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Financial Report 2024-2025

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I. INTRODUCTION

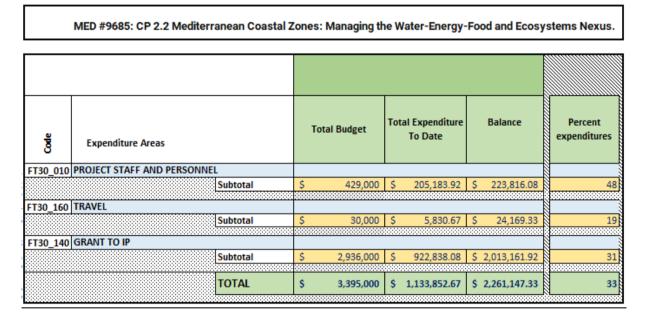
1. This report covers budget expenditures for the period extending from March 2023 to March 2024 as well as requested budget revisions and budget forecast for the activities to be carried out for the period extending from 1 March 2024 to 31 March 2025 by Child Project CP2.2 "Mediterranean Coastal Zones: Managing the Water-Energy-Food and Ecosystems Nexus" (GEF ID 9685) implemented in the framework of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) funded Mediterranean Sea Programme (MedProgramme): "Enhancing Environmental Security (GEF ID 9607).

2. This report is presented for the consideration and approval of the 4th Steering Committee Meeting. Budget allocations per component as well as budget expenditures and forecast tables are included in Annex A.

II. Budget Expenditures 2023-2024

3. Budget expenditures as of 31 March 2024 are tabulated below. These are categorized according to classes of: project staff and personnel, travel, and grant to implementing partner. Details are provided in Annex A.

4. With regards to percentage expenditure spending in the 2023-2024 period, as of 31 March 2024, the number varies between 19 and 48 percent, with an average total expenditure percentage of 33%. The low overall level of spending further substantiates the request of the executing partner to extend implementation timetable of planned activities till 31 March 2026.



5. In comparison with the forecasted amounts in March 2023, as presented to the consideration of the Steering Committee Meeting in 2023, the following table shows the recorded expenditures in March 2024 in comparison to the forecasted amounts in 2023.

Category	Forecasted amount in 2023	Actual expenditure in 2024	Variance		
Personnel	115,500	59,677	-48%		
Travel	10,500	4,145	-61%		
Implementing partners	1,740,337	550,855	-68%		
Total	1,866,337	614,677	-67%		

6. As can be inferred, there is an overall trend for decreased expenditures in comparison with forecasted amounts. This variance ranges from 48% to 68%.

III. Budget Revisions 2024-2025

7. Requests for budget revisions by the GWP Mediterranean - Global Water Partnership are as follows:

- a. To cover costs of consultants/technical advisors, the following is proposed:
 - i. Reallocation of \$8,864 from Technical Advisors (Staff; Output 4.1), \$135,924 from International Technical Consultants (Consultants; Outputs 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3) and \$110,400 from Local Technical Consultants (Consultants; Outputs 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3) as follows:
 - 1. \$128,409 to Senior Technical Advisors (Staff; Outputs 2.1, 2.2, 2.3) that will undertake work that the International Technical Consultants would have done for the Interministerial Committees' operation, Nexus Assessments and Nexus Policy Dialogues
 - 2. \$1,329 to International Technical Consultants (Consultants; Output 5.1) to strengthen work in relation to Communications in Tunisia, Lebanon and Albania
 - 3. \$52,000 to Local Technical Consultants (Consultants; Output 3.1) for studies necessary for the implementation of demonstration activities in Lebanon and Tunisia
 - 4. \$73,450 to cover part of the \$148,265 to Company/Consultancy (Output 4.1) for additional resources to be used for feasibility studies for Project Fiches in Morocco and Lebanon
- b. To cover cost of travel of consultants/technical advisors, the following is proposed:
 - i. Reallocation of \$25,166 from Output 1, \$3,100 from Output 3.1, \$6,440 from Output 4.1, and \$14,599 from 2207 Components 1, 2, 3, 4 as follows:
 - 1. \$7,483 to Travel (Output Outputs 2.1, 2.2, 2.3) to cover costs related to interministerial meetings in Lebanon.
 - 2. \$4,384 to Travel (Output 5.1) to cover costs related to meetings with stakeholders for the implementation of the CP.
 - 3. \$5,679 to Travel (Output 4 Travels to support IW:LEARN) to increase the budget for travel related to activities to support IWLEARN.
 - 4. \$5,000 to Travel (Components 1, 2, 3, 4 Synergies with IW:LEARN) to cover increase the budget for travel related to activities to support IWLEARN.
 - 5. \$26,759 to cover part of the \$148,625 to (Company/Consultancy; Output 4.1) for additional resources to be used for feasibility studies for Project Fiches in Morocco and Lebanon.
- c. To cover cost of contractual services for meetings, the following is proposed:
 - i. Reallocation of \$3,440 from Meetings (Output 1), \$67,000 from Meetings (Component 1,2,3,4), \$17,408 from Company/Consultancy (Outputs 2.1, 2.2, 2.3) and \$54.500 from Company/Consultancy (Output 3.1) as follows:
 - 1. \$29,092 to Meetings (Outputs 2.1, 2.2, 2.3) to cover costs in relation to Nexus Dialogues in Lebanon, Tunisia and Albania.
 - 2. \$63,120 to Company/Consultancy (Output 1) for the development of Capacity Building training material for on-line asynchronous training.

- 3. \$48,056 to cover part of the \$148,625 to Company/Consultancy (Output 4.1) for additional resources to be used for feasibility studies for Project Fiches in Morocco and Lebanon.
- 4. \$2,081 to cover part of the \$92,100 to Demonstration Activities equipment (Output 3.1) to buy additional field equipment for the demonstration activities in Lebanon and Tunisia.
- d. To cover cost of operational and other direct costs for information materials, the following is proposed:
 - Reallocation of \$28,720 from Information Material (Output 5.1), \$415 from Miscellaneous (Output 1), \$270 from Miscellaneous (Outputs 2.1, 2.2, 2.3) and \$54,465 from Miscellaneous (Components 1, 2, 3, 4, Synergies with IWLEARN) as follows:
 - 1. \$79 to Miscellaneous (Output 5.1).
 - 2. \$1,182 to Miscellaneous (Output 4 Travels to support IW:LEARN).
 - 3. \$82,609 to cover part of the 92,100 to Demonstration Activities equipment (Output 3.1) to buy additional field equipment for the demonstration activities in Lebanon and Tunisia.
- e. To cover cost of supplies and materials, the following is proposed:
 - i. Reallocation of \$7,410 from Software (Outputs 2.1, 2.2, 2.3) to cover part of the \$92,100 to Demonstration Activities equipment (Output 3.1) to purchase additional field equipment for the demonstration activities in Lebanon and Tunisia.

III. Budget Forecasts 2024-2025

8. Budget forecasts for GWP-Med as well as MedPCU are included in a tabulated form in Annex A and presented per each budget code.

9. A summarized table is included below. As can be seen, the total amount to be committed in 2024-2025 is approximately USD 1.3 million. This entails an increase in total expenditures to USD 2.46 million or about 51%. The largest commitment is forecasted for the Implementing Partner, noting the request to extend the timetable of the Child Project till 31 March 2026.

	MED #9685: CP 2.2 Mediterranean Coastal Zones: Managing the Water-Energy-Food and Ecosystems Nexus.												
					ual IW Budget								
Budget Line	8 Expenditure Areas			Q1 Q2		Q3	Q4	Total IW 2024 and 2025 Q1					
	FT30_010	PROJECT STAFF AND PERSONNE	L										
			Subtotal	\$-	\$ 17,500	\$ 48,952	\$ 59,790	\$ 148,322					
	FT30_160	TRAVEL											
			Subtotal	\$-	\$-	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 12,000					
	FT30_140	GRANT TO IP											
			Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 190,938	\$ 254,288	\$ 409,077	\$ 1,169,649					
			TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 208,438	\$ 307,240	\$ 472,867	\$ 1,329,971					

Annex A Annual Budget Expenditures and Forecast

Budget allocations per component of Child Project 2.2.

		1	BUDGET BY	COMPONEN	TS				BUDGE	T BY YEAR		
UN Environment Umoja	COMPONE	COMPONE	COMPONE	COMPONE	PROJECT	Total	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	Total
Sponsored classes/Object of the	NT 1	NT 2	NT 3	NT 4	MANAGE	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Budget	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	MEN US\$							
FT30_010 PROJECT STAFF AND PE												
1101 MedPCU - MedProgramme	30,000	10,000	-	44,000	132,000	216,000	36,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	216,00
Coordinator (P4) 1120 MedPCU - Programme	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	10,00
Financial Assistant (G5)					10.000	10.000	6.000	6.000				10.00
1121 MedPCU - Programme and Administration Assistant (G5)	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	10,00
1121 Regional consultant	63,000	20,000	-	40,000	-	123,000	33,000	25,000	25,000	20,000	20,000	123,00
Internationl Waters (MAP) 1201 Regional consultant	-	-	-	40,000	-	40,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	40,00
Knowledge Management (MAP)												
1202 Regional consultant Gender Expert (MAP)	-	-	-	30,000	-	30,000	5,000	10,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	30,00
Component Total	93,000	30,000	-	154,000	152,000	429,000	89,000	100,000	85,000	80,000	75,000	429,000
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FT30_160 TRAVEL												
1601 Staff Travel & Transport	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	14,000	30,000	4,000	7,000	7,000	8,000	4,000	30,00
(MedPCU) Component Total	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	14,000	30,000	4,000	7,000	7,000	8,000	4,000	30,000
				.,						-,	.,	
FT30_140 GRANT TO IP - (See footn	otes 1)				I							
Regional and National capacities	217,000	-	-	-	-	217,000	95,000	20,000	40,000	22,000	40,000	217,00
on the use of the NEXUS approach to												
²²⁰¹ address land-based issues (GWP												
Med) (1)												
²²⁰² Interlinkages among Nexus	-	1,700,000	-	-	-	1,700,000	212,500	531,250	531,250	425,000	-	1,700,00
Sectors (GWP Med) (1)			188,000			188,000	9,400	56,400	56,400	56,400	9,400	188,00
²²⁰³ Technologies and approaches to address Nexus trade-offs (GWP	-	-	100,000	-	-	100,000	9,400	56,400	56,400	56,400	9,400	100,00
Med) ⁽¹⁾												
Mechanisms and arrangements to	-	-	333,000	-	-	333,000	16,650	99,900	99,900	99,900	16,650	333,00
implement priority nexus interventions												
2204 (GWP Med) (1)												
2205 Stakeholders engagement (GWP	-	-	-	127,000	-	127,000	40,000	21,750	21,750	21,750	21,750	127,00
Med) (1)												
2206 Travels to support IW:LEARN	-	-	-	18,000	-	18,000	2,000	3,000	6,000	2,000	5,000	18,00
(part of the 1% allocation) (GWP Med) ⁽¹⁾												
2207 Travels to attend PSC and ASM	25,000	25,000	25,000	50,000	-	125,000	20,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	36,000	125,00
(Stakeholeders from Countries) (1)												
²²⁰⁸ Meetings (PSC, ASM, etc.)	-	-	-	100,000	-	100,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	100,00
(GWP Med) ⁽¹⁾ Synergies with IW:LEARN	15,000	15,000	15,000	18,000		63,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	12,000	12,000	63,00
(Meetings, Training, Experience	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	-	03,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	12,000	12,000	05,00
Note, etc.) -												
²²⁰⁹ part 1% allocation (GWP Med)												
Publication, Translation,	10,000	10,000	10,000	35,000	-	65,000	10,000	10,000	15,000	10,000	20,000	65,00
Dissemination and reporting costs	,	,	,	,		,		,	,			
(Support to the	0.000						(00.000	700.000			100.000	
Component Total	267,000	1,750,000	571,000	348,000	-	2,936,000	438,550	798,300	826,300	692,050	180,800	2,936,000
FT30_125 OPERATING AND OTHER												
5302 Mid-Term Evaluation 5303 Terminal Evaluation	10,000	10,000 10,000	10,000	20,000 25,000	-	50,000 55,000	-	-	50,000	-	- 55,000	50,00 55,00
Component Total	20,000	20,000	20,000	45,000	-	105,000	-	-	50,000	-	55,000	105,000
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TOTAL COSTS	384,000	1,804,000	595,000	551,000	166,000	3,500,000	531,550	905,300	968,300	780,050	314,800	3,500,00
										TOTAL C	omponent	384,00
% of component on total ICA budget	11%	52%	17%	16%	5%							
										TOTAL C	omponent	1,804,00
										TOTAL C	omponent	595,00

Annual budget forecast for 2023-Q1/2024 MED #9685: CP 2.2 Mediterranean Coastal Zones: Managing the Water-Energy-Food and Ecosystems Nexus. Forecast Period: Q2-2024 - Q1-2025

							Anr	nual IW Budget	Forecast for 2	2024		Partial IW Budget Forecast for	
	Code	Expenditure Areas	Total IW Budget	Total Expenditu To Date	e Balance	Previous Years Commitment	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total IW 2024	Q1	Total IW 2024 and 2025 Q1
FT	T30_010	PROJECT STAFF AND PERSONNEL					·						
	1101	MedPCU - MedProgramme Coordinator (P4)	\$ 216,000	\$ 109,547.0	\$ 106,452.98	S -		\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 48,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 64,000
		MedPCU - Programme Financial Assistant (G5)	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000.00	N .		\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 6,000
		MedPCU - Programme and Administration Assistant (G5)	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000.00	N -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	<u>s</u> -	ş -
		Regional consultant International Waters (MAP)	\$ 123,000	\$ 79,537.5	\$ 43,462.50	s -			\$ 11,492	\$ 27,390	\$ 38,882	\$ 4,580	\$ 43,462
		Regional consultant Knowledge Management (MAP)	\$ 40,000	\$ 6,060.0		N -				\$ 14,900	\$ 14,900	<u> </u>	\$ 14,900
	1202	Regional consultant Gender Expert (MAP)	\$ 30,000	\$ 10,039.4	\$ 19,960.60	s -			\$ 19,960	\$ -	\$ 19,960	<u>s</u> -	\$
		Subtotal	\$ 429,000	\$ 205,183.9	\$ 223,816.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,500	\$ 48,952	\$ 59,790	\$ 126,242	\$ 22,080	\$ 148,322
FT	F30_160	TRAVEL										8	
	1601	Staff Travel & Transport (MedPCU)	\$ 30,000	\$ 5,830.6	⁷ \$ 24,169,33				\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 12.000
		Subtotal	\$ 30,000	1		S -	S -	S -	\$ 4,000		\$ 8,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 12,000
FT	_	GRANT TO IP											
		PCA with GWP-Med	\$ 2,936,000		\$ 2,013,161.92				\$ 254,288		\$ 854,303	\$ 315,346	\$ 1,169,649
		Subtotal	\$ 2,936,000	\$ 922,838.0	\$ 2,013,161.92	\$ 2,013,162	S -	\$ 190,938	\$ 254,288	\$ 409,077	\$ 854,303	\$ 315,346	\$ 1,169,649
 ET	T30 125	OPERATING AND OTHER DIRECT COSTS									8	1	
1		Mid-Term Evaluation		<u>د</u>		s .					s		\$
		Terminal Evaluation		s .		<u> </u>							ý -
33		Subtotal	S -	-	S -		s -	s -	s -	s -	s -	s -	s -
		TOTAL	\$ 3,395,000	\$ 1,133,852.6	\$ 2,261,147.33	\$ 2,013,162	\$ -	\$ 208,438	\$ 307,240	\$ 472,867	\$ 988,545	\$ 341,426	\$ 1,329,971