Report of the External Auditor



Presentation

Mandate

- Comptroller and Auditor General of India appointed as External Auditor for 4 yr period
 2024 2027
- Audit conducted in accordance with
 - financial & regulatory frameworks governing various activities of UNAIDS
 - International Standards on Auditing

Audit Objectives

• To examine:

- financial statements to derive reasonable assurance that they reflect true and fair view of operations
- whether transactions/financial statements are presented/ disclosed in accordance with IPSAS
- whether internal controls are adequate & effective in fulfilling organization & justify extent of reliance placed thereon
- whether accounting policies are consistent & in compliance with IPSAS
- transactions/activities are in compliance with WHO's financial regulations and financial rules

Financial Audit

Audit Opinion

issued an unqualified opinion on financial statements

Non-accounting of voluntary contributions on 'accrual' basis

- UNAIDS entered into agreement with 2 donors in 2023
 - not accounted for in that yr
- Recommendation: Ensure that voluntary contributions received by UNAIDS are accounted in the financial statements in compliance with the accrual concept of accounting

Compliance Audit

Overdue projects

- 1375 agreements with PO value of USD 67.73 million
 - 456 agreements (PO value of USD 41.19 million) at different stages of implementation
 - 143 agreements (PO value of USD 6.98 million) overdue
 - 52 agreements (PO value of USD 1.23 million) overdue by more than 100 days (max delay of 381 days)
- Recommendation: continue efforts to monitor completion/ closure of POs by concerned offices at regular intervals; explore using dashboard to automatically generate alerts & reminders regarding projects nearing and past the completion date.

Compliance Audit

Follow up of post facto verification process

- UNAIDS introduced post facto verification (PFV) of commercial & non-commercial agreements
- 337 POs taken up for PFV in 2024
 - · 258 compliant
 - 79 non-compliant
 - Action on 48 cases not yet initiated
- · Recommendation: ensure that corrective actions covering support, training, use of dashboard and data analysis are carried out

Compliance Audit

Non-compliance issues in agreement for Performance of Work/ Consultant contracts

- Recommendation:
 - reinforce control on adherence to standard competitive process, document deviations & upload mandatory supporting documents in the ERP
 - ensure that deliverables are made specific in the ToR.

Status of implementation of previous external audit recommendations

- 6 outstanding recommendations (31.12.2024)
- 4 recommendations implemented
- 2 recommendations outstanding as on date

Thank You