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Financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 31 March 2024

Report of the Executive Director

I. Introduction

1. The present report provides an overview of the financial position of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) as at 31 March 2024 and describes the performance of the main funding segments of UN-Habitat, namely the United Nations regular budget appropriations provided to UN-Habitat and the Foundation non-earmarked, programme support, Foundation earmarked and technical cooperation funds, for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2024.

2. Table 1 provides an overview of funding as at 31 March 2024, showing revenue, budget and expenses for all the major funding segments alongside the budget figures from the approved work programme for 2024. A statement of financial performance showing the revenue, expenses, fund balances and reserves for each funding segment is set out in annex I. The status of Foundation non-earmarked contributions for the years 2020 to 2024 is set out in annex II, while annex III shows the status of earmarked voluntary contributions as at 31 March 2024.

Table 1

Overview of the revenue, budget and expenses of the main funds as at 31 March 2024^a

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Component</i>	<i>Regular budget (section 15)</i>	<i>Foundation non- earmarked</i>	<i>Foundation earmarked</i>	<i>Technical cooperation</i>	<i>Programme support</i>	<i>Total</i>
Revenue	3,177.3	474.7	8,394.3	33,935.6	3,474.5	49,456.4
Budget	3,254.7	993.7	11,520.3	25,656.4	2,500.3	43,925.4
Expenses	3,177.3	586.5	13,428.5	32,445.7	1,506.1	51,144.1

^a Revenue includes contributions and other sources of revenue and is stated net of adjustments.

* HSP/EB.2024/1.

3. Table 2 shows the composition of all voluntary contributions received during the period by type of contributor, while table 3 shows the voluntary contributions by region. As shown in annex I, voluntary contributions comprise the majority of revenue.

Table 2
Voluntary contributions, by type of contributor
(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Component</i>	<i>Civil society</i>	<i>Foundations</i>	<i>Governments</i>	<i>Inter-governmental</i>	<i>Local authorities</i>	<i>Private sector</i>	<i>United Nations entities</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Foundation non-earmarked	-	-	473.5	-	-	-	-	-	473.5
Foundation earmarked	10.5	4,984.4	3,053.5	1,960.6	-	-	103.1	-	10,112.1
Technical cooperation	254.4	89.8	4,413.1	9,951.9	650.0	1,126.6	17,942.6	-	34,428.4
Total	264.9	5,074.2	7,940.1	11,912.5	650.0	1,126.6	18,045.7	-	45,014.0

Table 3
Voluntary contributions, by region
(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Component</i>	<i>African States</i>	<i>Asia-Pacific States</i>	<i>Eastern European States</i>	<i>Latin American and Caribbean States</i>	<i>Western European and other States</i>	<i>Global</i>	<i>Total</i>
Foundation non-earmarked	250.0	223.5	-	-	-	-	473.5
Foundation earmarked	160.1	543.6	-	-	9,235.3	173.1	10,112.1
Technical cooperation	279.2	2,408.6	-	1,788.4	12,009.6	17,942.6	34,428.4
Total	689.3	3,175.7	-	1,788.4	21,244.9	18,115.7	45,014.0

II. Performance of core funds

4. Foundation non-earmarked contributions and United Nations regular-budget appropriations are the core resources of UN-Habitat.

A. Foundation non-earmarked fund

5. The resources of the Foundation non-earmarked fund, also known as the Foundation general purpose fund, are allocated against budget priorities approved by the Executive Board of UNHabitat.

6. The main source of Foundation non-earmarked fund revenue is nonearmarked contributions from Member States. The Foundation non-earmarked fund constitutes a core source of funding for the implementation of the UN-Habitat strategic plan and for mandated normative work, executive direction and management, and a baseline level of programme support.

7. The 2024 approved budget for the Foundation non-earmarked fund is \$4.0 million. Total revenue amounted to \$0.5 million, and expenses totalled \$0.6 million, resulting in a net operational deficit of \$0.1 million. Expenses consisted of \$0.5 million in post costs and \$0.1 million in operating expenses. A statutory operational reserve of \$3.0 million is provided for in accordance with Executive Board decision 2022/5¹. Revenue, expenses and closing net assets for the Foundation non-earmarked fund for the years from 2015 to 2024 are shown in table 4 and the figure below it.

¹ HSP/EB.2022/22.

Table 4
Revenue, expenses and closing net assets for the Foundation non-earmarked fund
 (Thousands of United States dollars)

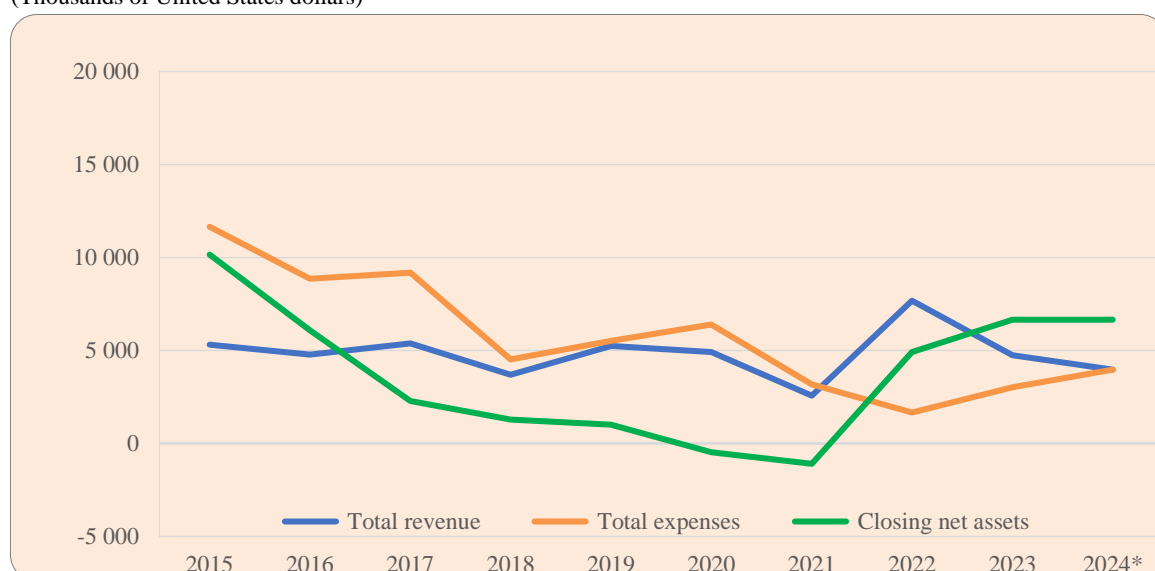
Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 ^a
Total revenue	5,307.0	4,785.0	5,373.0	3,699.0	5,239.0	4,916.0	2,570.0	7,677.0	4,749.0	3,974.4
Total expenses	11,651.0	8,851.0	9,182.0	4,519.0	5,518.0	6,396.0	3,185.0	1,662.0	3,025.0	3,974.4
Closing net assets	10,154.0	6,088.0	2,279.0	1,280.0	1,001.0	(479.0)	(1,094.0)	4,922.0	6,646.0	6,646.0

^a Projected data.

8. The figure below, which charts the trends in the Foundation non-earmarked fund, shows the gradual decline, on average, in revenue in the years prior to 2022, alongside an average decline in expenses. Despite the implementation of financial austerity plans, expenses exceeded revenue in the years prior to 2022, which resulted in unsustainable deficit spending and an ensuing steady decline in net assets. In 2022, contributions reached their highest level since 2014 and with reinvigorated expense controls in place, UN-Habitat reported its first surplus in more than a decade. In addition, the Foundation non-earmarked fund returned to solvency. In 2023, the net assets increased to its highest level since 2016.

Trends in the Foundation non-earmarked fund

(Thousands of United States dollars)



*Projected data.

9. In 2017, the secretariat approved a loan of \$3.0 million from the programme support account to the Foundation non-earmarked fund. Repayments of \$0.5 million were made in 2022 and 2023, for a total of \$1.0 million repaid to date, and with a remaining liability of \$2.0 million.

B. Regular-budget fund

1. Section 15

10. An appropriation approved by the General Assembly is provided to UN-Habitat under section 15 (Human settlements) of the United Nations regular budget. In 2024, the appropriation amounted to \$13.0 million. Post costs accounted for 91.2 per cent of the \$3.2 million in expenses recorded by 31 March 2024.

2. Sections 23 and 35

11. UN-Habitat also receives resources under section 23 (Regular programme of technical cooperation) and section 35 (Development account) of the United Nations regular budget. In 2024, appropriations under section 23 were \$1.4 million, of which \$0.3 million was spent, and appropriations under section 35 were \$1.8 million, of which \$0.2 million was also spent.

C. Programme support fund

12. The 2024 programme support budget approved by the Executive Director totalled \$10.0 million. Total revenue as at 31 March 2024 amounted to \$3.5 million while total expenses amounted to \$1.5 million, resulting in a surplus of \$2.0 million. Post costs represented 72.8 per cent of total expenses.

13. Programme support resources are generated through the charge levied as a percentage of direct earmarked expenses, in accordance with the administrative instruction on programme support accounts². This charge is for recovery of incremental indirect costs to ensure that the additional cost of supporting earmarked activities is not paid from core funds. Revenue, expenses and closing net assets for the programme support fund for the years from 2015 to 2024 are shown in table 5.

Table 5
Revenue, expenses and closing net assets for the programme support fund
(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Year</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024^a</i>
Total revenue	11,341.0	11,000.0	9,975.0	11,543.0	10,400.0	12,709.0	12,189.0	12,876.0	13,232.2	10,001.0
Total expenses	10,536.0	8,966.0	10,277.0	12,514.0	12,700.0	13,304.0	12,270.0	10,363.0	8,864.1	10,001.0
Closing net assets	13,648.0	15,981.0	15,679.0	14,887.0	12,587.0	11,992.0	11,911.0	14,762.0	16,279.1	14,762.0

^a Projected data.

III. Performance of earmarked funds

A. Foundation earmarked fund

14. Voluntary contributions to the Foundation earmarked fund are intended for the implementation of specific activities in the work programme that are consistent with the mandate and work programme of UN-Habitat. Such activities generally comprise global thematic and multi-country projects.

15. For 2024, the approved budget was \$46.1 million while total revenue before refunds to donors was \$10.1 million, which includes voluntary contributions of \$10.0 million. For the period, net revenue after refunds to donors amounted to \$8.4 million. Total expenses incurred were \$13.4 million. Gross project balances at the end of the period amounted to \$125.6 million, including a reserve of \$4.0 million. The reported deficit of \$5.0 million is notional, as it results from the utilization of part of the project resources carried over from 2023.

B. Technical cooperation fund

16. Voluntary contributions to the technical cooperation fund are for the implementation of specific technical activities at the country and regional levels that are consistent with the mandate and work programme of UN-Habitat.

17. The approved budget for 2024 was \$96.7 million, while total revenue before refunds to donors was \$135.6 million, which includes voluntary contributions of \$102.6 million. For the period, net revenue after refunds to donors amounted to \$33.9 million, while expenses were \$32.4 million. Gross project balances at the end of the period amounted to \$288.1 million, including a reserve of \$11.4 million.

² ST/AI/286.

Annex I

Statement of financial performance for the period ended 31 March 2024, by segment

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	Sources of funding									Intersegment elimination	Grand total	
	REGB	FNDN	FNDE	TECH	PRGS	Subtotal	RPTC	DEVT	Subtotal			Total
R01. Assessed contributions	3,177.3	-	-	-	-	3,177.3	277.5	211.9	489.4	3,666.7	-	3,666.7
R02. Voluntary contributions	-	473.5	10,009.0	16,485.8	-	26,968.3	-	-	-	26,968.3	-	26,968.3
R03. Other transfers and allocations	-	-	103.1	17,942.6	-	18,045.7	-	-	-	18,045.7	-	18,045.7
R04. Refunds to donors	-	-	(1,732.0)	(518.7)	-	(2,250.7)	-	-	-	(2,250.7)	-	(2,250.7)
R05. Programme support revenue	-	-	(8.0)	-	3,464.8	3,456.8	-	-	-	3,456.8	3,456.8	-
R06. Investment revenue	-	-	3.6	-	9.8	13.4	-	-	-	13.4	-	13.4
R07. Other revenue	-	1.2	18.6	25.9	(0.1)	45.6	-	-	-	45.6	-	45.6
Total revenue	3,177.3	474.7	8,394.3	33,935.6	3,474.5	49,456.4	277.5	211.9	489.4	49,945.8	3,456.8	46,489.0
E01. Post costs	2,856.8	457.3	-	-	1,071.7	4,385.8	-	-	-	4,385.8	-	4,385.8
E02. Other staff costs	12.3	-	5,759.0	10,547.6	277.3	16,596.2	203.8	24.0	227.8	16,824.0	-	16,824.0
E03. Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E04. Consultants and experts	-	-	-	-	32.9	32.9	33.2	161.3	194.5	227.4	-	227.4
E05. Travel of representatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E06. Travel of staff	4.3	89.7	640.3	664.2	10.9	1,409.4	23.5	6.3	29.8	1,439.2	-	1,439.2
E07. Contractual services	69.7	20.1	649.3	6,934.8	5.9	7,679.8	16.9	8.9	25.8	7,705.6	-	7,705.6
E08. General operating expenses	231.7	15.7	527.9	4,104.4	88.5	4,968.2	-	4.6	4.6	4,972.8	-	4,972.8
E09. Supplies and materials	1.2	-	7.7	1,012.8	2.0	1,023.7	-	0.2	0.2	1,023.9	-	1,023.9
E10. Furniture and equipment	1.3	3.7	161.3	1,171.6	15.7	1,353.6	0.1	-	0.1	1,353.7	-	1,353.7
E11. Grants and contributions	-	-	5,635.4	7,997.5	1.2	13,634.1	-	6.6	6.6	13,640.7	3,456.8	10,183.9
E12. Other expenses	-	-	47.6	12.8	-	60.4	-	-	-	60.4	-	60.4
Total expenses	3,177.3	586.5	13,428.5	32,445.7	1,506.1	51,144.1	277.5	211.9	489.4	51,633.5	3,456.8	48,176.7
Surplus/(deficit)	-	(111.8)	(5,034.2)	1,489.9	1,968.4	(1,687.7)	-	-	-	(1,687.7)	-	(1,687.7)
Gross fund balances (1 January 2024)	-	6,646.0	130,646.0	313,640.0	14,050.9	464,982.9	-	-	-	464,982.9	-	464,982.9

Category	Sources of funding									Intersegment elimination	Grand total	
	REGB	FNDN	FNDE	TECH	PRGS	Subtotal	RPTC	DEVT	Subtotal			Total
Gross fund balances (31 March 2024)	-	6,534.2	125,611.8	315,129.9	16,019.4	463,295.3	-	-	-	463,295.3	-	463,295.3
Statutory operating reserves	-	3,000.0	4,023.0	11,360.0	2,932.0	21,315.0	-	-	-	21,315.0	-	21,315.0
Net fund balances (31 March 2024)	-	3,534.2	121,588.8	303,769.9	13,087.4	441,980.3	-	-	-	441,980.3	-	441,980.3

Abbreviations: DEVT – development account (S.35); FNDE – Foundation earmarked; FNDN – Foundation non-earmarked; PRGS – programme support; REGB – regular budget; RPTC – regular programme of technical cooperation (S.23); TECH – technical cooperation.

Note: “R02. Voluntary contributions” and “R03. Other transfers and allocations” are both voluntary contributions.

Annex II

Status of annual voluntary contributions to the Foundation non-earmarked fund

(United States dollars)

<i>Contributor</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>Total</i>
Algeria	10 000	10 000	–	-	-	20,000
Angola	–	–	400 000	-	-	400,000
Azerbaijan	–	–	3 000 000	500,000	-	3,500,000
Barbados	14 706	15 000	14 814	-	-	44,520
Benin	–	–	–	47,993	-	47,993
Botswana	40 000	20 000	20 000	-	-	80,000
Burkina Faso	–	17 590	–	48,702	-	66,292
Burundi	–	–	–	10,000	-	10,000
Cameroon	–	–	–	-	100,000	100,000
China	350 000	350 000	350 000	350,000	150,000	1,550,000
Cyprus	–	–	–	55,494	-	55,494
Czechia	6 731	6 820	6 022	6,585	-	26,158
Dominican Republic	4 975	–	6 000	5,000	-	15,975
Egypt	–	50 000	–	-	-	50,000
France	227 740	–	528 346	252,193	-	1,008,279
Germany	184 049	174 419	1 028 807	1,093,502	-	2,480,777
Guinea	–	–	41 030	-	-	41,030
India	145 455	100 000	–	100,000	50,000	395,455
Indonesia	–	–	–	50,000	-	50,000
Israel	–	–	3 000	3,426	-	6,426
Italy	–	118 906	–	-	-	118,906
Japan ^a	31 455	31 458	28 312	30,011	23,533	144,769
Kenya	99 975	100 000	100 000	100,000	-	399,975
Kiribati	–	50 000	–	-	-	50,000
Malawi	20 000	10 000	–	-	-	30,000
Malaysia	–	–	1 000 000	200,000	-	1,200,000
Mali	–	10 012	–	-	-	10,012
Mauritius	–	25 000	–	75,000	-	100,000
Mexico	500 000	500 000	50 000	-	-	1,050,000
Myanmar	9 980	–	–	-	-	9,980
Namibia	–	–	–	150,000	150,000	300,000
Nigeria	75 000	–	–	-	-	75,000
Norway	2 180 130	–	–	-	-	2,180,130
Pakistan	5 941	5 992	5 843	5,824	-	23,600
Philippines	50 000	50 000	50 000	50,000	-	200,000
Portugal	–	–	–	125,000	-	125,000
Republic of Korea	84 365	84 066	70 033	76,405	-	314,869
Rwanda	–	10 000	–	-	-	10,000
Senegal	44 868	–	–	-	-	44,868
Singapore	–	–	30 000	30,000	-	60,000
Slovakia	–	–	–	53,706	-	53,706

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<i>Contributor</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>Total</i>
Somalia	-	-	-	2,500	-	2,500
South Africa	150 000	160 000	160 000	160,000	-	630,000
Spain	-	-	52 975	194,229	-	247,204
Sri Lanka	25 000	25 000	-	-	-	50,000
Tunisia	-	-	-	50,000	-	50,000
Türkiye	-	200 000	-	-	-	200,000
United States of America	650 000	812 997	700 000	600,000	-	2,762,997
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	8,002	-	8,002
Total	4 910 370	2 937 260	7 645 182	4,433,572	473,533	20,399,917

* Contributions from Japan have been adjusted as per donor specifications.

Annex III**Status of earmarked voluntary contributions as at 31 March 2024**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Contributor</i>	<i>United Nations regional group</i>	<i>Foundation earmarked</i>	<i>Technical cooperation</i>	<i>Total</i>
Adaptation Fund Board	Western Europe and other States	-	1,052.1	1,052.1
Association of Southeast Asian Nations	Asia-Pacific States	-	110.7	110.7
Beijing Chaoyang Environment Group Co Ltd	Asia-Pacific States	-	149.1	149.1
Belgium	Western Europe and other States	-	507.9	507.9
Brazil	Latin American and Caribbean States	-	1,138.4	1,138.4
C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Inc.	Global	70.0	-	70.0
Cameroon	African States	-	24.8	24.8
China	Asia-Pacific States	133.7	29.3	163.0
Coca-Cola	Western Europe and other States	-	148.5	148.5
European Commission	Western Europe and other States	1,960.6	8,693.4	10,654.0
Fondation Botnar	Western Europe and other States	24.3	-	24.3
Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation - Fief	Asia-Pacific States	-	89.8	89.8
Germany	Western Europe and other States	1,300.0	22.5	1,322.5
Ideella Foreningen Teknikforetagen I Sverige Med Firma Foreningen	Western Europe and other States	10.5	-	10.5
Italy	Western Europe and other States	79.7	-	79.7
Japan	Asia-Pacific States	262.9	43.3	306.2
Jordan	Asia-Pacific States	9.5	-	9.5
Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development	Asia-Pacific States	-	95.7	95.7
M S Geetarani Mohanty Raikela Iron Ore Mines	Asia-Pacific States	-	804.4	804.4
Montreal International	Western Europe and other States	4,890.1	-	4,890.1
Morocco	African States	131.6	-	131.6
Municipio de Juarez	Latin American and Caribbean States	-	650.0	650.0
Netherlands	Western Europe and other States	79.7	13.6	93.3
Norway	Western Europe and other States	47.0	-	47.0
Republic of Korea	Asia-Pacific States	137.5	664.2	801.7
Spain	Western Europe and other States	142.1	535.9	678.0
Sweden	Western Europe and other States	683.9	-	683.9
Switzerland	Western Europe and other States	17.4	21.0	38.4
Tunisia	African States	28.5	-	28.5
United Arab Emirates	Asia-Pacific States	-	422.1	422.1

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<i>Contributor</i>	<i>United Nations regional group</i>	<i>Foundation earmarked</i>	<i>Technical cooperation</i>	<i>Total</i>
United Nations entities	Global	103.1	17,942.6	18,045.7
United States of America	Western Europe and other States	-	990.1	990.1
University Ouaga 1 Professor Joseph Ki-Zerbo	African States	-	254.4	254.4
Wuppertal Institut für Klima, Umwelt, Energie	Western Europe and other States	-	24.6	24.6
Total		10,112.1	34,428.4	44,540.5