

Earmarked Fund
(Implemented by Mekong River Commission)

Financial statement

For the year ended 31 December 2023

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GENERAL INFORMATION

FUND INFORMATION

The Mekong River Commission (“MRC” or the “Organisation”) was established in 1995 with the signing of the Agreement on the Cooperation for the Sustainable Development of the Mekong River Basin. The MRC Member Countries are Cambodia, the Lao PDR, Thailand, and Viet Nam, with China and Myanmar as Dialogue Partners.

Since its establishment, the MRC has strived to develop work programmes and strategies to best serve its mission to promote and coordinate sustainable management and development of water and related resources for the countries’ mutual benefit and the people’s well-being. Over the years, with a vision to bring about an economically prosperous, socially just and environmentally sound Mekong River Basin, the MRC has placed regional cooperation and basin-wide planning at the heart of its operation.

The MRC is governed by a Council which comprises of the environment and water ministers of the four Member Countries. The Council Members would review and mutually conclude on the management and development of water and related resources. These decisions and policies are then put into action by the MRC Joint Committee, which comprises senior officials at no less than Head of Department level of the four countries and supported by national line agencies including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The MRC Secretariat (“MRCS” or “the Management”) facilitates regional meetings of the Member Countries and provides technical advice on joint planning, coordination, and cooperation. It also works closely with the four countries’ coordinating bodies, the National Mekong Committees (“NMCs”), and other state agencies.

The MRCS manages the funds received into three categories as the following:

1. Basket Fund (“BF”);
2. Earmarked Fund (“EF”); and
3. Administrative Reserve Fund (“ARF”).

The MRCS is located at 184 Fa Ngoum Road, Unit 18, Ban Sithane Neua, Sikhottabong District, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR.

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GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

THE MANAGEMENT

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Position</i> | <i>Date of appointment</i> |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Anoulak Kittikhoun | Chief Executive Officer | Appointed on 14 January 2022 |
| Watt Botkosal | Director of Administration Division | Appointed on 01 July 2022 |
| Phetsamone Khanophet | Director of Environment Management Division | Appointed on 01 July 2022 |
| Theerawat Samphawamana | Director of Planning Division | Appointed on 01 July 2022 |
| Tran Minh Khoi | Director of Technical Support Division | Appointed on 01 July 2022 |
| Buntheung Sanethavong | Chief Finance Officer | Appointed on 01 September 2020 |
| Nguyen Thi Thanh Ha | Chief Human Resources Officer | Appointed on 09 March 2022 |

AUDITOR

The auditor of the Earmarked Fund is Ernst & Young Lao Co., Ltd.

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REPORT OF THE FUND'S MANAGEMENT

The Management of Earmarked Fund ("the Fund") is pleased to present this report and the financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2023.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Management is responsible for the preparation of the Fund's financial statement as at and for the year ended 31 December 2023 which is prepared in accordance with Note 3 to the financial statement.

In preparing the accompanying financial statement, the Management is required to:

- ▶ adopt accounting policies as described in Note 3 to the financial statement and apply them consistently in accordance with the requirements of Development Partners; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ▶ maintain proper financial operations and controls;
- ▶ maintain adequacy of the management structure and general control environment;
- ▶ ensure that all non-expendable properties are used solely for and by the Project, and maintain proper control over those properties; and
- ▶ comply with the related grant agreement.

The Management is responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are kept which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the funds requested, authorized for, received, and disbursed by the Management and to ensure that the accounting records comply with the applied accounting framework. The Management is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Fund, and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Management confirms that it has complied with the above requirements in preparing the accompanying financial statement.

STATEMENT BY THE MANAGEMENT

We hereby approve the accompanying financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2023, which is prepared in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 3 to the financial statement.

On behalf of the Management:


Watt Botkosal
Director of Administration Division

Vientiane, Lao PDR

29 April 2024


Anoulak Kittikhoun
Chief Executive Officer

Reference: 11866353/67969238

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: Management of the Earmarked Fund

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying statement of receipts and disbursements of the Earmarked Fund ("the Fund") for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the related explanatory notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 6 to 21 ("the financial statement").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 3 to the financial statement.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statement in Lao PDR, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statement which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statement is prepared to assist the Management in meeting the reporting requirements of the Development Partners. As a result, the financial statement may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the information and use of the Management and Development Partners and should not be distributed to or used by other parties. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Management for the Financial Statement

The Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statement in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 3 to the financial statement, and for such internal control as the Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

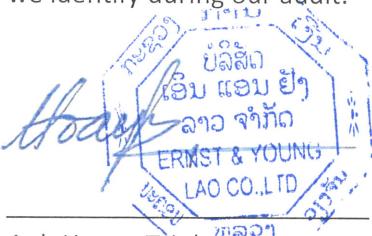
Auditors' Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken based on this financial statement.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ▶ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- ▶ Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Project's internal control.
- ▶ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

We communicate with the Management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Anh Hoang Trinh
Partner
Audit Practising Registration
Certificate No. 011/LCPAA-APT-2018

Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR

29 April 2024

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
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A. BELGIUM

| | Note | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | | USD | USD |
| RECEIPTS | | | |
| Cash contributions | | | |
| EF-BEL.FLD to contribute to the MRC Navigation, Environment and Climate Change Action. L-MRCS(AD)624/20 | 4 | 177,149 | 127,590 |
| Interest earned | | | |
| EF-BEL.FLD to contribute to the MRC Navigation, Environment and Climate Change Action. L-MRCS(AD)624/20 | 4 | 451 | 3,432 |
| | | 177,600 | 131,022 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | |
| EF-BEL.FLD to contribute to the MRC Navigation, Environment and Climate Change Action. L-MRCS(AD)624/20 | 5 | (303,461) | (464,011) |
| NET DISBURSEMENT FOR THE YEAR | | | |
| Fund balance as at 1 January | | (125,861) | (332,989) |
| | | 30,063 | 363,052 |
| Fund balance as at 31 December | 4 | (95,798) | 30,063 |

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B. EUROPEAN UNION

| | Note | 2023 USD | 2022 USD |
|--|------|---------------|---------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | |
| Cash contributions | | | |
| EU (ACA/2018/402-232) Sustainable Transboundary Water Management in the Mekong Basin | | - | - |
| Interest earned | | | |
| EU (ACA/2018/402-232) Sustainable Transboundary Water Management in the Mekong Basin | 4 | - | 749 |
| | | - | 749 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | |
| EU (ACA/2018/402-232) Sustainable Transboundary Water Management in the Mekong Basin | 5 | - | (279,274) |
| NET DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR | | | |
| Fund balance as at 1 January | | - | (278,525) |
| Loan from BF | | 28,315 | 72,613 |
| | | - | 234,227 |
| Fund balance as at 31 December | 4 | <u>28,315</u> | <u>28,315</u> |

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C. FRANCE

| | Note | 2023 USD | 2022 USD |
|---|----------|--|--|
| RECEIPTS | | | |
| Cash contributions and direct payments | | | |
| EF-AFD21 Support the Hydro -Mekong project CZZ2662 01 D | 4 | <u>713,238</u> | <u>120,227</u> |
| Interest earned | | | |
| EF-AFD21 Support the Hydro -Mekong project CZZ2662 01 D | 4 | <u>1,121</u> <u>1,121</u> <u>714,359</u> | <u>1,662</u> <u>1,662</u> <u>121,889</u> |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | |
| EF-AFD the Extension of the Mekong Hycos network, AFD CZZ1889.01.P – | | - | (115,017) |
| EF-AFD21 Support the Hydro -Mekong project CZZ2662 01 D | 5 | <u>(267,304)</u> <u>(267,304)</u> | <u>(515,348)</u> <u>(630,365)</u> |
| NET RECEIPT/(DISBURSEMENT) FOR THE YEAR | | | |
| Fund balance as at 1 January | | <u>447,055</u> <u>(215,173)</u> | <u>(508,476)</u> <u>293,303</u> |
| Fund balance as at 31 December | 4 | <u>231,882</u> | <u>(215,173)</u> |

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D. JAPAN

| | Note | 2023 USD | 2022 USD |
|--|------|-------------|-------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | |
| Cash contributions | | | |
| EF-JPNIIF21-25_ Improving the Irrigation Facilities in LMB (Phase II) Note Verbale No.005/21-D | 4 | 304,759 | 339,453 |
| Other income | | | |
| Fund returned from WFP | 4 | - | 4,705 |
| | | 304,759 | 344,158 |
| Interest earned | | | |
| EF-JPNFDM20 Grant from Japan for Flood & Drought Management_MRB | | 16,010 | 27,890 |
| EF-JPNIIF21-25_ Improving the Irrigation Facilities in LMB (Phase II) Note Verbale No.005/21-D | | 3,009 | 3,590 |
| EF-JPNFMC21_ Flood Management Capacity Building in the Mekong River Basin Exchange of Note 26 February 2021 | | 17,098 | 22,515 |
| | 4 | 36,117 | 53,995 |
| | | 340,876 | 398,153 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | |
| EF-JPNFDM20 Grant from Japan for Flood & Drought Management_MRB | | (1,600,029) | (921,601) |
| EF-JPNIIF21-25_ Improving the Irrigation Facilities in LMB (Phase II) Note Verbale No.005/21-D | | (343,830) | (358,707) |
| EF-JPNFMC21_ Flood Management Capacity Building in the Mekong River Basin Exchange of Note 26 February 2021 | | (1,710,349) | (267,683) |
| | 5 | (3,654,208) | (1,547,991) |

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D. JAPAN (continued)

| | Note | 2023 | 2022 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | USD | USD |
| NET DISBURSEMENT FOR THE YEAR | | (3,313,332) | (1,149,838) |
| Fund balance as at 1 January | | 5,284,490 | 6,434,328 |
| Return to Development partner | | <u>(58,086)</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Fund balance as at 31 December | 4 | <u>1,913,072</u> | <u>5,284,490</u> |

E. KREDITANSALT FÜR WIEDERAUFBAU (“KfW”)

| | Note | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|----------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | | USD | USD |
| EXPENDITURES | 5 | | |
| EF-KfW.WL the Lower Mekong Basin Wetland Management and Conservation Project, MK2016/01 | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| NET (DISBURSEMENT)/RECEIPT FOR THE YEAR | | - | - |
| (Repayment to)/Loan from Basket Fund | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Fund balance as at 1 January | | <u>1,123</u> | <u>1,123</u> |
| Transfer fund to Basket Fund | | <u>(1,123)</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Fund balance as at 31 December | 4 | <u>-</u> | <u>1,123</u> |

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F. NETHERLANDS

| | Note | 2023 USD | 2022 USD |
|---|------|-------------|-------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | |
| Interest earned | | | |
| EF-NET_ To promote and coordinate sustainable development and management of the Mekong's water related natural resources (Env-2017-133 & IGG-2017-24041) for Earmarked Fund | 4 | - | 36 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | |
| EF-NET_ To promote and coordinate sustainable development and management of the Mekong's water related natural resources (Env-2017-133 & IGG-2017-24041) for Earmarked Fund | 5 | - | (26,328) |
| NET DISBURSEMENT FOR THE YEAR | | | |
| Fund balance as at 1 January | | - | (26,292) |
| Return remaining fund balance to DP | | 24 | 33,638 |
| Fund balance as at 31 December | 4 | 24 | 24 |

G. DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FUR INTERNATIONALE ZUSAMMENARBEIT (GIZ)

| | Note | 2023 USD | 2022 USD |
|--|------|-------------|-----------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | |
| Cash contribution | | | |
| EF-GIZ21 Grant Agreement No.81282522 | 4 | 10,893 | 97,717 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | |
| EF-GIZ21 Grant Agreement No.81282522 | 5 | - | 108,610 |
| NET RECEIPT/(DISBURSEMENT) FOR THE YEAR | | | |
| Fund balance as at 1 January | | 10,893 | (10,893) |
| Fund balance as at 31 December | 4 | - | (10,893) |

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H. US. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (USA)

| | Note | 2023 USD | 2022 USD |
|--|------|-------------|-------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | |
| Cash contribution | | | |
| EF-US21-24 SLMAQM21GR3437 | 4 | 57,828 | 227,307 |
| Interest earned | | | |
| EF-US21-24 SLMAQM21GR3437 | 4 | 630 | 539 |
| | | 58,458 | 227,846 |
| EXPENDITURES | 5 | | |
| EF-US21-24 SLMAQM21GR3437 | | 123,037 | 156,043 |
| NET (DISBURSEMENT)/RECEIPT FOR THE YEAR | | (64,579) | 71,803 |
| Fund balance as at 1 January | | 71,803 | - |
| Fund balance as at 31 December | 4 | 7,224 | 71,803 |

I. THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION (UNOSSC)

| | Note | 2023 USD | 2022 USD |
|--|------|-------------|-------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | |
| Cash contribution | | | |
| EF-UNOSSC RoK-UNOSSC Facility – Phase 3 | 4 | - | 150,000 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | 5 | | |
| EF-UNOSSC RoK-UNOSSC Facility – Phase 3 | | 56,813 | 54,804 |
| NET (DISBURSEMENT)/RECEIPT FOR THE YEAR | | (56,813) | 95,196 |
| Fund balance as at 1 January | | 95,196 | - |
| Fund balance as at 31 December | 4 | 38,383 | 95,196 |

Watt Botkosal
Director of Administration Division

Vientiane, Lao PDR

29 April 2024

Anoulak Kittikhoun
Chief Executive Officer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT as at and for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. FUND INFORMATION

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2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statement of the Earmarked Fund (“the Fund” or “EF”) have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 3. These accounting policies are not intended to present the fund balance and the receipts and disbursements of the Fund in accordance with international generally accepted accounting principles. The financial statement is prepared to assist the Fund in meeting the reporting requirements of its Development Partners. As a result, they may not be suitable for another purpose.

The Management maintains its accounting records and present its financial statement (including those of the Fund) in United States dollars (“USD”).

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Receipts

Receipts consist of contributions from Member Countries (MCs) and contributions from Development Partners (DPs) which are recognised as receipts when cash is credited to the MRC’s bank accounts. Direct payments made by DPs to contractors are recognised as receipts when the payment is made and informed to the Fund.

Interest income is recognised when credited to the Fund’s bank accounts.

Disbursements

Except for advances made to National Mekong Committees NMCs, projects and employees and accrued expenses, disbursements are recognized when payment is made and upon the approval of the Fund management based on the accompanying documents.

Accrued expenses

Accrued expenses includes staff health and life insurance premiums, personal telephone and fax costs charged to staff, and project related expenses and repatriation fee.

Advances

Advances to NMCs, projects and employees are carried as part of the fund balance until subsequent liquidation or clearance at approval of the Management.

Property and equipment

For control purposes, property and equipment is maintained in a property and equipment listing. All property and equipment are expensed in full in the financial statement at the date of acquisition. Any proceeds from disposal of property and equipment are recognised as other income in the statements of receipts and disbursements.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Foreign exchange differences

The Management maintains its accounting records of the Fund in USD. Transactions in currencies other than USD are converted into USD at the rates of exchange prevailing on the transaction dates. All foreign exchange differences are recognized in the statement of receipts and disbursements.

Employee benefits

The MRCS provides allowances and benefits to staff member in addition to salary. Types of allowances and benefits are dependent on the employment category.

(i) Post allowance

The Fund introduced the post allowance to compensate eligible staff members for any loss in income due to variations in the cost of living between different countries and duty stations.

For Riparian staff, the percentage is currently set at 7% of the base salary.

(ii) Hardship allowance ("HA")

The hardship allowance is an allowance provided to Riparian professional staffs assigned to a duty station outside their home country. It is an allowance to compensate for the degree of hardship experienced by staff assigned to a duty station abroad.

The HA shall be payable, regardless of whether the staff member is accompanied by his/her dependants, while assigned to duty station.

Other benefits are dependency allowance, housing allowance, health insurance and education assistance.

(iii) Provident fund

All staff members holding a letter of appointment for one year or more shall participate in a pension plan, known as the provident fund. The main purpose of this fund is to provide retirement, disability, and survivor's benefit for participating staff members.

Staff members shall contribute 7% of their base salary, through monthly payroll deductions.

The MRCS shall contribute to this fund the equivalent of 14% of the staff's member's base salary.

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4. Summary of income, expenditures, and fund balances by Development Partners – 2023

| Development Partner | Cash contributions | Interest earned | Other income | Total income net | Expenditures (*) | Returned fund to DP | Movement in fund | | Fund balance as at 1 January 2023 | Fund balance as at 31 December 2023 |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | USD | USD | | |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4)=(1)+(2)+(3) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8)=(4)-(5)-(6)-(7) | (9) | (10)=(8)+(9) | |
| Belgium | 177,149 | 451 | - | 177,600 | 303,461 | - | (125,861) | 30,063 | (95,798) | |
| European Union | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 28,315 | 28,315 | |
| France | 713,238 | 1,121 | - | 714,359 | 267,304 | - | - | 447,055 | (215,173) | 231,882 |
| Japan | 304,759 | 36,117 | - | 340,876 | 3,654,208 | 58,086 | - | (3,371,418) | 5,284,490 | 1,913,072 |
| KfW | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,123 | (1,123) | 1,123 | - |
| Netherlands | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 24 | 24 |
| GIZ | 10,893 | - | - | 10,893 | - | - | - | 10,893 | (10,893) | - |
| USA | 57,828 | 630 | - | 58,458 | 123,037 | - | - | (64,579) | 71,803 | 7,224 |
| UNOSSC | - | - | - | - | 56,813 | - | - | (56,813) | 95,196 | 38,383 |
| | 1,263,867 | 38,319 | | 1,302,186 | 4,404,823 | 58,086 | 1,123 | (3,161,846) | 5,284,948 | 2,123,102 |

(*) Expenditure in column (5) includes management and administration fees ("MAF")

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5. Expenditures

Analysis of expenditures by Development Partners

| Development Partner | 2023 | | 2022 | | Expenditures (including MAF) USD | Expenditures (excluding MAF) USD | Expenditures (excluding MAF) USD | Expenditures (including MAF) USD | Expenditures (excluding MAF) USD | Expenditures (including MAF) USD |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAF | USD | MAF | USD | | | | | | |
| Belgium | 263,879 | 39,582 | 303,461 | 403,488 | | | | | 60,523 | 464,011 |
| European Union | - | - | - | 261,004 | | | | 18,270 | 279,274 | |
| France | 232,438 | 34,866 | 267,304 | 548,143 | | | | 82,222 | 630,365 | |
| Japan | 3,392,793 | 261,415 | 3,654,208 | 1,423,399 | | | | 124,592 | 1,547,991 | |
| Netherlands | - | - | - | 22,894 | | | | 3,434 | 26,328 | |
| UNEP | - | - | - | 41,470 | | | | 6,221 | 47,691 | |
| UNEP/CMS | - | - | - | 8,728 | | | | 1,309 | 10,037 | |
| GIZ | - | - | - | 96,973 | | | | 11,637 | 108,610 | |
| USA | 106,988 | 16,049 | 123,037 | 135,690 | | | | 20,353 | 156,043 | |
| UNOSSC | 53,096 | 3,717 | 56,813 | 51,219 | | | | 3,585 | 54,804 | |
| | 4,049,414 | 355,629 | 4,404,823 | 2,993,008 | | | | 332,146 | 3,325,154 | |

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5. Expenditures (continued)

Analysis of expenditures by Projects

| Project | Project codes | 2023 | | 2022 | | Expenditur es (including MAF) USD |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| | | Expenditur es (excluding MAF) USD | MAF USD | Expenditur es (excluding MAF) USD | MAF USD | |
| The Mekong Hydro-Meteorological Network and Data Application | EF-AFD | - | - | - | 100,015 | 15,002 115,017 |
| The MRC Navigation, Environment and Climate Change Action | EF-BEL.FLD | 263,879 | 39,582 | 303,461 | 403,488 | 60,523 464,011 |
| To Promote and Coordination Sustainable Development and Management | EF-NET | - | - | - | 22,894 | 3,434 26,328 |
| Support to Enhanced Cooperation in Sustainable Transboundary Water | EU | - | - | - | 261,004 | 18,270 279,274 |
| The Hydro-Mekong | EF-AFD21 | 232,438 | 34,866 | 267,304 | 448,129 | 67,219 515,348 |
| Development of new Operational Tools for broadening Flood & Drought Forecasting & Monitoring products & services; Analysis of Extreme Weather Events and Climate Variability in the Lower Mekong Basin for 2021-2024 | EF-JPNFDM20 | 1,495,354 | 104,675 | 1,600,029 | 861,309 | 60,292 921,601 |
| Flood Management Capacity Building in the Mekong River Basin | EF-JPNFMC21 | 1,598,457 | 111,892 | 1,710,349 | 250,171 | 17,512 267,683 |
| Promotion of action against marine plastic litter in Asia and the Pacific (CounterMEASURE II) | EF-UNEP | - | - | - | 41,470 | 6,221 47,691 |
| Promotion of action against marine plastic litter in Asia and the Pacific (CounterMEASURE II) | EF-UNEPCM5 | - | - | - | 8,728 | 1,309 10,037 |
| Project for Improving Irrigation Facilities in the Lower Mekong River Basin (Phase II) | EF-JPNIIF21-25 | 298,982 | 44,848 | 343,830 | 311,919 | 46,788 358,707 |

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5. Expenditures (continued)

Analysis of expenditures by Projects (continued)

| Project | Project codes | 2023 | | 2022 | | Expenditur es (including MAF USD) |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | Expenditur es (excluding MAF USD) | MAF USD | Expenditur es (excluding MAF USD) | MAF USD | |
| Implementation of regional trainings on the riverine pollution monitoring methodology | EF-GIZ21 | - | - | 96,973 | 11,637 | 108,610 |
| Improvement of data collection and sharing for data-driven cooperative management in the Mekong River Basin | EF-US21-24 | 106,988 | 16,049 | 123,037 | 135,690 | 20,353 |
| Implementation of the Triangular Cooperation Project on Sustainable Development in the LMB based on the Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus | EF-UNCSSC | 53,096 | 3,717 | 56,813 | 51,218 | 3,586 |
| | | 4,049,194 | 355,629 | 4,404,823 | 2,993,008 | 54,804 |
| | | | | | | 332,146 |
| | | | | | | 3,325,154 |

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5. Expenditures (continued)

Analysis of expenditure by Development Partners and by Projects - 2023

| Development Partner/ Project | EF-AFD21 USD | EF-BELFLD USD | EF-JPNFDM20 USD | EF-JPNFMC21 USD | EF-JPNIIF21-25 USD | EF-UNOSSC USD | EF-US21-24 USD | TOTAL USD |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| France | 267,304 | - | 1,600,029 | 1,710,349 | - | - | - | 267,304 |
| Japan | - | 303,461 | - | - | 343,830 | - | - | 3,654,208 |
| Belgium | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 303,461 |
| USA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 123,037 |
| UNOSSO | - | - | - | - | - | 56,813 | - | 56,813 |
| | 267,304 | 303,461 | 1,600,029 | 1,710,349 | 343,830 | 56,813 | 123,037 | 4,404,823 |

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6. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There is no matter or circumstance that has arisen since 31 December 2023 that requires adjustment or disclosure to be made in the Fund's financial statement.

On behalf of the Management:


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29 April 2024