Closure Stage Quality Assurance Report

Form Status: Approved	
Overall Rating:	Needs Improvement
Decision:	
Portfolio/Project Number:	00058916
Portfolio/Project Title:	Appui à la mobilisat° partenariats & coordinat° ODD
Portfolio/Project Date:	2019-01-01 / 2024-12-31

Strategic

Quality Rating: Exemplary

1. Did the project pro-actively identified changes to the external environment and incorporated them into the project strategy?

- 3: The project team identified relevant changes in the external environment that may present new opportunities or threats to the project's ability to achieve its objectives, assumptions were tested to determine if the project's strategy was valid. There is some evidence that the project board considered the implications, and documented the changes needed to the project in response. (all must be true)
- 2: The project team identified relevant changes in the external environment that may present new opportunities or threats to the project's ability to achieve its objectives. There is some evidence that the project board discussed this, but relevant changes did not fully integrate in the project. (both must be true)
- 1: The project team considered relevant changes in the external environment since implementation began, but there is no evidence that the project team considered these changes to the project as a result.

Evidence:

Le projet s'est donné, comme objectif sur la base de l'évaluation du PND 2012-2016, de renforcer le disp ositif de planification stratégique avec la formation d es cadres nationaux dans la formulation des politiqu es et le suivi-évaluation. Le project Board adapte le projet aux différents changements qui interviennent dans le pays.

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2. Was the project aligned with the thematic focus of the Strategic Plan?

- 3: The project responded to at least one of the development settings as specified in the Strategic Plan (SP) and adopted at least one Signature Solution .The project's RRF included all the relevant SP output indicators. (all must be true)
- 2: The project responded to at least one of the developments settings1 as specified in the Strategic Plan. The project's RRF included at least one SP output indicator, if relevant. (both must be true)
- 1: While the project may have responded to a partner's identified need, this need falls outside of the UNDP Strategic Plan. Also select this option if none of the relevant SP indicators are included in the RRF.

Evidence:

Deux résultats attendus du projet sont alignés avec deux des principaux thématique stratégiques du PN UD:

Résultat1: La croissance et le développement sont i nclusifs et durables, générant les capacités de prod uction nécessaires pour créer des emplois et des m oyens d'existence pour les pauvres et les exclus.

Résultats 2: Les pays se dotent d'institutions renforc ées pour assurer progressivement l'accès universel aux services de base

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3. Were the project's targeted groups systematically identified and engaged, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized, to ensure the project remained relevant for them?

- 3: Systematic and structured feedback was collected over the project duration from a representative sample of beneficiaries, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized, as part of the project's monitoring system. Representatives from the targeted groups were active members of the project's governance mechanism (i.e., the project board or equivalent) and there is credible evidence that their feedback informs project decision making. (all must be true)
- 2: Targeted groups were engaged in implementation and monitoring, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized. Beneficiary feedback, which may be anecdotal, was collected regularly to ensure the project addressed local priorities. This information was used to inform project decision making. (all must be true to select this option)
- 1: Some beneficiary feedback may have been collected, but this information did not inform project decision making. This option should also be selected if no beneficiary feedback was collected
- Not Applicable

Evidence:

Les résultats du projet ont été capitalisés pour contri buer à l'élaboration du nouveau Plan National de Dé veloppement (PND) du Congo 2017-2021. Le Minist ère du Plan, partenaire essentiel de ce projet, a tran smis ces résultats aux groupes de travail formés po ur l'élaboration du Plan National de Développement.

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4. Did the project generate knowledge, and lessons learned (i.e., what has worked and what has not) and has this knowledge informed management decisions to ensure the continued relevance of the project towards its stated objectives, the quality of its outputs and the management of risk?

- 3: Knowledge and lessons learned from internal or external sources (gained, for example, from Peer Assists, After Action Reviews or Lessons Learned Workshops) backed by credible evidence from evaluation, corporate policies/strategies, analysis and monitoring were discussed in project board meetings and reflected in the minutes. There is clear evidence that changes were made to the project to ensure its continued relevance. (both must be true)
- 2: Knowledge and lessons learned backed by relatively limited evidence, drawn mainly from within the project, were considered by the project team. There is some evidence that changes were made to the project as a result to ensure its continued relevance. (both must be true)

1: There is limited or no evidence that knowledge and lessons learned were collected by the project team.
 There is little or no evidence that this informed project decision making.

Evidence:

Le projet n'a pas produit d'évidences sur les leçons apprises.

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5. Was the project sufficiently at scale, or is there potential to scale up in the future, to meaningfully contribute to development change?

- 3: There was credible evidence that the project reached sufficient number of beneficiaries (either directly through significant coverage of target groups, or indirectly, through policy change) to meaningfully contribute to development change.
- 2: While the project was not considered at scale, there are explicit plans in place to scale up the project in the future (e.g. by extending its coverage or using project results to advocate for policy change).
- 1: The project was not at scale, and there are no plans to scale up the project in the future.

Evidence:

Le projet n'a pas assez d'évidence que le projet a att eint un nombre suffisant de bénéficiaires bien qu'il y des appuis institutionnel.

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\bigcirc		a and evidence through project monitoring nd empower women. Analysis of data and propriate. (both must be true)	-
	2: The project team had some da	ata and evidence on the relevance of the r n. There is evidence that at least some ad	-
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and empowering women. No evidence of adjustments and/or changes made. This option should also be selected if the project has no measures to address gender inequalities and empower women relevant to the project results and activities.

Evidence:

L'équipe du projet disposait de données sur la pertin ence des mesures pour lutter contre les inégalités e ntre les sexes et autonomiser les femmes.

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7. We	ere social and environmental impacts and risks s	uccessfully managed and monitore	d?

- 3: Social and environmental risks were tracked in the risk log. Appropriate assessments conducted where required (i.e., Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for High risk projects and some level of social and environmental assessment for Moderate risk projects as identified through SESP). Relevant management plan(s) developed for identified risks through consultative process and implemented, resourced, and monitored. Risks effectively managed or mitigated. If there is a substantive change to the project or change in context that affects risk levels, the SESP was updated to reflect these changes. (all must be true)
- 2: Social and environmental risks were tracked in the risk log. Appropriate assessments conducted where required (i.e., Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for High risk projects and some level of social and environmental assessment for Moderate risk projects as identified through SESP). Relevant management plan(s) developed, implemented and monitored for identified risks. OR project was categorized as Low risk through the SESP.
- I: Social and environmental risks were tracked in the risk log. For projects categorized as High or Moderate Risk, there was no evidence that social and environmental assessments completed and/or management plans or measures development, implemented or monitored. There are substantive changes to the project or changes in the context but SESP was not updated. (any may be true)

Evidence:

Les risques sociaux et environnementaux ont été sui vis dans le journal des risques. Pour les projets clas sés comme à risque élevé ou modéré, il n'y avait au cune preuve que les évaluations sociales et environ nementales étaient terminées et/ou que des plans o u des mesures de gestion étaient élaborés, mis en œuvre.

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8. Were grievance mechanisms available to project-affected people and were grievances (if any) addressed to ensure any perceived harm was effectively mitigated?

- 3: Project-affected people actively informed of UNDP's Corporate Accountability Mechanism (SRM/SECU) and how to access it. If the project was categorized as High or Moderate Risk through the SESP, a project -level grievance mechanism was in place and project affected people informed. If grievances were received, they were effectively addressed in accordance with SRM Guidance. (all must be true)
- 2: Project-affected people informed of UNDP's Corporate Accountability Mechanism and how to access it. If the project was categorized as High Risk through the SESP, a project -level grievance mechanism was in place and project affected people informed. If grievances were received, they were responded to but faced challenges in arriving at a resolution.
- 1: Project-affected people was not informed of UNDP's Corporate Accountability Mechanism. If grievances were received, they were not responded to. (any may be true)

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Management & Monitoring	Quality Rating: Satisfactory
9. Was the project's M&E Plan ade	uately implemented?
 populated. Progress data aga sources and collected accordine relevant. Any evaluations con gender UNEG standards. Les used to take corrective actions 2: The project costed M&E Plain indicators in the project's RRF following the frequency stated conducted, if relevant, met more used to take corrective actions 1: The project had M&E Plan, Progress data was not regular 	out costs were not clearly planned and budgeted for, or were unrealistic. y collected against the indicators in the project's RRF. Evaluations did not meet ards. Lessons learned were rarely captured and used. Select this option also if

Evidence:

Le projet a chiffré le plan de S&E, et la plupart des r éférences et des cibles ont été renseignées. Les do nnées en lien avec les indicateurs du RRF du projet ont été collectées régulièrement, bien qu'il puisse y avoir un certain retard dans le suivi de la fréquence i ndiquée

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	frequency stated in the project docu least annual) progress reporting to t that the project board explicitly revise evaluations, as the basis for informi (all must be true to select this option 2: The project's governance mechan project progress report was submitt risks and opportunities. (both must 1: The project's governance mechan	nism met in the agreed frequency and ed to the project board or equivalent a	as were all on file. There was regular of sults, risks and opportunities. It is clear rogress data, knowledge, lessons and nge in strategy, approach, work plan. <i>d minutes of the meeting are on file.</i> <i>at least once per year, covering resul</i> stated in the project document over the
	dence: e mécanisme de gouvernance du pro	ojet s'est réuni	
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. V	Vere risks to the project adequately r	monitored and managed?	
	3: The project monitored risks every	/ quarter and consulted with the key s	stakeholders, security advisors, to

- identify continuing and emerging risks to assess if the main assumptions remained valid. There is clear evidence that relevant management plans and mitigating measures were fully implemented to address each key project risk and were updated to reflect the latest risk assessment. (all must be true)
- 2: The project monitored risks every year, as evidenced by an updated risk log. Some updates were made to management plans and mitigation measures.
- 1: The risk log was not updated as required. There was may be some evidence that the project monitored risks that may affected the project's achievement of results, but there is no explicit evidence that management actions were taken to mitigate risks.

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	 2: The project had updated procurement plan. The procuring inputs in a timely manner and addresse true) 1: The project did not have an updated procurem operational bottlenecks to procuring inputs regulated. 	ed them through appropria ent plan. The project team	may or may not have reviewed
Evid	dence:		
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	aminé chaque année les goulots d'étranglement rationnels pour l'achat des intrants en temps opp In.		
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- 3: There is evidence that the project regularly reviewed costs against relevant comparators (e.g., other projects or country offices) or industry benchmarks to ensure the project maximized results delivered with given resources. The project actively coordinated with other relevant ongoing projects and initiatives (UNDP or other) to ensure complementarity and sought efficiencies wherever possible (e.g. joint activities.) (both must be true)
- 2: The project monitored its own costs and gave anecdotal examples of cost efficiencies (e.g., spending less to get the same result,) but there was no systematic analysis of costs and no link to the expected quality of results delivered. The project coordinated activities with other projects to achieve cost efficiency gains.
- 1: There is little or no evidence that the project monitored its own costs and considered ways to save money beyond following standard procurement rules.

Evidence:

Le projet a conduit les actions de suivi de façon effic iente. L'équipe du projet a procéder de façon conjoin te avec d'autres agence comme l'UNFPA au suivi de s activités du projet.

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Effective	Quality Rating: Highly Sat	isfactory
15. Was the project on track and delivered its expected o	utputs?	
YesNo		
Evidence:		
Bien que le projet n'ai pas pu mobiliser les ressourc es permettant de mettre à l'échelle les résultats, a p u obtenir des résultats qui ont servi de base au proje t "appui et suivi des ODD"		
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16. Were there regular reviews of the work plan to ensure	e that the project was on track	to achieve the desired

results, and to inform course corrections if needed?

- 3: Quarterly progress data informed regular reviews of the project work plan to ensure that the activities implemented were most likely to achieve the desired results. There is evidence that data and lessons learned (including from evaluations /or After-Action Reviews) were used to inform course corrections, as needed. Any necessary budget revisions were made. (both must be true)
- 2: There was at least one review of the work plan per year with a view to assessing if project activities were on track to achieving the desired development results (i.e., outputs.) There may or may not be evidence that data or lessons learned were used to inform the review(s). Any necessary budget revisions have been made.
- 1: While the project team may have reviewed the work plan at least once over the past year to ensure outputs were delivered on time, no link was made to the delivery of desired development results. Select this option also if no review of the work plan by management took place.

Evidence:

Le Projet avait au moins une revue du plan de travai l par an permettant d'évaluer si les activités du proje t étaient sur la bonne voie pour atteindre les résultat s de développement.

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17. Were the targeted groups systematically identified and engaged, prioritizing the marginalized and excluded, to ensure results were achieved as expected?

- 3: The project targeted specific groups and/or geographic areas, identified by using credible data sources on their capacity needs, deprivation and/or exclusion from development opportunities relevant to the project's area of work. There is clear evidence that the targeted groups were reached as intended. The project engaged regularly with targeted groups over the past year to assess whether they benefited as expected and adjustments were made if necessary, to refine targeting. (all must be true)
- 2: The project targeted specific groups and/or geographic areas, based on some evidence of their capacity needs, deprivation and/or exclusion from development opportunities relevant to the project's area of work.
 Some evidence is provided to confirm that project beneficiaries are members of the targeted groups. There was some engagement with beneficiaries in the past year to assess whether they were benefiting as expected. (all must be true)
- 1: The project did not report on specific targeted groups. There is no evidence to confirm that project beneficiaries are populations have capacity needs or are deprived and/or excluded from development opportunities relevant to the project area of work. There is some engagement with beneficiaries to assess whether they benefited as expected, but it was limited or did not occurred in the past year.
- Not Applicable

Evidence:

Le projet a pris en compte le principe de " The best value for money". Pour plus d'efficience, il a travaillé en étroite collaboration avec d'autres projets et Age nce du SNU comme le UNHCR, UNFPA, FAO pour des achats groupés, missions de terrain, organisatio n des journées internationales.

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Sustainability & National Ownership

Quality Rating: Satisfactory

18. Were stakeholders and national partners fully engaged in the decision-making, implementation and monitoring of the project?

- 3: Only national systems (i.e., procurement, monitoring, evaluation, etc.) were used to fully implement and monitor the project. All relevant stakeholders and partners were fully and actively engaged in the process, playing a lead role in project decision-making, implementation and monitoring. (both must be true)
- 2: National systems (i.e., procurement, monitoring, evaluation, etc.) were used to implement and monitor the project (such as country office support or project systems) were also used, if necessary. All relevant stakeholders and partners were actively engaged in the process, playing an active role in project decision-making, implementation and monitoring. (both must be true)
- 1: There was relatively limited or no engagement with national stakeholders and partners in the decisionmaking, implementation and/or monitoring of the project.
- Not Applicable

Evidence:

En 2020, les acteurs nationaux et bénéficiaires ont é té pleinement associés au cours des réunions organ isées à cet effet.

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\bigcirc	3: Changes in capacities and performance of nat clear indicators, rigorous methods of data collect assurance activities. Implementation arrangement agreement with partners according to changes in	tion and credible data sources inclu nts were formally reviewed and adju	ding relevant HACT usted, if needed, in
	2: Aspects of changes in capacities and perform monitored by the project using indicators and rea assurance activities. Some adjustment was mad in partner capacities. (all must be true)	ance of relevant national institution asonably credible data sources inclu	s and systems were uding relevant HACT
\bigcirc	1: Some aspects of changes in capacities and perhave been monitored by the project, however ch considered. Also select this option if changes in systems have not been monitored by the project	anges to implementation arrangem capacities and performance of relev	ents have not been

Not Applicable

Evidence:

Des experts nationaux ont été formés sur la chaîne PPBSE afin de renforcer le cadre de planification str atégique au Congo mais aussi sur la contextualisati on des ODD ainsi que leur suivi dans le Plan Nation al de Développement.

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20. Were the transition and phase-out arrangements were reviewed and adjusted according to progress (including financial commitment and capacity).

	3: The project's governance mechanism reg arrangements for transition and phase-out, set out by the plan. The plan was implement adjustments made during implementation. (to ensure the project remained nted as planned by the end of th (both must be true)	on track in meeting the requirement ne project, taking into account any
	2: There was a review of the project's susta to ensure the project remained on track in n		
	1: The project may have had a sustainability developed. Also select this option if the proj	y plan but there was no review	of this strategy after it was
Evi	idence:		
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QA Summary/Final Project Board Comments

Bon dans l'ensemble mais le projet devrait à l'avenir fournir plus d'efforts dans la collecte d'évidences. La mise en œ uvre et le suivi de ce projet devront encore être améliorés.