

Overview of 2016 Financial Results

Income and expenditure

The UN Board of Auditors issued its fifth unqualified audit opinion on the financial statements of UN-Women for the year ended 31 December 2015, noting a better liquidity position ensuring that UN-Women can meet its short-term obligations with its most liquid assets.

UN-Women prepared the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards. The figures provided in this section are unaudited and are subject to change, they will be confirmed on 31 May 2017 upon completion of the audit by the Board of Auditors. There was a deficit for the year of \$5 million (see table 1).

The original revenue targets for 2016, included within the approved integrated budget for 2016-2017, were \$180 million for regular resources and \$230 million for other resources. Final revenue from voluntary contributions for regular resources was \$141.6 million for 2016 (2014 \$136.1 million) and other resources was \$178.1 million (2015 \$170.9 million), resulting in a total of \$82.65 million lower resources being received than budgeted. UN-Women found that 2016 was a modestly better resource mobilizing environment marked by increases in contributions by more than half of our traditional top 20 donors. However, UN Women still face competing priorities for UN-Women's major donors.

Table 1
Revenue and expenses as at 31 December 2016

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	2016				Total	2015
	Regular resources	Other resources	Assessed resources	Elimination		
Revenue						
Contributions	141 660	178 078	7 615	–	327 353	314 485
Investment income	1 251	2 181	–	–	3 432	2 840
Other revenue	3 179	13 061	–	(12 604)	3 636	1 543
Exchange transactions revenue	–	148	–	–	148	120
Total revenue	146 090	193 468	7 615	(12 604)	334 569	318 988
Total expenses	142 201	201 541	8 663	(12 604)	339 801	314 974
Surplus/(deficit) for the period	3 889	(8 073)	(1 048)	–	(5 232)	4 014

^a The elimination column represents indirect costs charged by UN-Women on programme funds received from donors in relation to the management of other resources. The indirect costs charged have been recognized during the year as an increase in support-cost income. At year end, that income is eliminated to show the actual revenue recognized.

Basis of the budget

Approved assessed contributions (regular budget) total \$15.3 million for the biennium 2016-2017. Voluntary contributions (regular and other resources) of \$880 million for the biennium 2016-2017 (\$410 million in 2016 and \$470 million in 2017) were included within the Integrated Budget. Regular resources cover the institutional budget and core programme expenditures, with funds being allocated based on a set methodology.

The reported financial results (actual) are adjusted to allow comparison between the original approved institutional budget and assessed contributions as presented on a modified cash basis and the actual use of resources on an accrual basis (see table 2). The main changes between the IPSAS financial results and the results on a budget basis relate to difference in the treatment of the cost of assets and the treatment of cash advances to partners and staff members.

Table 2

Comparison of budget and actual use of resources as at 31 December 2016

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	<i>Original budget</i>	<i>Final budget</i>	<i>Actual amounts on comparable basis (restated)</i>	<i>Difference between final budget and actual amounts</i>
Regular budget activities	7 615	7 664	8 660	(996)
Development activities:				
Programme	336 640	290 040	265 106	24 934
Institutional budget:				
Development effectiveness	26 800	25 484	21 151	4 333
United Nations coordination	13 585	13 821	12 153	1 668
Management activities:				
Evaluation	3 175	3 369	2 333	1 036
Total	440 915	390 889	352 234	38 655