



UN Board of Auditors

Presentation Standing Committee UNHCR Report 2017

19 September 2018



2017 Audit Opinion

- The Board has issued an **unqualified opinion**
- This means that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as at 31 December 2017 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IPSAS



2017 Financial Report - Highlights

- **Financial performance**

- Revenue: \$4.2 billion (2016: \$4.0 billion)
- Expenses: \$3.9 billion (2016: \$3.9 billion)
- Surplus: \$377.5 million (2016: \$126.9 million)

- **Financial position**

- Fund balances
 - /reserves: \$1.99 billion (2016: \$1.63 billion)
- Current ratio: 9.8 per cent (2016: 8.1 per cent)



2017 BoA Findings

- **Identified misstatements / Accounts preparation**
 - Adjusted identified misstatements amount to \$5.3 million
 - Unadjusted identified misstatements were \$4.7 million
 - Accounts preparation process and management's review processes appear sound



2017 BoA Findings and key recommendations

- **BoA Summary of recommendations**
 - In 2017 the Board has made **49 new** recommendations
- **Key findings and recommendations relate to:**
 - Cash assistance to beneficiaries
 - Fraud and corruption prevention
 - Use of individual consultants
 - Supply chain
 - Sustainable development goals



2017 BoA Findings and key recommendations

- **Cash assistance to beneficiaries**
 - UNHCR should strengthen the monitoring and evaluation of cash-based interventions training impacts
 - UNHCR should establish control mechanisms to monitor the cash-based interventions documents used by country operations



2017 BoA Findings and key recommendations

- **Fraud and corruption prevention**
 - Country operations should
 - refine their risk assessment and identification of areas vulnerable to fraud and corruption
 - develop or enhance comprehensive overall anti-fraud and anti-corruption strategies



2017 BoA Findings and key recommendations

- **Use of individual consultants**
 - Identified areas for enhancement included
 - the selection and engagement process
 - standardization of the determination and documentation of the consultants' fees
 - segregation of duty when waivers are issued
 - the filing system



2017 BoA Findings and key recommendations

- **Supply chain**
 - UNHCR should assess whether the global warehouse in Denmark provides a cost-effective solution
 - UNHCR should assess how a more efficient management of core relief items in stock could be put in place



2017 BoA Findings and key recommendations

- **Sustainable development goals**
 - UNHCR should formulate a corporate position on sustainable development goals engagement and operationalize the position



Open recommendations – prior years

- Prior year recommendations

Year	Total	Fully implemented	Under implementation	Overtaken by events
2012	1	0	1	0
2013	2	1	0	1
2014	10	6	3	1
2015	15	8	5	2
2016	17	8	9	0
Total	45	23	18	4
<i>Per cent</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>9%</i>



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Thank you.