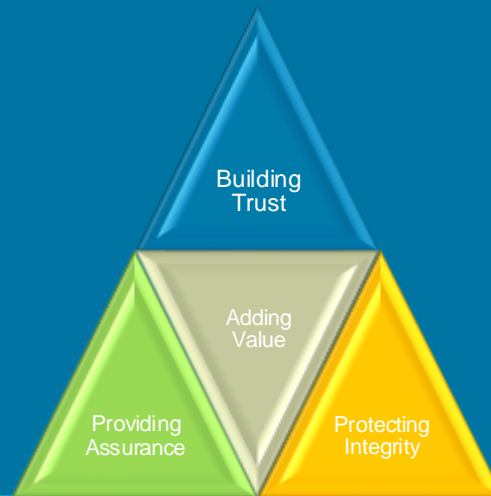


# Office of Internal Oversight Services (IOS)



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# I. 2023 - Key internal audit issues

## ➤ Summary of audit conclusions

Audit conclusions	2023	2022	2021
Satisfactory	0	0	1
Partially satisfactory with some improvements needed	3	1	3
Partially satisfactory with major improvements needed	0	3	1
Unsatisfactory	0	0	0
<b>Total audits</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Advisory reviews (no rating included)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

➤ **Overall improvement in the effectiveness of controls** - up to 71% in 2023, compared to 55% in 2022 (and 70% in 2021). The number of controls with a high level of residual risk decreased from 8.7% in 2022 to 5% in 2023.

## ➤ Areas with a high level of residual risk

- Post facto assurance and spot checks of DFC and PFA supporting documentation are not consistently conducted or sufficiently well documented to ensure the integrity of financial reports
- Implementing Partners of DFCs and PFAs had not been sufficiently provided with practical guidance/training to ensure that Funding Authorization and Certification of Expenditure reports meet UNAIDS expected standards.

## II. Implementation of audit recommendations

- Improvements in this area. Since the prior Report of the Internal Auditor in 2023, IOS closed 12 audits (Table 3 of the report).
- Outstanding recommendations decreased from 113 in April 2023 to 72 in April 2024
- Overdue recommendations decreased from 22% in 2023 to 4.9% in 2024.

### III. Investigations – Caseload and Trends

- In 2023, IOS handled a total of 73 cases, including
  - 46 cases carried over from previous years, and
  - 27 new cases received in 2023
  
- 74% of new cases received in 2023 relate to non-financial misconduct, whereas only 26% involve financial misconduct

Type of report of concern	2021	2022	2023
Fraud	8	3	3
Failure to comply with professional standards	0	1	3
Recruitment irregularity	2	0	0
Harassment, Discrimination, Abuse of Authority	1	4	3
Sexual Harassment	0	2	4
Sexual Exploitation and Abuse	0	4	6
Retaliation	0	3	7
Other	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>27</b>

### III. Investigations – Disposition of Cases

- In 2023, IOS closed a total of 53 cases\*, including
  - 33 cases received between 2016 and 2022, and
  - 20 cases received in 2023
  
- Of the 27 cases received in 2023, 20 could be concluded, of which:
  - 19 within 6 months
  - 1 after 6 months
  
- At year end, IOS had 13\* open cases, a significant (71%) decrease compared to year end 2022.

\* discrepancy due to changes in case management system.

**Thank you**

**Q & A**