# **EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT Organizational oversight reports**



### Additional documents for this item:

Report of the work of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for 2022 (UNAIDS/PCB (52)/23.16);

Report of the Ethics Officer (UNAIDS/PCB (52)/23.18);

Report of the Independent External Oversight Advisory Committee (UNAIDS/PCB (52)/23.19);

Management response to the Organizational Oversight Reports (UNAIDS/PCB (52)/23.20)

**Action required at this meeting:** The Programme Coordinating Board is invited to *accept* the External Auditor's Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2022;

Cost implications for implementation of decisions: none



# OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA

Our audit aims to provide independent assurance and to add value the Management of Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) by making constructive recommnedations

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for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

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### **Chapter II**

### Long -form report of the External Auditor

### **Summary**

### Introduction

We audited the financial statements and reviewed the operations of the UNAIDS for the year ended 31 December 2022. The audit of financial statements and a review of operations was carried out at UNAIDS Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

### Overall result of the audit

### **Audit Opinion**

We have issued an unqualified audit opinion on the financial statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

### **Key audit findings**

- We reviewed the census data (demographic data) of UNAIDS staff provided to the Actuary for ASHI actuarial valuation and noticed inconsistencies, which has the potential to impact the actuarial valuation.
- ii. There were delays in completion of annual process of assets verification.
- iii. Payment to Direct Financial Cooperation Agreement supplier was not in accordance with the terms of Agreement.
- iv. While reviewing Travel claims, we observed cases of non-submission and delayed submission of travel claims by staff members.

### Recommendations

- i. UNAIDS needs to work in closer collaboration with SHI to ensure that the Actuary uses accurate demographic data for more accurate actuarial valuation, in future periods.
- **ii.** UNAIDS needs to take concrete steps to complete the verification of all assets and devise a mechanism to ensure that all assets are verified in a timely manner.
- **iii.** UNAIDS needs to discharge its payment obligations as per the terms of Direct Financial Cooperation Agreement, and the reasons and justifications for release of funds not in conformity with the DFC agreement provisions needs to be looked into.

### **Key facts**

USD 220.34 million Total Revenue in 2022 USD 230.94 million Total Expenses in 2022

USD 305.34 million Total Assets as at 31 December 2022 USD 57.33 million Total Liabilities as at 31 December 2022

USD 248.01 million Total Net Assets/equity as at 31 December 2022

### A. Financial Overview

- 1. Deficit decreased from USD 35.06 million in 2021 (14.5 *per cent* of total revenue) to USD 1.68 million in 2022 (0.77 *per cent* of total revenue). This was primarily due to decrease in cost of staff and other personnel costs.
- 2. UNAIDS's revenue in 2022 (USD 220.35 million) decreased by 8.97 *per cent* as compared to 2021 (USD 242.06 million). Total expenses (USD 279.94 million for 2021 and USD 230.94 million for 2022) as a percentage of revenue decreased from 115.65 *per cent* in 2021 to 104.81 *per cent* in 2022.
- 3. Staff cost, which has been the largest item of expenditure, saw a decrease of 24.2 *per cent* in 2022 (USD 109.10 million) as compared to 2021 (USD 143.94 million).
- 4. Transfers and grants to Counterparts is the second largest item of UNAIDS expense. Disbursement to grantees (USD 87.20 million for 2021 and USD 74.07 million for 2022) as a percentage of revenue decreased from 36.02 *per cent* in 2021 to 33.62 *percent* in 2022.
- 5. As at 31 December 2022, the total assets of UNAIDS were USD 305.35 million, a decrease of USD 13.15 million as compared to 31 December 2022 (USD 318.50 million). Cash and Cash Equivalent saw an increase of USD 1.05 million (8.47 per cent) in 2022 (USD 13.39 million) as compared to 2021 (USD 12.34 million).
- 6. As at 31 December 2022, non-current Accrued Staff Liabilities were USD (1.99 million), a decrease of USD 142.38 million as compared to 31 December 2021 (USD 140.39 million). This was primarily due to decrease in actuarial valuation of the after-service staff health benefits.

### **Short Term Solvency**

7. We analysed the liquidity position of UNAIDS to assess its ability to meet its short-term commitments or operating needs. The quick ratio and current ratios for the last two years indicated that the current assets, cash and cash equivalents had always been more than six times its current liabilities as could be observed from the Table below:

Particulars	2022	2021
Net Working Capital (MUSD)	243.70	248.42
Current Ratio	7.98	7.35
Quick Ratio	7.90	7.32

### B. Mandate, scope and methodology

- 8. UNAIDS is leading the global effort to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030 as part of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- 9. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India has been appointed external auditor of UNAIDS for a term of four years from 2020 to 2023. The audit was conducted in accordance with Financial and regulatory frameworks governing the various activities of UNAIDS, including the WHO Financial Regulations and Rules, UNAIDS Financial Regulatory Framework, recommendations/guidelines of Governing Council and Scientific Council etc., as well as the International Standards on Auditing.
- 10. The Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. The audit included a general review of financial systems and internal controls and a test examination of the accounting records and other supporting evidence to the extent that we considered necessary to form an opinion on the financial statements.
- 11. The objectives of the audit were to review the financial statements to derive reasonable assurance that they reflect the true and fair view of the operations of UNAIDS; the financial Statements are presented/disclosed in accordance with IPSAS; the internal controls are effective and justify the extent of reliance placed thereon; the accounting policies adopted by UNAIDS are consistent and in compliance with IPSAS and the transactions/activities are in compliance with WHO's financial regulations and financial rules (and adopted by UNAIDS).

### C. Audit Findings and recommendations

### C1. Status of implementation of previous external audit recommendations

12. There were 11 outstanding recommendations up to the period ending 31 December 2021. We examined and noted that 4 recommendations have been implemented, 6 were under implementation and one recommendation was overtaken by events. Details of the recommendations are given in Annexure-I.

### C2. Financial Audit

### I. Presentation and disclosures relating to Financial Statements

- 13. We reviewed the presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures in the Notes to the Financial Statements of the UNAIDS as at 31 December 2022, in order to ascertain compliance with applicable IPSAS. We found that there were certain deficiencies and inadequacies in presentation of the financial statements as per IPSAS. The management accepted our points and revised the financial statements. Changes made at the instance of audit are:
  - i. Initially, UNAIDS depicted "Cash and cash equivalent held by WHO" at USD 164.92 million. This comprised of three different items Cash and Cash equivalents, Short term investments and netted off financial liabilities. At our instance, UNAIDS, incorporated two separate line items: "Cash and Cash equivalent held by WHO (USD 13.39 million) and "Short term investments held by WHO" (USD 153.69 million). A separate line item "Financial liabilities held by WHO" (USD 2.15 million) was also added. Further a new explanatory note No. 4.2 was also added in the supporting information.
  - ii. Correction of error in disclosure of an amount of USD 22 million for the "Global Strategic Initiatives" in Statement V on 'Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amount 2022-2023 Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework'
  - iii. Disclosure of USD 4.27 million on account of Net unrealized (gains)/losses on revaluation of long-term borrowings in the Statement IV on 'Statement of Cash Flow', for the year ended 31 December 2022, instead of earlier disclosed USD 1.40 million.
  - iv. Disclosure of comparative information for previous year 2021, under actuarial assumptions and methods, in respect of currency mix, annual general inflation rate, annual salary increases under Accrued Staff Benefits under Note 4.12 of the supporting information to the financial statements.
  - v. Disclosure of reasons for changes in After Service Health Insurance obligations under Note 4.12 of the supporting information to the financial statements.
  - vi. Disclosure of accounting policy on commitments and detailed disclosure on open purchase orders to the end of 31 December 2022 under Note 11 of the supporting information to the financial statements.

### II. Inconsistencies in ASHI Actuarial valuation

- 14. IPSAS 39 "Employee Benefits" prescribe the accounting and disclosure for employee benefits. The UNAIDS staff benefits are determined by professional actuaries.
- 15. We reviewed the Actuarial valuation report shared by UNAIDS for ASHI benefits and noted that the actuary has assumed a headcount of 641 for UNAIDS. We observed that the actual headcount as per data supplied to us was 588. The census data as per actuary report and the figures derived from the data supplied to us by UNAIDS, differed with respect to average age, average seniority, inactive headcount, and average age of retirees.
- 16. We observed that demographic assumptions made by Actuary were not in agreement with the data available with UNAIDS / SHI, or the payroll data. The Management stated that they are in agreement with the observation, that the actuary use accurate demographic assumptions for actuarial valuation, and this would impact the staff benefits.

Recommendation 1: We recommend that UNAIDS needs to work in closer collaboration with SHI to ensure that the Actuary uses accurate demographic data for more accurate actuarial valuation, in future periods.

17. UNAIDS accepted the recommendation.

### C3. Compliance Audit

### III. Delay in completion of the annual process of verification of assets

- 18. UNAIDS issued detailed instructions to each of its office, regarding steps to be completed as part of physical verification of assets. The deadline for completing the physical verification of assets was specified as 07 December 2022. These related to Fixed Assets of UNAIDS valued at USD 4.96 million spread across regions and country offices.
- 19. We reviewed the physical verification results for the year 2022 for 76 offices and noticed that only 18 offices adhered to the timelines, whereas in 58 offices, the physical verification was completed with delays ranging from 1 day to 72 days (average<sup>1</sup> delay 40 days).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Median was used for calculating average.

20. The Management stated that the delays were due to competing priorities at the end of the year and significant changes to staffing (and reduced staffing level) as a result of the ongoing alignment process. They further stated that they will enforce adherence to specified deadline for the 2023 asset verification.

Recommendation 2: We recommend that UNAIDS needs to take concrete steps to complete the verification of all assets and devise a mechanism to ensure that all assets are verified in a timely manner.

21. UNAIDS accepted the recommendation.

### IV. Payment to DFC supplier not in accordance with the Agreement

- 22. UNAIDS entered into a Direct Financial Agreement (DFC) with a service provider for USD 71,710. The terms and conditions of the DFC agreement, specify that 50 *per cent* payment was to be made on signing of agreement and balance 50 *per cent* on receipt of DFC report. The deadline for the completion of the work was 30 June 2022, which was later extended to 31 August 2022.
- 23. We observed that, full quantum of agreement amount of USD 71,710 was paid in the DFC in 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 and 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 prior to DFC completion date and prior to receipt of DFC report.
- 24. The Management in its response stated that they are in agreement with the need to ensure payments are made as per the terms of DFC agreements and in line with the Procurement manual. They further stated that follow up enquiries will be made with the UNAIDS country office to identify and review the reasons and justifications for the payment made that did not conform to standard provisions.

Recommendation 3: We recommend that UNAIDS needs to discharge its payment obligations as per the terms of DFC Agreement, and the reasons and justifications for release of funds not in conformity with the DFC provisions needs to be looked into.

25. UNAIDS accepted the recommendation.

### V. Shortcomings in travel requests and claims settlement.

26. UNAIDS Travel Policy provides that "Travel Claims and Travel Reports must be submitted within 30 days of return from travel. TCs (Travel Claims) cannot be submitted more than 90 days after the end-date of travel. TCs not submitted within 90 days of the end-date of travel, result in automatic recovery of unclaimed travel payments from the staff member's salary". UNAIDS Travel Policy also stipulates that

apart from in-country travel, travel approvals must be concluded at least 10 working days before departure.

### 27. While reviewing the travel data, we observed the following:

- a. In 164 cases amounting to USD 207,038 TCs were not submitted even after 91 days of return date. Out of the above, six cases on non-submission of TCs pertained to a staff member, who was under UNDP contract. The advance given by UNAIDS for these cases was USD 6,558.
- b. In another five cases, TCs were submitted beyond 91 days of travel return date. Out of these, one case pertained to a staff under UNDP contract with total travel cost of USD 5,086 (Advance given by UNAIDS).
- c. In both these instances, UNAIDS stated that the said persons could not be identified as staff of WHO as they are not paid via WHO payroll. We could not therefore ascertain the status of recoveries.
- 28. Further, in 141 cases, Travel Requests were approved after the Travel start date ranging from one day to 332 days.
- 29. The Management agreed that travel requests should be approved before the travel start date, and further stated that it was impossible to ensure every single travel request is submitted on time. They stated that they will remind staff accordingly and ensure managers are able to monitor noncompliance.

### **Recommendation 4: We recommend that UNAIDS need to:**

- a. Examine cases where staff are under UNDP/other cosponsoring organization contract and have not submitted the travel claim, and to develop a mechanism so that the amount of unclaimed travel payments is recovered.
- b. Ensure that travel requests that are not in emergency circumstances are approved before the travel start date to ensure compliance with the extant travel regulations.
- 33. UNAIDS accepted the recommendations and added that it will implement a mechanism to track travel claims of UNAIDS staff on non-WHO contracts and reiterate to the staff that travel requests may be approved at least ten working days before departure.

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34. We wish to express our appreciation for the co-operation and assistance extended by the staff and management of UNAIDS, Geneva to the External Audit Team.

Girish Chandra Murmu Comptroller and Auditor General of India

17 May 2023

# (Annexure-I)

	Reference to				Statu	s of impl	ementa	ation
Sl. No.	Report and Financial Period	Recommendations	Action Reported by the Management	External Auditor's Assessment	Implemented	Under Implementation	Not implemented	Overtaken by events
1	2022	Asset Management	For now, an adjustment has been	Though adjustment has been made				
		We recommend that	made in ERP to allow the creation of	in the ERP to comply with the Audit				
		UNAIDS ensure	the assets with a retroactive date	recommendation, necessary changes				
		incorporation of necessary	placed in service removing the	in the BMS has not yet been carried				
		controls in the ERP system to	discrepancy between the warranty	out by WHO.				
		prevent delayed recording of	start date and date put in service.					
		assets.	It also relates to design of BMS for					
			which UNAIDS is not responsible					
			and a request has been sent to the			Nã		
			WHO BMS Manager.			YE		

2	2022	Unified Budget, Results	The 2020-2021 Performance	Though the reporting on indicators	
		and Accountability	Monitoring Report submitted to the	of UBRAF have been submitted by	
		Framework	50th PCB (June 2022) includes	2021-22 PMR submitted to the 50 <sup>th</sup>	
		UNAIDS may ensure	reporting against all UBRAF	PCB. It was noticed that out of 25	
		reporting of all performance	indicators for the whole UBRAF	indicators of 8 Result areas, 1	
		indicators of the UBRAF in	2016-2021 cycle reflecting a	remained challenging, with	
		the Performance Monitoring	comprehensive picture of the	measurements not being met and 2	
		Report to reflect	progress and to measure	indicators changed over time and are	
		comprehensive picture of the	organizational performance	not applicable.	
		progress and to measure	quantitatively using the output	Also, the final UBRAF indicator	
		organizational performance	indicators. This is also	matrix for 2022-2026 was submitted	
		quantitatively using the	complemented by comprehensive	and presented to the 50 <sup>th</sup> PCB	
		output indicators.	qualitative information.	meeting in June 2022. It defines the	
				complete set of new indicators,	
				rationale, data sources, baseline,	
				milestones by 2023 and 2025, and	
				targets by 2026. The UBRAF	
				indicator matrix for 2022–2026 will	
				inform the reporting with the first	
				Performance Monitoring Report due	
				to the PCB by June 2023.Hence, the	$\mathbf{z}$
				process is under implementation.	XE

	D.C.				Statu	s of impl	ementa	tion
Sl. No.	Reference to Report and Financial Period	Recommendations	Action Reported by the Management	External Auditor's Assessment	Implemented	Under Implementation	Not implemented	Overtaken by events
3	2022	<b>Ethics Office</b>	Disaggregated data has been	Audit recommendation under				
		While reporting the status of	compiled. Reporting will be	implementation.				
		allegations received by the	updated in next report to the PCB in					
		Ethics Office, the category	June 2023.					
		"Other cases including	Disaggregated conduct data will be					
		misconduct", needs to be	included in the June 2023 PCB					
		disaggregated to truly reflect	Report. The data will be overall					
		the nature of the misconduct	"requests for advice" with one area					
		involved so that there is	on "conduct related", with a separate					
		enhanced transparency and	breakdown for conduct on what			$\infty$		
		better monitoring.	types of conduct.			YE		
4	2022	Recommendation 4	New Standard Operating Procedures	Copy of SOP has been obtained				
		Management may prescribe	with target timelines developed as of	from UNAIDS Ethics Office. As per				
		stage-wise timelines for	May 2022 by the Ethics Office.	the SOP, stage wise timelines have				
		addressing all categories of		been prescribed and audit				
		complaints and requests for		recommendation has been				
		advice.		implemented.	_			
					YES			

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5	2022	Recommendation 5	Requests for DFC contract are	Recommendation implemented				
		We recommend	subject to Quality Control Review	through development of dashboard				
		management strengthen its	prior to their issuance. A reminder	for monitoring of DFCs. The				
		controls and ensure	was sent to Quality Control Teams	External Audit team has also				
		adherence to procedures in	to strengthen controls on payment	obtained a demo on the working of				
		relation to final payments to	schedules and ensuring that the final	the dashboard.				
		DFC partners in order to	deliverable lines in ERP are in line					
		minimize errors.	with Guidance Note 1-2019.					
			In addition, dashboards were					
			developed to facilitate the					
			monitoring of (i) DFCs pending					
			closure in the ERP with automated					
			alerts and (ii) deviations to standard		$\infty$			
			final payment requirements.		YE			

6	2022	Recommendation 6 -	UNAIDS has a unique approach to	Audit recommendation is yet to be		
		Programme funding	partnership that upholds its	implemented by UNAIDS		
		agreements	mandate, vision and work; involving			
		UNAIDS may strengthen the	the inclusion and empowerment of			
		regulation of programme	communities and civil society and			
		funding agreements through	ensuring the meaningful			
		(a) incorporation of FENSA	engagement of people living with			
		mechanism in the	HIV, key populations and other			
		procurement manual, (b) use	priority populations in the HIV			
		of assessment matrix to	response.			
		select proposals, (c) fixing	Furthermore, UNAIDS Governance			
		timelines for returning of	structure is unique as it remains the			
		unspent balance by the	only UN entity with Civil Society			
		implementing partners to	representation on the PCB.			
		UNAIDS, and (d)	Acknowledging these critical			
		developing SOP for the	differences, UNAIDS' will			
		conduct of assurance	implement an adapted approach to			
		activities.	respond to the external auditor's			
			recommendation regarding the			
			WHO FENSA.			
			UNAIDS undertook an analysis of			
			WHO FENSA checklist and the			
			results are			
			• Add new FENSA specific			
			questions (to be included in			
			UNAIDS Implementing Partner		Š	
			checklist)		YE	

Modify existing questions for
UNAIDS Implementing Partner
checklist to align with FENSA
• Excluded FENSA questions that
are not relevant to UNAIDS'
context or partnership engagement
strategy
The new updated Implementing
Partner Checklist will be rolled out
in a new online platform that ensures
medium and high-risk partner
assessments have an additional
review in addition to the agreement
responsible manager.
• For information: the planned
FENSA adapted checklists have
been provided to the civil society
board members for feedback as they
raised serious concerns about the
full adoption of FENSA as it would
be contrary to UNAIDS' partnership
modalities.
New policy note currently being
finalized to allow the use of
assessment matrix to select
proposals when comparing multiple
potential partners

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			• Guidance note on assurance activities has been developed but is currently being updated with cross - reference to new WHO guidelines					
7	2022	Operating Reserve Fund	The status of the Operating Reserve	Audit Recommendation has been				
		Recommendation 7 We recommend that Management presents the status of the Operating Reserve Fund to the Programme Coordinating Board, at its formal annual sessions, in line with the rules and procedures governing the Operating Reserve Fund.	Fund was presented to the PCB at its 50th meeting.	implemented.	XES			

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8	Report on	<b>Recommendation:</b> We	Due diligence was reinforced to	Though the reporting on indicators		
		recommend that UNAIDS	ensure that consistent, complete,	of UBRAF has been submitted by		
	United	should adhere to the UBRAF	accurate and comparable data is	2021-22 PMR submitted to the 50 <sup>th</sup>		
	Nations	performance indicator	used as demonstrated in the 2020-	PCB. It was noticed that out of 25		
	Programme	guidance in reporting its	2021 Performance Monitoring	indicators of 8 Result areas, 1		
	on HIV/AIDS	performance and ensure	Report submitted to the PCB June	remained challenging, with		
	(UNAIDS)	better data quality,	2022 and for the quality assurance	measurements not being met and 2		
	for the year	consistency and	and finalization of the country	indicators changed over time and are		
	ended	comparability.	reports published on the UNAIDS	not applicable.		
	31.12.2020		Results and Transparency	Since the new indicator matrix for		
			Portal(https://open.unaids.org/count	UBRAF 2022-26 has been placed in		
			ries).	50 <sup>th</sup> PCB meeting and will be		
			The final UBRAF indicator matrix	reported in June 2023, Audit		
			was submitted and presented to the	recommendation for reporting for		
			June 2022 PCB meeting which took	year 2020 has been overtaken by the		
			note of it. It defines the complete set	by the events.		
			of new indicators, rationale, data			
			sources, baseline, milestones by			
			2023 and 2025, and targets by 2026			
			noting flexibility for necessary			
			adaptation for the 2024-2025 cycle.			
			Additional details on methodology			
			for data collection for consistency,			
			accuracy and comparability feature			
			in the internal complementary			
			UBRAF indicator guidelines (being			
			finalized). The UBRAF indicator			<b>(</b>
			matrix for 2022–2026 will inform			YE
			note of it. It defines the complete set of new indicators, rationale, data sources, baseline, milestones by 2023 and 2025, and targets by 2026 noting flexibility for necessary adaptation for the 2024-2025 cycle. Additional details on methodology for data collection for consistency, accuracy and comparability feature in the internal complementary UBRAF indicator guidelines (being finalized). The UBRAF indicator	1 -		YES

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			the reporting with the first					
			Performance Monitoring Report due					
			to the PCB by June 2023.					
			For the new UBRAF outcome					
			indicators, the methodology will					
			consistently follow the guidelines					
			for those indicators as defined in the					
			Global AIDS Monitoring guidelines					
			(focusing on tracking progress by					
			UN Member States on					
			implementation of the new 2021					
			Political Declaration on HIV and					
			AIDS).					

9	We recommend that Country	mments from Myanmar Country   Audit recommendation has	been	
	Office Myanmar may	ice: implemented		
	continue to closely monitor	UNAIDS Coordinates and leads		
	the progress on the targets to	the national HIV Strategic		
	prevent any slippage in the	Information Technical Working		
	significant gains made so far	Group (TWG) to review HIV		
	on several indicators and to	epidemic and programme data to		
	improve on some of the high-	monitor the progress and		
	risk areas where the progress	identify challenges and provide		
	was slow.	a coordinated support on priority		
		areas.		
		Community-led monitoring		
		(CLM) scaled up with the funds		
		mobilized by UNAIDS to foster		
		the M&E capacity of CBOs and		
		IPs to collect, analyze, and use to		
		monitor the progress in the hard-		
		to-reach areas and identify gaps		
		for priority actions to		
		complement the national efforts.		
		Organized trainings to revitalize		
		the National Health		
		Management Information		
		System (HMIS) to manage high		
		quality data for programme	<b>1</b>	
		monitoring	YES	

	Deference				Status of implementation				
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10		<b>Recommendation:</b>	Due diligence was applied to ensure	Regional & country report as part of					
		UNAIDS should ensure that	that consistent, complete, accurate and	PMR 2021 was examined. Though					
		the country data on key		the region-specific progress was					
		parameters, disclosed in	various reports.	mentioned but country data on key					
		various reports should be	This was demonstrated in the 2020	parameters could not be found.					
		consistent, complete,	and the 2020-2021 Performance	Audit recommendation is					
		accurate and comparable.	Monitoring Report submitted	considered under implementation.					
			respectively to the PCB June 2021						
			and June 2022 and for the quality						
			assurance and finalization of the						
			country reports published on the						
			UNAIDS Results and Transparency						
			Portal						
			(https://open.unaids.org/countries).			YES			

11	<b>Recommendation:</b> We	Management notes the External	Necessary changes in the BMS have		
	recommend that UNAIDS	Auditor's comment and has already	not yet been carried out by WHO,		
	may consider evaluating the	implemented a new online tool to:	hence Audit recommendation is still		
	performance of contractors	(i) ensure that all mandatory	under implementation.		
	diligently and in a timely	information is entered correctly and			
	manner. As suggested by the	completely; and (ii) improve the			
	Country Office, UNAIDS	timeliness of the process through			
	could develop an	digitalization (electronic form and			
	organization wide online	e-signature versus paper) and			
	platform for contractors'	standardization.			
	performance evaluation.	Moving forward, we will coordinate			
		with WHO to request that the			
		completed contractor performance			
		report be a mandatory requirement			
		in the Enterprise Resource Planning			
		system prior to receipt of the final			
		deliverable/payment.			
		Note: This relates to design of BMS			
		for which UNAIDS is not			
		responsible.			
		Requirement already raised during			
		demonstration sessions and email			
		sent to WHO BMS procurement			
		focal point to request the inclusion			
		of supplier evaluation within the		$\mathbf{z}$	
		BMS as a mandatory requirement to		YE	

	Reference to Report and Financial Period	Recommendations	Action Reported by the Management	External Auditor's Assessment	Status of implementation				
Sl. No.					Implemented	Under Implementation	Not implemented	Overtaken by events	
			initiate the final payment and/or						
			closure of PO.						
		Total	11		4	6	0	1	
		Percentage of total number	100		36.36	54.55	0.00	9.09	
		of Recommendations							