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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.

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Code	Expenditure Areas	Total Budget	Total Expenditure To Date	Balance	Percent expenditures	
FT30_010	PROJECT STAFF AND PERSONNEL					
	Subtotal	\$ 429,000	\$ 205,183.92	\$ 223,816.08		48
FT30_160	TRAVEL					
	Subtotal	\$ 30,000	\$ 5,830.67	\$ 24,169.33		19
FT30_140	GRANT TO IP					
	Subtotal	\$ 2,936,000	\$ 922,838.08	\$ 2,013,161.92		31
	TOTAL	\$ 3,395,000	\$ 1,133,852.67	\$ 2,261,147.33		33

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:
- i. 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.

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Budget Line	Code	Expenditure Areas	Annual IW Budget Forecast for 2024				Total IW 2024 and 2025 Q1
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
FT30_010		PROJECT STAFF AND PERSONNEL					
		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

Annual budget forecast for 2023-Q1/2024

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Forecast Period: Q2-2024 - Q1-2025

Budget Line	Code	Expenditure Areas				Annual IW Budget Forecast for 2024					Partial IW Budget Forecast for		
			Total IW Budget	Total Expenditure To Date	Balance	Previous Years Commitment	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total IW 2024	Q1	Total IW 2024 and 2025 Q1
FT30_010		PROJECT STAFF AND PERSONNEL											
	1101	MedPCU - MedProgramme Coordinator (P4)	\$ 216,000	\$ 109,547.02	\$ 106,452.98	\$ -	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 48,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 64,000	
	1120	MedPCU - Programme Financial Assistant (G5)	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 6,000	
	1121	MedPCU - Programme and Administration Assistant (G5)	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	1121	Regional consultant International Waters (MAP)	\$ 123,000	\$ 79,537.50	\$ 43,462.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,492	\$ 27,390	\$ 38,882	\$ 4,580	\$ 43,462	
	1201	Regional consultant Knowledge Management (MAP)	\$ 40,000	\$ 6,060.00	\$ 33,940.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,900	\$ 14,900	\$ -	\$ 14,900	
	1202	Regional consultant Gender Expert (MAP)	\$ 30,000	\$ 10,039.40	\$ 19,960.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,960	\$ -	\$ 19,960	\$ -	\$ 19,960	
		Subtotal	\$ 429,000	\$ 205,183.92	\$ 223,816.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,500	\$ 48,952	\$ 59,790	\$ 126,242	\$ 22,080	\$ 148,322
FT30_160		TRAVEL											
	1601	Staff Travel & Transport (MedPCU)	\$ 30,000	\$ 5,830.67	\$ 24,169.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 12,000	
		Subtotal	\$ 30,000	\$ 5,830.67	\$ 24,169.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 12,000	
FT30_140		GRANT TO IP											
		PCA with GWP-Med	\$ 2,936,000	\$ 922,838.08	\$ 2,013,161.92	\$ 2,013,162	\$ 190,938	\$ 254,288	\$ 409,077	\$ 854,303	\$ 315,346	\$ 1,169,649	
		Subtotal	\$ 2,936,000	\$ 922,838.08	\$ 2,013,161.92	\$ 2,013,162	\$ -	\$ 190,938	\$ 254,288	\$ 409,077	\$ 854,303	\$ 315,346	\$ 1,169,649
FT30_125		OPERATING AND OTHER DIRECT COSTS											
	5302	Mid-Term Evaluation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	5303	Terminal Evaluation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
		Subtotal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
		TOTAL	\$ 3,395,000	\$ 1,133,852.67	\$ 2,261,147.33	\$ 2,013,162	\$ -	\$ 208,438	\$ 307,240	\$ 472,867	\$ 988,545	\$ 341,426	\$ 1,329,971