



2022 UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements and Management Response to the Report of the Board of Auditors

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Item 10: UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 and report of the Board of Auditors, and management response

Reference document: [A/78/5/Add.3](#), [E/ICEF/2024/AB/L.2](#)

Key Highlights for 2022



- ❑ **Unqualified audit opinion on 2022 Financial Statements.**
- ❑ Recorded **significant voluntary contributions revenue** of \$10.02 billion (2021: \$8.29 billion).
- ❑ **Highest-ranked United Nations agency** (July 2022) (**top 10** on the IATI Publish What You Fund Aid Transparency Index).
- ❑ Recorded a **very high rate of implementation** of audit recommendations.
- ❑ Issued first policy on **Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism**.
- ❑ Sustained its response to the **continued increase in humanitarian crises**.

2022 Statement of Financial Performance

For the year ended 31 December 2022

REVENUE

Total revenue of **\$10.33 billion** (2021:\$8.57 billion):

- significant proportion as earmarked contributions for crises response and continued contributions to pandemic recovery.
- Regular resources **reduced to \$1.62 billion** (2021: \$1.86 billion).

EXPENSES

Total **expenses increased by 20% to \$8.54 billion (2021: \$7.14 b)** because of:

- increased programme delivery, with cash assistance of \$3.38 billion as the largest category.
- management expenses decreased slightly to **\$0.46 billion** (2021: \$0.47 billion).

NET SURPLUS

Net surplus was \$1.85 billion (2021:\$1.50 billion).

- Surplus represents mainly unspent Other resources (OR).

2022 Statement of Financial Position

As of 31 December 2022

Assets

Total assets position stayed strong at **\$18.98 billion** (2021: \$19.03 billion)

- Cash and investments of **\$9.97 billion** (2021: \$9.89 billion),
- Contributions receivables of **\$4.86 billion** (2021: \$4.01 billion) as the major categories.

Liabilities

- Total liabilities were **\$6.62 billion** (2021: \$8.70 billion), comprising mainly funds held on behalf of third parties for procurement services.
- Procurement services reduction of **\$1.24 billion** due to COVAX arrangements execution.

Net assets

Total net assets increased to **\$12.36 billion** (2021: \$10.33 billion) mainly driven by **\$1.85 billion** multi-year Other resources contributions.

Upcoming Accounting Standards

Six upcoming accounting standards expected to impact UNICEF Financial Statements



Financial Instruments – 2023
(significant impact)



Leases – 2025
(significant impact)



Property & Equipment - 2025



Measurements - 2025



Revenue – 2026 (completely
changes the current accounting)



Transfer of expenses - 2026

Highlights

- ❑ The audit opinion affirmed that the financial statements of UNICEF for the period present fairly, in all material respects, UNICEF financial position, performance and cash flows, in compliance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).
- ❑ The financial statements and the report of the Board of Auditors were:
 - ❑ Transmitted to the General Assembly in July 2023,
 - ❑ Examined by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) in October 2023, and
 - ❑ Considered by the Fifth Committee in November 2023.
- ❑ **30 audit recommendations** were issued in 2022, nine of which were classified as **Main** (high priority).
- ❑ A detailed management response on the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors was provided ([E/ICEF/2024/AB/L.2](#)).

2022 UNBOA Report – Status of Implementation of Audit Recommendations

Recommendations	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Issued by United Nations Board of Auditors	55	22	23	30	130
Implemented as per 2022 UNBOA Report	54	22	21	-	97
Outstanding as per 2022 UNBOA Report	1*	-	2	30	33
UNICEF Closure requested	-	-	1	3	4
UNICEF Implemented/Closure requested Total	-	-	1	3	4
UNICEF Implemented (%)	98%	100%	96%	10%	78%
Outstanding as per UNICEF Status	1	-	1	27	29

***One (1) Long-standing (aged +24 months) :** 2019 UNBOA Report (*Annex of 2022 UNBOA Report Ref 2019/199*)

**UNICEF
Status**

2019

Implementation of Datawarehouse Strategy (ICTD): This initiative has multiple components and is being implemented by UNICEF in prioritized phases.

In Progress, Q1 2024



Thank you

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