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AUDIT
OF
UNDP TAJIKISTAN
RURAL GROWTH PROGRAMME
(Directly Implemented Project No. 73909)

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Report on the audit of UNDP Tajikistan - Rural Growth Programme (Project ID 73909)
Executive Summary

From 17 to 30 September 2012, the Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), through Grant Thornton CJSC (the audit firm), conducted an audit of Rural Growth Programme, (Project no. 73909) (the Project), which is directly implemented and managed by the UNDP Country Office in Tajikistan (the Office). The audit firm was under the general supervision by OAI in conformance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing.

The Project reported expenditure totalling $4.7 million during the period from 1 January to 31 December 2011. The following donors contributed to the Project: United Kingdom (Department for International Development), Germany (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit), and UNDP.

Audit scope and objectives

The audit firm conducted a financial audit to express an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the results of the Project’s operations. The audit covered the review of the Project’s Statement of Expenditure (Combined Delivery Report) for the period from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011 and Statement of Assets as of 31 December 2011.

Audit rating

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

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<th>Project Expenditure</th>
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* The audit firm audited the Project’s Statement of Expenditure only in relation to the expenditures incurred by UNDP. The expenditures incurred by other UN agencies in the amount of $368,901 were not included in the scope of audit.

** No separate bank account was held by the Project.

Key issues and recommendations

The audit firm did not identify any reportable issues.

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