considerations of UNDP.

ARTICLE XI
Property and Equipment

The ownership of assets paid for in whole or in part from the contributions under this Agreement shall be determined by reference to UNDP's regulations, rules, policies and procedures. The transfer of ownership of such assets by UNDP shall also be done in accordance with UNDP's regulations, rules, policies and procedures, and, as applicable, in accordance with UNDP's agreements concluded with the relevant host Government and any implementing partners.

ARTICLE XII
Public Access to Intellectual Property

1. Unless otherwise provided for in UNDP's regulations, rules, policies and procedures or UNDP's agreements concluded with the relevant host Government and/or any implementing partners, intellectual property produced as a result of activities financed in whole or (without prejudice to other funding arrangements) in part from contributions under this Agreement, shall be managed in a way that maximizes their public accessibility and allows the broadest possible use. Published reports produced as a result of activities financed in whole or in part from contributions under this Agreement shall, as far as possible and appropriate, be placed in the public domain for non-commercial use.

2. Transfer of ownership of such intellectual property by UNDP shall be done in accordance with UNDP's regulations, rules, policies and procedures, and, as applicable, in accordance with UNDP's agreements concluded with the relevant host Government and any implementing partners also in the spirit of securing them as a common global good.

ARTICLE XIII
Annual Consultations

1. For support governed by a PCA, UNDP and Norway shall hold annual consultations. Unless otherwise agreed, UNDP shall convene and chair the consultations, which shall be held at a mutually agreed date and place. UNDP shall draft agreed minutes of the meeting and submit these within three weeks to Norway for comments and approval. Each Party shall bear their own costs for participating in such consultations.

2. The consultations shall deal with the following issues:

   i) exchange of views on major strategic issues;
   ii) review of results of the activities implemented during the previous year, progress and challenges in ongoing activities, as well as the financial situation; and
   iii) review of relevant evaluations.

3. For Type A, B, and C support not covered by a PCA, consultations will be specified in the specific agreement.

ARTICLE XIV
Financial irregularities

1. The Parties have a zero tolerance for fraud, corruption and any other financial irregularities. The zero tolerance policy applies to all staff members, consultants and other non-staff personnel, institutional contractors, implementing partners and beneficiaries of the grant funds.

2. Both Norway and UNDP are firmly committed to prevent, detect and manage fraud, corruption and other financial irregularities. Consistent with the UN Charter, the Standards of Conduct for the International Civil Service, the United Nations Staff Rules and Regulations, and UNDP's financial rules and regulations and procurement policies, UNDP will use reasonable efforts to ensure that the utilization of the Contribution conforms to the highest standard of ethical conduct and that every part of UNDP, as well as all individuals acting on behalf of UNDP, observe the highest standard of ethics and integrity.

3. UNDP, in accordance with its regulations, rules and directives, will ensure that any allegations of fraud, corruption and other financial irregularities in connection with the implementation of programmes/projects under this Framework Agreement are reported to the Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) in a timely and accurate manner. Credible allegations will be investigated by OAI and assessed in accordance with its regulations, rules, policies and procedures. OAI will give notification on a confidential basis to the Director of the Foreign Service Control Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of any investigations or action that it is undertaking or proposes to undertake in relation to allegations of fraud, corruption and other financial irregularities involving any activities funded in whole or in part with contributions made under this Framework Agreement, to the extent that such notification is consistent with OAI's regulations, rules, policies and procedures, protecting the probity and confidentiality of investigations and the due process rights of those under investigation. UNDP shall keep the Foreign Service Control Unit regularly informed of results of the implementation of such actions, including where relevant, details of any recovery of funds

4. The Parties may in addition exchange information in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Foreign Service Control Unit in the Ministry and the OAI of UNDP.

5. Following the conclusion of any investigation which identifies fraud, corruption and other financial irregularities, involving any activities funded in whole or in part with contributions made under this Framework Agreement, UNDP will;

   a) Use reasonable efforts to recover any part of the contributions, which OAI has established as being diverted through fraud or corruption;

b) In connection with (a) above, in consultation with the UN Office of Legal Affairs, give proper consideration to referring the matter to the appropriate authorities of the UN member state where the fraud, corruption or other financial irregularities is believed to have occurred and;

c) Assess and apply appropriate risk mitigating actions, including the option to withhold payment(s) to operations affected by financial irregularities where the risks of financial irregularities impacting the delivery of results within the activity remains high;

d) Undertake the relevant administrative proceedings through the UNDP Legal Support Office or the Vendor Review Committee, as appropriate;

e) Ensure repayment to Norway in accordance with Article XV, Clause 2 below.

6. In the event that Norway reasonably believes that timely and appropriate action has not been taken, it may request direct consultations at a senior level between Norway and UNDP in order to obtain assurance that UNDP's oversight and accountability mechanisms have been and are being fully applied in connection with such suspicions.

Article XV
Reservations

1. Norway reserves its right to withhold disbursement in full or in part to an activity
   - if affected by credible allegations of fraud, corruption and any other financial irregularities that risk impacting the delivery of results within the activity
   - if contractual and/or reporting and accounting obligations are not met
   - if there are substantial deviations from agreed plans and budgets, if the programmes/projects develops unfavorably in relation to goal and objectives while paying due attention to the risk for not achieving results in complex development situations.

2. In the event that any part of the contribution is determined by UNDP to have been lost due to fraud, corruption or any other financial irregularities, such loss will be dealt with in accordance with the applicable financial regulations, rules, policies, procedures and directives of UNDP. Further, in respect of such amount which UNDP has been able to recover regarding programmes/projects or activities, such amount will be returned to the programme/project or activities for which the contribution was intended, and where the programme/proejct or activities for which the contribution was intended has or have been concluded or terminated, the Parties shall consult to decide whether the amount shall be re-programmed at Norway's instructions or returned to Norway at such bank account as determined by Norway on a pro rata basis as applicable. In respect of such amount that has

not been recovered, UNDP shall do its utmost to maintain its efforts to recover such funds. UNDP agrees to continue consultations with Norway and members of the Executive Board, with a view of determining a mutually agreeable solution, and in the interim, agree to discuss such issues on a case by case basis.

3. Before withholding any disbursements or claiming repayment, the Parties shall consult with a view to reaching a solution to the matter.

ARTICLE XVI
Final Provisions

1. This Framework Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties.

2. Nothing in the present Framework Agreement shall be understood as a waiver of the immunities and privileges of the United Nations of which UNDP is an integral part.

3. This Framework Agreement may be amended through an addendum between the Parties, following appropriate consultations.

4. This Framework Agreement shall remain in force unless terminated by mutual agreement, or by one Party providing to the other Party a written notice of termination. Upon termination of this Framework Agreement, and unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties, the Framework Agreement shall remain in force with respect to any PCA/specific agreements entered into prior to the termination of the Framework Agreement as long as any of these agreements are in force.

5. Any unspent balance of the total contribution under any PCA or specific agreement that remains after the financial closing of the relevant programme/project or upon termination or completion of the PCA or other agreements financed under this Framework Agreement that total less than NOK 500 (Norwegian Kroner Five Hundred), shall be credited to UNDP's regular resources. Any balance exceeding that amount shall be returned to Norway, net of all fees, charges and foreign exchange losses.

6. Any dispute, which may arise between the Parties as to the interpretation, application or performance related to this Framework Agreement or any PCA/specific agreement under this Framework Agreement, shall be settled by negotiation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, acting on behalf of their respective Parties, have signed this Framework Agreement in two originals in the English language.

Done in Oslo, 14 December 2015

For the Government of Norway

For the United Nations Development Programme

Annex V Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment

1.

a. Sexual exploitation and abuse

The Donor and the Partner have a zero tolerance for inaction approach to tackling sexual exploitation and abuse ("SEA").[1] This means the Partner and its implementing partners will take all reasonable steps to prevent SEA by both its employees and any implementing partner and respond appropriately when reports of SEA arise, in accordance with their regulations, rules, policies and procedures.

Unless inconsistent with a specific regulation, rule, policy or procedure governing the Partner, the Partner will apply the IASC Six Core Principles Relating to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and the following principles and practices when implementing the activities under this Agreement and provide evidence to demonstrate this where required:

a. Adherence to the IASC-Minimum Operation Standards on "Protection from sexual exploitation and abuse by own personnel" and/or [the] SEA elements of the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability;
b. A victim/survivor-centred approach[2] to SEA issues;
c. Strong leadership and signaling on tackling SEA;
d. Make all reasonable efforts to address gender inequality and other power imbalances;
e. Reporting to enhance accountability and transparency;
f. Ensure that SEA standards from this arrangement are reflected in funding templates with implementing partners, [for UN entities: by means such as, but not limited to, adherence to the United Nations Protocol on Allegations of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Involving Implementing Partners].

b. Sexual harassment

The Donor and the Partner have a zero tolerance for inaction approach to tackling sexual harassment ("SH").[3]This means the Partner will take all reasonable steps to prevent SH and respond appropriately when reports of SH arise, in accordance with its regulations, rules, policies and procedures.

Unless inconsistent with a specific regulation, rule, policy or procedure governing the Partner, the Partner will apply the following principles and practices when implementing the activities under this Agreement:

a. A victim/survivor-centred approach to SH issues;
b. Strong leadership and signaling on tackling SH;
c. Make all reasonable efforts to address gender inequality and other power imbalances;
d. Reporting to enhance accountability and transparency;

2. The Partner will adhere to the following requirements:

a. Allegations of SEA

(i) The Partner will promptly report all allegations of SEA credible enough to warrant an investigation through the Secretary-General's reporting mechanism (the "Report").

(ii) When the Partner reports an allegation of SEA to, or becomes aware of an allegation reported through, the Report that is (i) directly related to the activities funded by this Agreement or, (ii) would have a significant impact on the partnership between the Partner and the Donor, the Partner will

promptly notify [Donor point of contact] of the report made and the relevant Agreement number, if applicable and provide information containing the level of detail that the Partner is aware of.
(iii) Upon request from the Donor, the Partner agrees to provide further available relevant information the Partner is aware of for allegations notified under paragraph 2a (ii) including about subsequent measures taken by the Partner, unless disclosure of such information would be inconsistent with the Partner's regulations, rules, policies and procedures concerning disclosure of information

b. Allegations of SH
(i) The Partner will report allegations of sexual harassment and measures taken through existing reporting mechanisms.
(ii) Where the Partner has determined that the allegations would have a significant impact on the partnership between the Partner and the Donor, the Partner will promptly notify [Donor point of contact] and provide information containing the level of detail of the existing reporting mechanisms.
(iii) Upon request from the Donor, the Partner agrees to provide further available relevant information, that the Partner is aware of unless disclosure of such information would be inconsistent with the Partner's regulations, rules, policies and procedures concerning disclosure of information.

3. It is understood and accepted that the Partner's arrangement to report on SEA and SH will be performed in accordance with the Partner's regulations, rules, policies and procedures, including its rules on confidentiality, and is subject to not compromising the safety, security, privacy and due process rights of any concerned persons.

4. When the Partner becomes aware of reasonable suspicions, complaints or reports of SEA or SH by its personnel, the Partner will, as appropriate under its regulations, rules, policies, and procedures, take reasonable, swift and appropriate action to stop harm occurring, investigate and report to relevant authorities (for potential criminal matters), as appropriate and when safe to do so, after considering the wishes of the victim/survivor.

5. The Donor or any of its duly authorized representatives may, in accordance with agreed mutually accepted terms of reference, carry out reviews or evaluations or other assessment measures to verify the Partner's zero tolerance for SEA and SH, provided that such measures are consistent with the single audit principle governing the UN, if applicable. The Partner will fully cooperate within the scope of the terms of reference with any such reasonable requests by the Donor or any of its duly authorized representatives or agents to carry out such measures.

6. Any information or documentation provided in accordance with these provisions will be treated by the Donor with utmost discretion in order to ensure, *inter alia*, the probity of any investigation, protect sensitive information, ensure the safety and security of persons and respect the due process rights of all involved. The Donor will presume information/documentation to be confidential, deliberative, and investigatory and will ensure that information/documentation provided to the Donor will be available solely to those who strictly require access to such information/documentation. Any disclosure of such information/documentation beyond such personnel will require notification and consultation with the Partner. The Donor will obtain the express written authorization of the Partner before disclosing any such information/documentation in a judicial proceeding or to the public, unless disclosure is otherwise required by law applicable to the Donor and is not subject to the Partner's privileges and immunities under international and/or national law (such as information/documentation constituting UN archives).

7. Unless the regulations, rules, policies, and procedures applicable to the Partner are amended at an earlier stage, and/or there are other substantive changes to any of the referenced policies, processes or mechanisms, the above provisions are subject to possible review two years after the date of the Donors' mutual decision on their text with the Partner. Any changes to the above provisions that may be mutually

decided following such a review will take effect at least four years after the date of the Donors' mutual decision on the present text with the Partner, until which time the above provisions will continue to apply.