

**Project Closure Checklist**  
Operation & Financial Closure of a Project

United Nations Development Programme  
Regional Service Centre Panamá Office  
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This list has to be initiated and processed by the Project Manager\*

**SECTION 1: PROJECT INFORMATION**

1. Project Title: <b>LECRDS</b>	2. Atlas Project Number: <b>00062376</b>	3. Award No: <b>00050458</b>
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**SECTION 2: OPERATION CLOSURE**

TASK	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	ATLAS ACTION POINT	YES	NO	NOTES
4. Prepare Final Project Review report	Project Manager*	Atlas Report: Quarterly Review Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A standard format should be used; prepared in the form of a <b>case study</b> . Review the following links: <u>Final Project Review Report Deliverable Description</u>
5. Conduct final review	Project Board Programme Officer	Project Attachment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Include in this meeting a final review of project financials, results, progress on capacity development strategies, and <b>lessons learned</b> . Topics during the review include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity deliverables quality</li> <li>Overall project performance</li> <li>Outstanding activities</li> <li>Use of remaining budget, if any</li> <li>Effective date of project closure</li> <li>Transitioning of responsibilities to national counterparts</li> <li>Hand-over of assets</li> </ul>
6. Commission project evaluation	Project Board		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandatory only when required by partnership protocols (e.g. GEF) and within the context of UNDAF evaluation. Review the following links: <u>Project Evaluation TOR</u> <u>Project Evaluation Report</u>
7. Initiate project Audit (if applicable)	Project Board		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NEX projects have to be audited at least once in the life of the project, and each year that it is considered appropriate by the CO (depending on level of delivery, difficulties found during the year, etc.). For more information on project audit, please refer to <u>Office of Audit and Investigations website</u> .
8. Notify operational completion of the project	Project Board		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The project is operationally complete when the last UNDP-financed inputs have been provided and related activities completed. The Project Manager should notify the Project Board when this state has been reached. When a project is operationally complete, the parties must agree on the disposal of any equipment that is still the property of UNDP. Equipment purchased with UNDP funds remain UNDP property until formally transferred or otherwise disposal off.
9. Operationally close the project (and Award if applicable)	Project Assurance	Project>Project Status C Award Profile> Status C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Based on the Project Board decision to close the project, project status in Atlas will be set to "Operationally Closed". No further financial commitment can be made.

**SECTION 3: FINANCIAL CLOSURE**

TASK	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	ATLAS ACTION POINT	YES	NO	NOTES
10. Transfer project deliverables and documents At the completion of the project, the parties must agree on the disposal of equipment that is still property of UNDP. Equipment purchased with UNDP funds remain UNDP property until formally transferred or otherwise disposal of )	Project Manager/ Programme Officer/ Head of Unit	None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Also complete; (a) Completed equipment/asset list (inventory list), (<u>refer equipment/Asset listing</u>) and; (b) Transfer or dispose of assets (<u>refer Transfer of Asset Form: Annex I</u>)</li> <li>Project deliverables, documents, files, equipment and materials (if not already transferred) should be transferred to the national beneficiaries or national representatives at this time.</li> </ul>
11. Ensure that all financial transactions are in Atlas (Based on final report from the Implementing Partner)	Programme Officer		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Atlas Transaction Check: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No outstanding advances-in either local currency or USD</li> <li>No open POs</li> <li>no pending GLJEs</li> <li>no unapplied deposits</li> <li>no AR direct journals in budget error or incomplete Status</li> <li>the CDR for the previous quarter shows zero encumbrances</li> <li>All Audit Gaps should be closed with supporting documentation</li> </ul>

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12. Update other ATLAS requirements (Based on final report from the Implementing Partner)	Programme Officer		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Update the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality Log</li> <li>Issues Log</li> <li>Risk Log</li> <li>Lessons Learned Log</li> <li>Communication and Monitoring Plan</li> </ul>
13. Review and sign final CDR	Project Manager/ Programme Officer/ Head of Unit	ATLAS report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed by UNDP, confirming final project financial accounts and expenditures.</li> <li>Project should be financially completed not more than 12 after operational completion or date of discontinuation.</li> <li>For More information refer to the <u>CDRPD1</u> document.</li> </ul>
14. Conduct final project budget revision and sign final Annual Work Plan	Project Manager	Grants>Award> Award Profile/ Project/Project Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed by UNDP and Implementing Partner, confirming final project Annual Work Plan according to the actual project activities. No adjustments can be made to a financially completed project.
15. Negotiate with Donor on refund/reallocation of cost-sharing balances at the fund-project-donor level (very last step prior to designating the project as financially complete)	Programme Officer/ Head of Unit	General Ledger>Journal>Create Journal Entries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNDP Issue refunds to donor as the very last step before designating a project as financially complete in ATLAS. If the donor requests a refund at any earlier point then you need to the approval of the Chief, Account Division or Treasurer to issuing the refund.
16. Ensure project accounts are closed	Project Assurance	Project>Project Status F	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Closure of any project-based financial accounts or funds. Once confirmed, project status in Atlas will be set to "Financially Closed". No further financial transactions can be made. For more information on project closure procedures and policies, see <u>Closing a Project</u> document and <u>Programme and Project Completion</u> , or refer to <u>Closing a Project</u> in the POPP.

**SECTION 4: APPROVAL**

**1. Project Manager:**  
 Name: Cayetano Casado  
 Comments:  
 Signature:   
 Date:

**2. Programme Officer:**  
 Name: *Maribel Landau, Reg. Programme Coordinator*  
 Comments:  
 Signature:   
 Date: *4 de Julio de 2017*

**3. Head of Unit:**  
 Name: Matilde Mordt  
 Comments:  
 Signature:   
 Date: *22 junio 2017*

**4. Management Support Unit:**  
 Name: *Alfonso Fernandez*  
 Comments:  
 Signature:   
 Date:

**5. Deputy Country Director (Programme):**  
 Name: Richard Barathe – Regional Bureau for LAC UNDP  
 Comments:  
 Signature:   
 Date:

\* In absence of project manager; the Programme Officer or the Head of Unit should initiate and process this checklist.



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Project Closure Checklist		Financial Closure Checklist		Status History and Attachments	
Output Details		Output Dates		Output Status	
Business Unit	UNDP1	Start Date	01/06/2008	Operationally Closed	
Project Number	00050458	End Date	31/12/2016		
Output Number	00062376	Output Manager		Effective Date	
Output Name	LECRDS	BRIGGS,Chris Fenwick		19/12/2016	
Output Financials (Cash Funds)			Output Financials (Allocation Funds)		
Total Contribution Recognized	\$ 9,224,060.81	Approved Budget	\$ 386,006.75		
Transfers to/from - Funds/Donor	\$ -6,076,322.09	Advances Balance	\$ 0.00		
Interest Earned	\$ 0.00	Total Expense	\$ 349,534.57		
Advances Balance	\$ 0.00	Undepreciated Assets	\$ 0.00		
Total Expense	\$ 3,147,738.72	Open Purchase Orders	\$ 0.00		
Undepreciated Assets	\$ 0.00	Balance	\$ 36,472.18		
Open Purchase Orders	\$ 0.00				
Fund Balance	\$ 0.00				

**eChecklist Instructions: (This Is Pilot eChecklist)**

In order to be able to close the project operationally all items in the below list need to be checked as (YES). If any of the items is not applicable for the project then it can be checked as (YES). A project is operationally completed when the last UNDP-financed inputs have been provided and related activities have been completed.

**Operational Completion:**

A project is operationally complete when the last UNDP-financed inputs have been provided and the related activities have been completed. Through the project board, the implementing partner promptly notifies the UNDP country office when this has been done. Should the implementing partner not do so, the UNDP programme manager must determine when the project is operationally complete.

When a project is operationally complete, the parties must agree on the disposal of any equipment that is still the property of UNDP.  
<https://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPSubject.aspx?SBID=248&Menu=BusinessUnit>

Operational Closure Checklist				
No.	TASK	YES	NO	NOTES
1	Prepare Final Project Review Report and as Annex, a lessons-learned report.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A standard format should be used. Review the following links: <a href="#">Final Project Review Report (POPP)</a> and <a href="#">lessons learned</a> as per the following <a href="#">guidelines</a> .
2	Conduct Final Project Review by Project Board. And update the lessons learned report to include a brief record of decisions and conclusions related to follow-up actions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Using the final Project Review Report, the Lessons Learned Report and other documentation as appropriate, the project board should assess in this meeting the performance and success of the project, and its contribution to related outcomes. Topics during the review include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achievements of last year targets;</li> <li>• Overall project performance and sustainability of results;</li> <li>• Achievement on capacity development;</li> <li>• Outstanding activities;</li> <li>• All Open POs have been fully received;</li> <li>• Lessons learned;</li> <li>• Use of remaining budget, if any;</li> <li>• Effective date of project closure;</li> <li>• Transitioning of responsibilities to national counterparts;</li> <li>• Hand-over of assets.</li> </ul>
3	Commission project evaluation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If required by partnership arrangements or if so decided by UNDP, commission project evaluation, prepare a management response to evaluation and discuss and share findings and recommendations for learning. Review the following links: <a href="#">Evaluation Resource Centre TOR for Evaluation</a> <a href="#">Evaluation Report Format</a>
4	Initiate project Audit (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NEX projects have to be audited at least once in the life of the project, and each year that it is considered appropriate by the CO (depending on level of delivery, difficulties found during the year, etc.). For more information on project audit, please refer to <a href="#">Office of Audit and Investigations</a> website.
5	Notify the Project Board / Programme Manager on the operational completion of the project.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project is operationally complete when the last UNDP-financed inputs have been provided and related activities completed. The Project Manager should notify the Project Board, who in turn should notify the Programme manager about the operational completion of the project. Otherwise, programme manager decides when the project is operationally completed.
6	Operationally close the Output.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Based on the Project Board decision to close the project, project status in Atlas will be set to "Operationally Closed". No further financial commitment can be made.

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Meylene Chiari. This project has no Project Board please refer to PRODOC. No audit was made to this project since it was not a requirement of the RSC-LAC at the time the project was created, please refer to note the file in attachments. June 16, 2016.

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**Checklist Instructions: (This is Pilot Checklist)**

In order to be able to close the project financially all items in the list need to be checked as (YES). If any of the items is not applicable for the project then it can be checked as (YES). This list provides details based on standard queries based on the output ID so it might not reflect some of the exceptions. Therefore, it should be used as a guide for the closure but manual verification as per the POPP is required by the CO to ensure all the exceptions have been considered and resolved.

Financial Closure Checklist		YES	No	NOTES
<b>Atlas Transaction Check</b>				
Ensure that all financial transactions are in Atlas General Ledger (Based on final report from the Implementing Partner)				
	Account	Transaction Currency	Atlas Balance Base Currency (USD)	
No outstanding NEX advances in either local currency or USD (Account 16005)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Outstanding Advances</u>	0.00 \$ 0.00
No other outstanding advances in either local currency or USD (Account 14001, 14056, 14057, 14501, 16005, 16010, 16015, 17008, 17009)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Outstanding Advances Other</u>	0.00 \$ 0.00
No outstanding Project Delivery Reports (PDRs);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PDR: <a href="http://unex.undo.org">http://unex.undo.org</a>	
No open Purchase Orders (POs);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Open Purchase Orders</u>	0.00 \$ 0.00
No Receipt Accruals;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Receipt Accruals</u>	0.00 \$ 0.00
No Outstanding Commitments;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please ensure commitments outside Atlas are resolved (Non-PO Commitments) - Supporting documents if any should be uploaded to Atlas (Attachments Tab)	
No outstanding prepaid vouchers (Account 16055)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Prepaid Vouchers</u>	0.00 \$ 0.00
No pending vouchers;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>No Pending Vouchers</u> - Please run the query link to verify and check any pending vouchers.	
All pre-financing activities have been recovered and/or reimbursed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting documents if any should be uploaded to Atlas (Attachments Tab)	
No pending GMS or Direct Project Charging (Formerly ISS). (If Off-the-top GMS was used, extra-budgetary income taken must be reconciled to actual expense/delivery. A pro-rata return of GMS based on the balance of unspent funds must be done);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Charged GMS Rate %</u>	% 5.75 % 5.75
No pending GLJEs;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>GLJEs Not Posted</u>	0.00 \$ 0.00
No unapplied deposits or other unrecorded revenue;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Unapplied Deposits by Office</u>	0.00 \$ 0.00
No outstanding Accounts Receivable to be received from donors per signed agreements;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Contract Pending Events</u>	0.00 \$ 0.00
No outstanding Contribution Receivable to be collected from donor (GL Account 14015 Balance including FX Revaluation)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Contribution Amount Not Collected</u>	0.00 \$ 0.00
No AR direct journals in budget error or incomplete status;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>No Pending AR direct journals</u> - Please run the query link to verify and check any pending AR direct journals.	
All assets are transferred or otherwise disposed of, Asset Transfer letters/documents are in place. (GL 16xxx Accounts) (Click Link for ISR Report)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Assets</u>	\$ 0.00 \$ 0.00
All unused inventory items held at the end of the project has been disposed of or transferred to other projects	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting documents if any should be uploaded to Atlas (Attachments Tab)	
Ensure all transactions for sale/transfer/donation/disposal etc. of assets have been processed and GMS charged	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting documents if any should be uploaded to Atlas (Attachments Tab)	
All items held as inventory should be distributed or transferred to recipient or returned to donor as specified in the donor agreement.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting documents if any should be uploaded to Atlas (Attachments Tab)	
All Project Petty Cash (11015 (old), 16105(new)) and Project Cash Advance Accounts (Acc. 16105, 16107, 16108 and 16007) are cleared;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Petty Cash &amp; Cash Advance</u>	0.00 \$ 0.00
Project Bank Account is fully reconciled and closed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Project staff should coordinate with implementing partner to close Project Bank account.	
All Staff Receivables in USD Only (Acc. 14005, 14020, 14022, 14023, 14025, 14030, 14035, 14040, 14042, 14045, 14046, 14050, 14055, 14056) are cleared;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Staff Receivables</u>	0.00 \$ 0.00
All accrued employee benefits are fully accounted.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Employee Benefits</u>	0.00 \$ 0.00
No other pending liabilities in USD Only; (GL 2xxxx Accounts - Excluding 21005)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Pending Liabilities</u>	0.00 \$ 0.00
The CDR for the previous quarter shows Zero future expenses (commitments).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of CDR should be uploaded to Atlas (Attachments Tab)	
Final LPAC / Steering committee minutes are available.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minutes should be uploaded to Atlas (Attachments Tab)	
All audit observations are closed with supporting documentation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting documents if any should be uploaded to Atlas (Attachments Tab)	
The final CDR is signed by UNDP and the Implementing Partner. Final report submitted by responsible parties.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting documents should be uploaded to Atlas (Attachments Tab)	
<b>General Ledger Cash Balance</b>				
	Fund	Donor	Amount USD	
If cost sharing project, the unexpended balance has been agreed to the general ledger. (The Balances excludes Open Purchase Orders reflected in the Output Financials) AND (Excludes Outstanding Contribution Receivable to be collected from donor) if any.	30000	00248	\$ 0.00	
	30000	10870	\$ 0.00	
	30071	01683	\$ 0.00	
	23400	00220	\$ 0.00	
Consultations with Donors on the disposition of unexpended cost-sharing balances, where required by contribution agreement, have taken place and are documented in writing.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNDP issues refunds to donor as the very last step before designating a project as financially complete in ATLAS. If the donor requests a refund at any earlier point then you need to the approval of the Chief, Account Division or Treasurer for issuing the refund. Please refer to <u>Refunds to Donors</u> in the POPP.	
All refunds to donors have been transferred to Account 21030 (Pending Refund to Donors) and the project Balance is Zero. (Only in Base Currency)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Pending Refund to Donor</u>	\$ 0.00 \$ 0.00
Notified Treasury Contributions Unit if the donor agreement requires interest to be refunded to the donor if specified in the agreement.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting documents if any should be uploaded to Atlas (Attachments Tab)	
Notified the GSSC to close any associated contract in the contracts module.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting documents if any should be uploaded to Atlas (Attachments Tab)	
All donor reports, as established in the Cost Sharing agreement, were submitted and acknowledged receipt by the donor representative.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting documents if any should be uploaded to Atlas (Attachments Tab)	
Ensure project accounts are closed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Closure of any project-based financial accounts or funds. Once confirmed, project status in Atlas will be set to "Financially Closed". No further financial transactions can be made. For more information on project closure procedures and policies, please refer to <u>Closing a Project</u> and <u>Financial Closure of Development Projects and Financial Closure of Trust Funds</u> in the POPP.	

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