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AUDIT

OF

UN WOMEN COUNTRY OFFICE IN AFGHANISTAN

ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN – AFGHAN WOMEN
PROTECTION PROGRAMME (ACO EVAW KOREA)
(Directly Implemented Project No. 89141)

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**Report on the Audit of UN Women Afghanistan
Elimination of Violence Against Women in Afghanistan – Afghan Women Protection Programme
(ACO ERAW Korea) (Project No. 89141)
Executive Summary**

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), through Deloitte (the audit firm), from 11 to 23 June 2017, conducted an audit of Elimination of Violence Against Women in Afghanistan – Afghan Women Protection Programme (ACO ERAW Korea) Project No. 89141 (the Project), which is directly implemented and managed by the UN Women Country Office in Afghanistan. This was the first DIM audit of the Project.

The audit firm conducted a financial audit to express an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the Project's operations. The audit covered the Project's Trial Balance Report, which includes expenses for the period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016 and the Statement of Assets as of 31 December 2016. The audit did not include expenses processed and approved outside of the office (such as by the UN Women Regional Centres and UN Women Headquarters).

The audit was conducted under the general supervision of OAI in conformance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing*.

Audit results

Based on the audit report and corresponding management letter submitted by the audit firm, the results are summarized in the table below:

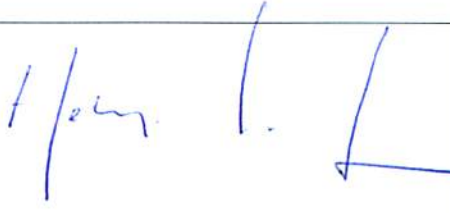
Project Expenses*		Project Assets	
Amount (in \$ '000)	Opinion	Amount (in \$ '000)	Opinion
943	Unqualified	5	Unqualified

* Expenses recorded in the Project Trial Balance were \$ 1,249,986. Excluded from the audit scope were transactions that relate to expenditures processed and approved by other UN Women offices outside of the country in the amount of \$307,078.

The audit did not result in any recommendations.

Management Comments

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



Helge S. Osttveiten
Director
Office of Audit and Investigations

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE FINANCIAL AUDIT OF
UNITED NATIONS ENTITY FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF
WOMEN (UN WOMEN)**

DIRECTLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECT

**ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN – AFGHAN
WOMEN PROTECTION PROGRAMME (ACO EVAW KOREA)**

PROJECT NUMBER 89141

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 01, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016

ISSUED AUGUST 28, 2017

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FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE UN WOMEN AFGHANISTAN DIRECTLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECT, ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN – AFGHAN WOMEN PROTECTION PROGRAMME (ACO EVAW KOREA) PROJECT NUMBER 89141, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 01, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016

PART 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We have conducted the financial audit of UN Women Afghanistan Directly Implemented (DIM) Project 89141 "Elimination of Violence Against Women in Afghanistan - Afghan Women Protection Programme (ACO EVAW Korea)" for the period from January 01, 2016 to December 31, 2016. The audit was undertaken on behalf of the Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

1.1 Project Background

With generous financial support from the Government of the Republic of Korea through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) launched a project "Government of Afghanistan Implements Legal Frameworks Combating and Preventing Violence against Women and Girls in Coordination with Civil Society" (project 89141).

The overall goal of the initiative is to support the Government of Afghanistan to fulfil its key national and international commitments and obligations on combatting and preventing violence against women and girls. The expected outcome falls under impact 3, "Women and girls live a life free of violence".

The project contributes to the Afghanistan Country Office Strategic Note 2014-2017 Development Results Framework (DRF) Outcome 3.1: Government of Afghanistan implements legal frameworks combating and preventing violence against women and girls in coordination with civil society.

1.2 Audit Objective

The objective of the financial audit is to express an opinion on the project's financial statements which include:

- a) Expressing an opinion on whether expenditure incurred by the project for the period from January 01, 2016 to December 31, 2016 and the funds utilization as at December 31, 2016 are fairly presented in accordance with UN Women accounting policies and that the expenses incurred were: (i) in conformity with the approved project budgets; (ii) for the approved purposes of the project; (iii) in compliance with the relevant regulations and rules, policies and procedures of UN Women; and (iv) supported by properly approved vouchers and other supporting documents.
- b) Expressing an opinion on whether the statement of fixed assets presents fairly the balance of assets of the UN Women project as at December 31, 2016. This statement includes all assets available as at December 31, 2016 and not only those purchased in a given period. Where a DIM project does not have any assets or equipment, it will not be necessary to express such an opinion.



- c) As may be applicable, provide the progress made in implementing the recommendations raised in a previous year audit report.

The Financial Audit was conducted in accordance with the International Standards of Auditing (ISA), the 800 series.

1.3 Scope of Audit

The scope of the audit relates only to transactions concluded and recorded against the UN Women DIM project for the period from January 01, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

The scope of the audit did not include:

- Activities and expenses incurred or undertaken at the level of "responsible parties", unless the inclusion of these expenses is specifically required in the request for proposal; and
 - Expenses processed and approved in locations outside the country such as UN Women Regional Offices and UN Women Headquarters and where the supporting documentation is not retained at the level of the UN Women country office.
- a) The audit covered all activities of project number 89141 "ACO ERAW Korea", during the period from January 01, 2016 to December 31, 2016; and included review of project reports and records located at the UN Women country office in Kabul, Afghanistan.
- b) Specifically, the audit covered the expenses incurred and recorded in the Project Expenditure Trial Balance of project number 89141 during the period from January 01 to December 31, 2016 as reported by the Office in Afghanistan and the value and existence of the fixed assets held by project 89141 as at December 31, 2016; and
- c) Follow-up on previous audit:

No audit was carried out in the prior year, accordingly no follow-up procedures were performed.

1.4 Summary of audit results

Summary Number	Subject Matter	Type of opinion issued
i)	Project Expenditure Trial Balance	Unqualified
ii)	Statement of Fixed Assets	Unqualified

We wish to express our appreciation for the cooperation extended to our representatives during the course of their work.

Debitte Yousuf Adil
Chartered Accountants

Shahzad Ali
Partner
Dated: August 28, 2017
Kabul



The Director
Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Dear Sir

Part 2 – FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORTS

2.1 Report on the Project Expenditure Trial Balance

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Project Expenditure Trial Balance of the UN Women project number 89141, Elimination of Violence against Women in Afghanistan-Afghan Women Protection Programme - ACO ERAW Korea (the Project) for the period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Project Expenditure totaling US\$ 1,249,986 is comprised of (i) expenditure directly incurred by the UN Women Country Office in Afghanistan in the amounting to US\$ 942,908 and (ii) expenditure incurred by entities other than the Country Office amounting to US\$ 307,078. Our audit only covered the expenditure directly incurred by the UN Women Country Office in Afghanistan amounting to US\$ 942,908.

In our opinion, the attached Project Expenditure Trial Balance presents fairly, in all material respects, the expenditure of US\$942,908 directly incurred by the UN Women Country Office in Afghanistan and charged to the project for the period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in accordance with UN Women accounting policies and were: (i) in conformity with the approved project budgets; (ii) for the approved purposes of the project; (iii) in compliance with the relevant regulations and rules, policies and procedures of UN Women; and (iv) supported by properly approved vouchers and other supporting documents.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Project Expenditure Trial Balance section of our report. We are independent of UN Women in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board of Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with this code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Dya



Responsibilities of Management for the Project Expenditure Trial Balance

Management is responsible for the preparation of the Project Expenditure Trial Balance, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the Project Expenditure Trial Balance that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for audit of the Project Expenditure Trial Balance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Project Expenditure Trial Balance is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these documents.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Project Expenditure Trial Balance, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Deloitte Yousuf Adil

Chartered Accountants

Engagement Partner

Shahzad Ali

Date: *August 28, 2017.*

Kabul



The Director
Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Dear Sir

Part 2 – FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORTS

2.2 Report on Statement of Fixed Assets

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Fixed Assets of the UN Women project number 89141, Elimination of Violence against Women in Afghanistan-Afghan Women Protection Programme - ACO ERAW Korea (the Project) as at December 31, 2016.

In our opinion, the accompanying Statement of Fixed Assets presents fairly, in all material respects, the assets status of the UN Women project number 89141, amounting to US\$ 5,072 as at December 31, 2016 in accordance with UN Women accounting policies.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of statement of fixed assets. We are independent of UN Women in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board of Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with this code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Statement of Fixed Assets

Management is responsible for the preparation of the Statement of Fixed Assets of the Project, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a statement of fixed assets that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of Statement of Fixed Assets

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Statement of Fixed Assets is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these documents.

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Deloitte

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the statement of fixed assets, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
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Deloitte Yousuf Adil

Chartered Accountants

Engagement Partner

Shahzad Ali

Date: *August 28, 2017.*

Kabul





Extract of UN Women Trial balance as at the 31 December 2016
Expenditure by Project

Sum of Net Amount

Project	Account	Acc. Desc.	Donor report classification	Total per GL	Total Per Asset Schedule	Difference:
89141	18130	Communications & IT Equipments	Assets	7,570.00		
89141	18630	Accumulated Dep - ITC	Assets	(2,497.66)		
89141			Assets - Total	5,072.34	5,072.34	
89141	61105	Salaries - NP Staff	Expenses	9,986.52		
89141	61205	Salaries - GS Staff	Expenses	969.60		
89141	61305	Salaries - IP Staff	Expenses	12,673.49		
89141	62105	Dependency Allowance-NP Staff	Expenses	433.20		
89141	62110	Contrib Joint Staff Pension-NP	Expenses	1,987.24		
89141	62115	Contrib to Med,SocIns-NP Staff	Expenses	831.24		
89141	62120	Hazard Duty Station Allow-NP	Expenses	1,291.20		
89141	62140	Annual Leave Expense - NO	Expenses	1,030.99		
89141	62210	Contrib to Jt Staff Pens Fd-GS	Expenses	189.14		
89141	62215	Contrib. to Medical, social In	Expenses	30.06		
89141	62225	Hazard Duty Station Allow-GS	Expenses	322.80		
89141	62240	Annual Leave Expense - GS	Expenses	66.87		
89141	63360	Medical Exams(Incl Pre-empl)	Expenses	204.24		
89141	63530	Contribution to EOS Benefits	Expenses	410.84		
89141	63535	Contribution to Security	Expenses	438.23		
89141	63540	Contribution to Training	Expenses	109.56		
89141	63545	Contribution to ICT	Expenses	438.23		
89141	63550	Contributions to MAIP	Expenses	21.92		
89141	63555	Contribution to UN JFA	Expenses	197.21		
89141	63560	Contributions to Appendix D	Expenses	32.85		
89141	65115	Contributions to ASHI Reserve	Expenses	876.49		
89141	65135	Payroll Mgt Cost Recovery ATIA	Expenses	134.40		
89141	71205	Intl Consultants-Sht Term-Tech	Expenses	48,250.00		
89141	71305	Local Consult-Sht Term-Tech	Expenses	2,835.00		
89141	71405	Service Contracts-Individuals	Expenses	195,620.45		
89141	71410	MAIP Premium SC	Expenses	588.95		
89141	71415	Contribution to Security SC	Expenses	6,478.08		
89141	71440	Appendix D SC	Expenses	4,711.39		
89141	71605	Travel Tickets-International	Expenses	11,588.00		
89141	71610	Travel Tickets-Local	Expenses	13,822.00		
89141	71615	Daily Subsistence Allow-Intl	Expenses	20,744.46		
89141	71620	Daily Subsistence Allow-Local	Expenses	8,839.85		
89141	71635	Travel - Other	Expenses	4,720.21		
89141	72105	Svc Co-Construction & Engineer	Expenses	43,280.00		
89141	72115	Svc Co-Natural Resources & Env	Expenses	5,382.34		
89141	72120	Svc Co-Trade and Business Serv	Expenses	1,424.27		
89141	72125	Svc Co-Studies & Research Serv	Expenses	3,942.00		
89141	72130	Svc Co-Transportation Services	Expenses	39,142.28		
89141	72135	Svc Co-Communications Service	Expenses	11,805.23		
89141	72145	Svc Co-Training and Educ Serv	Expenses	168,969.22		
89141	72155	Svc Co-Public Admin, Politics	Expenses	257,778.90		
89141	72175	Svc Co-Urban, Rural & Regional	Expenses	3,561.55		
89141	72205	Office Machinery	Expenses	2,019.66		
89141	72210	Machinery and Equipment	Expenses	6,809.38		
89141	72220	Furniture	Expenses	6,962.24		
89141	72405	Acquisition of Communic Equip	Expenses	3,071.68		
89141	72505	Stationery & other Office Supp	Expenses	2,158.94		
89141	72605	Grants to Instit & other Benef	Expenses			
89141	72705	Hospitality-Special Events	Expenses	151.19		
89141	72715	Hospitality Catering	Expenses	20,780.80		
89141	72805	Acquis of Computer Hardware	Expenses	1,865.05		
89141	72815	Inform Technology Supplies	Expenses	375.00		
89141	72966	Licenses and other	Expenses	1,367.16		
89141	73107	Rent - Meeting Rooms	Expenses	2,550.24		
89141	73120	Utilities	Expenses	32,248.84		
89141	73125	Common Services-Premises	Expenses	126,138.51		
89141	73410	Maint, Oper of Transport Equip	Expenses	(750.00)		
89141	73505	Reimb to UNDP for Supp Svcs	Expenses			
89141	74110	Audit Fees	Expenses	47,857.17		
89141	74210	Printing and Publications	Expenses	47,135.41		
89141	74220	Translation Costs	Expenses	6,898.04		
89141	74230	Audio & Visual Equipment	Expenses	1,912.18		
89141	74325	Contrib. To CO Common Security	Expenses	22,967.43		
89141	74510	Bank Charges	Expenses	167.73		
89141	74515	Claims and Adjustments	Expenses	215.00		
89141	74965	Low value equipment	Expenses			
89141	75105	Facilities & Admin - Implement	Expenses	11,272.81		
89141	75115	Facilities & Admin - OH & Ind	Expenses			
89141	75705	Learning Costs	Expenses	10,505.26		
89141	76125	Realized Loss	Expenses	7,637.68		
89141	77630	Dep Exp Owned - ITC	Expenses	1,507.89		
89141			Expenses Total	1,249,985.79		
89141 Total				1,255,058.13		

I hereby certify that the Trial Balance is extracted from UN-Women's books and records which have been audited by the United Nations Board of Audit for the year ended 31 December 2016

Donna Grinwade
Chief of Accounts

Date 16-May-17

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United Nations Entity for Gender Equality
and the Empowerment of Women

Asset Schedule by Project as at the 31 December 2016

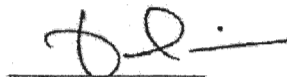
Business unit	Operating Unit	Asset ID	Profile ID	Description	TAG Number	Serial Number	Model	Location	Acquisition Date	In Service Date	Cost,USD	Net Book Value	Quantity	Department	Impl Agency	Donor	Project	Fund code
AFG30	AFG	1309	UNW_ICT1	Dell Laptop Latitude E6440	UNW-CAP-0212	8776K12	E6440	AFGOFFB-05	11/19/2014	11/30/2014	1,345.00	744.84	1	92501	2001	717	89141 W3000	
AFG30	AFG	2366	UNW_ICT1	Dell Laptop Latitude E6440	UNW-CAP-0244	JHF2P32	E6440	AFGOFF111	4/13/2015	4/13/2015	1,450.00	942.5	1	92501	2001	717	89141 W3000	
AFG30	AFG	2370	UNW_ICT1	Dell Laptop Latitude E6440	UNW-CAP-0246	1FG2P32	E6440	AFGOFFB-05	4/13/2015	4/13/2015	1,450.00	942.5	1	92501	2001	717	89141 W3000	
AFG30	AFG	2380	UNW_ICT1	Dell Laptop Latitude E6440	UNW-A-0245	6XF2P32	E6440	AFGOFF111	4/13/2015	4/13/2015	1,450.00	942.5	1	92501	2001	717	89141 W3000	
AFG30	AFG	2872	UNW_ICT1	HP Laptop Elitebook 820	UNW-A-0302	5CG5400V2T	820	AFGOFF111	1/26/2016	1/26/2016	1,875.00	1,500.00	1	92501	2001	717	89141 W3000	
											<u>7,570.00</u>	<u>5,072.34</u>						

I hereby certify that the Asset Schedule is extracted from UN-Women's books and records, which have been audited by the United Nations Board of Audit for the year ended 31 December 2016



Donna Gilmwede
Chief of Accounts

16-May-17
Date



Frankline Okumu
Asset Focal Point

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