



*Report on the implementation of the recommendation of the
United Nations Board of Auditors, 2020*

Report of the Executive Director

Executive Board informal session – 19 January 2022

Overview

The present report:

- Reports on the implementation status of the recommendations issued by UN Board of Auditors for 2020 and earlier periods; and
- Reviews progress made in audit related priorities identified in 2020 audit report and analysis of related recommendations.

Performance

- In July 2021, UNFPA continued to receive an unqualified (clean) audit opinion by Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2020.
- UNFPA continues to accord the highest priority to achieving a record of unqualified audit opinions and to resolving the concerns of the Board of Auditors. UNFPA is committed to addressing the areas of improvement identified in the report

Performance

- UNFPA continues to strive for even higher operational excellence. The tone set at the top, by the senior management, has been instrumental in receiving such audit opinions.
- UNFPA successfully implemented 27 out of 33 recommendations and thereby achieved 82 percent recommendation implementation. UNFPA is pleased to report a high rate of implementation of recommendations for the last two consecutive years.
- As in previous years, UNFPA is further strengthening the proactive oversight and monitoring activities. In the Audit Monitoring Committee meetings, the implementation of all UN BoA recommendations is regularly reviewed by monitoring implementation of business units action plans.

Summary of progress made in priority areas identified in 2020 audit report

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- Harmonised approach to cash transfer (*monitoring of assurance activities*)
- Programme management (*workplan progress reports*)
- Inventory management (*shipment tracker & management of programme supplies*)
- Procurement Management (*procurement plans; LTAs eval. & local procurement processes*)
- Travel Management (*monitoring of travel process*)
- Internal Control Framework (*donor reporting*)

Implementation status of in-progress (30) recommendations by target date

Status as of 11 January 2022

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target date for implementation	Documentation submitted and being reviewed by BoA	In-progress & documentation will be submitted for BoA review by 1 June 2022	Under implementation linked with the new ERP (beyond 1 June 2022)	Total
31-Dec-2021 (4th Quarter)	19			19
31-Mar-2022 (1 st Quarter)	-	2		2
30-May-2022	-	5		5
30-Jun-2022	-		4	4
Total	19	7	4	30
<i>Total percentage</i>	63%	24%	13%	

Implementation status of 2020 and prior four years recommendations

Status as of 11 January 2022

UN BoA Report (year)	Total	Already Closed	Closure requested	Recommendations with target date of implementation by May-2022	Implementation (target date beyond May-2022)
2016	18	17	1	-	-
2017	18	17	1	-	-
2018	15	15	-	-	-
2019	28	24	4	-	-
2020	24	-	13	7	4
Total	103	73	19	7	4
Overall estimated %		89%		7%	4%