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I. UNECE trust fund

A. Balance on 31 May 2022 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

1. The approximate balance of funds earmarked for the Protocol on Water and Health in the UNECE Trust Funds on 31 May 2022 was US\$ 638,753.

B. Contributions from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2022 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

<i>Source of funding</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Amount^a</i>	<i>Earmarking</i>
Russian Federation	2022 ¹	249,318	Supporting activities in Central Asia under programme area 1: Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting and programme area 5: Safe management of water supply and sanitation systems
United Nations Development Account 14 th tranche ²	2022	180,500	Programme area 3: Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene Programme area 6: Equitable access to water and sanitation
Switzerland	June 2022	52,302	Programme area 1: Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting for 2022
Serbia	June 2022	5,376	Unearmarked
Hungary	July 2022	10,000	Unearmarked
Belgium	August 2022	4,057	Unearmarked
Netherlands	August 2022	41,451	Programme area 7: Increasing resilience to climate change
France	August 2022	82,902	Programme area 6: Equitable access to water and sanitation
Estonia	September 2022	752	Unearmarked
Germany	September 2022	50,100	6 th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol
Norway	October 2022	29,985	Unearmarked
Finland	December 2022	5,171	Unearmarked
Finland	December 2022	4,137	Unearmarked
Switzerland	December 2022	52,466	Programme area 1: Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting for 2023
Azerbaijan	December 2022	1,900	Unearmarked
Total		770,417	

^a The exchange rate from the currency of the contribution into United States Dollars is calculated on the date of the transfer of funds.

¹ The use of the funds under this contribution was suspended from Q2 2022 until Q3 2023. Out of the total contribution amount, US\$ 50,850 will be transferred to WHO/Europe for implementation of specific outputs.

² Projects funded from the United Nations Development Account include very limited resources to be used to cover staff costs, namely only 5% of the total contribution. Staff costs for implementation of project activities therefore need to be covered from contributions by Parties.

C. Expenditures from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2022 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

<i>Programme of work area</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a + b</i>
	<i>Expenditure of funds earmarked for the Protocol</i>	<i>Expenditure of funds not earmarked for the Protocol</i>	<i>Total expenditure</i>
Bodies of the Protocol	89,632	0	89,632
Programme area 1: Improving governance for water and health: support for setting targets and implementing measures	0	0	0
Programme area 2: Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases	0	0	0
Programme area 3: Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene	0	0	0
Programme area 4: Small-scale water supplies and sanitation	0	0	0
Programme area 5: Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems	0	0	0
Programme area 6: Equitable access to water and sanitation	33,597	0	33,597
Programme area 7: Increasing resilience to climate change	0	0	0
Programme area 8: Assistance to support implementation at the national level	0	0	0
Programme area 9: Compliance procedure	-1,478	0	-1,478
Total cost of activities	121,751	0	121,751
Total costs for staff	223,765	0	223,765
Programme support costs (13%)	41,178	0	41,178
Grand total	386,694	0	386,694

2. In addition to funds earmarked for the Protocol activities, UNECE mobilized limited funds for the National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management (within the project EU4environment-water resources and environmental data) funded by the European Union, for promotion of accession and implementation of the Protocol provisions in some of the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.

D. Balance on 31 December 2022 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Approximate balance of funds on 31 May 2022	638,753
Contributions received by UNECE from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2022	+770,417
Expenditures by UNECE from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2022	-386,694
Approximate balance of funds in UNECE Trust Funds on 31 December 2022	1,022,476

3. The approximate balance of funds earmarked for the Protocol on Water and Health in the UNECE Trust Funds on 31 December 2022 was US\$ 1,064,248.³

³ The increased balance of funds on 31 December 2022 as compared to the calculation above includes reversal of salary costs in the period of January-March 2022.

E. Contributions from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

<i>Source of funding</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Amount^a</i>	<i>Earmarking</i>
Norway	January 2023	9,985	Unearmarked
Bosnia and Herzegovina	February 2023	2,000	Unearmarked
United Nations Development Account 15 th tranche	February 2023	500,000 ⁴	Project activities under: Programme area 3: Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene, programme area 5: Safe management of water supply and sanitation systems, programme area 6: Equitable access to water and sanitation, and programme area 7: Increasing resilience to climate change
Luxembourg	March 2023	6,356	Unearmarked
Germany	April 2023	27,293	Programme area 7: Increasing resilience to climate change Programme area 9: Compliance procedure
Hungary	June 2023	10,000	Unearmarked
Serbia	June 2023	5,394	Unearmarked
Belgium	June 2023	20,627	Unearmarked
Belgium	September 2023	3,187	Unearmarked
France	October 2023	94,937	Programme area 6: Equitable access to water and sanitation
Finland	October 2023	5,274	Unearmarked
Belgium	November 2023	4,269	Unearmarked
Luxembourg	November 2023		Supporting project activities under programme area 7: Increasing resilience to climate change The present contribution, which covers both the Convention and the Protocol, has been reported under the Water Convention document "Report on contributions and expenditures from January until December 2023" (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2024/5-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2024/5, forthcoming)
Croatia	December 2023	4,400	Unearmarked
Finland	December 2023	5,394	Unearmarked
Norway	December 2023	29,985	Unearmarked
Estonia	December 2023	809	Unearmarked
Netherlands	December 2023	43,150	Programme area 7: Increasing resilience to climate change
Portugal	December 2023	26,969	Unearmarked
Switzerland	December 2023	349,000	Supporting project activities to support implementation of the Protocol obligations in Uzbekistan
Total		1,149,029	

^a The exchange rate from the currency of the contribution into United States Dollars is calculated on the date of the transfer of funds.

⁴ Out of this total amount, US\$ 169,200 will be transferred to WHO/Europe to implement several outputs under the 15th tranche UNDA project. Out of the rest, only 5% can be spent on staff according to the rules of the United Nations Development Account. Therefore, salaries of staff supporting implementation of activities have to be covered from contributions by Parties.

F. Provisional expenditures from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 (in United States Dollars, rounded)⁵

<i>Programme of work area</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a + b</i>
	<i>Expenditure of funds earmarked for the Protocol (approximate)</i>	<i>Expenditure of funds not earmarked for the Protocol (approximate)</i>	<i>Total expenditure</i>
Bodies of the Protocol	7,930	0	7,930
Programme area 1: Improving governance for water and health through setting targets, implementing measures and reporting	20,000	0	20,000
Programme area 2: Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases	0	0	0
Programme area 3: Water, sanitation and hygiene in institutional settings and public places	49,000 ⁶	0	49,000
Programme area 4: Small-scale water supply and sanitation	0	0	0
Programme area 5: Safe management of water supply and sanitation systems	0	0	0
Programme area 6: Equitable access to water and sanitation	31,148	0	31,148
Programme area 7: Increasing resilience to climate change	37,686	0	37,686
Programme area 8: Raising awareness on the Protocol and facilitating accession	8,519	0	8,519
Programme area 9: Compliance procedure	17,210	0	17,210
Total cost of activities	171,493	0	171,493
Total costs for staff	369,131	0	369,131
Programme support costs (13%)	45,121	0	45,121
Grand total	585,745	0	585,745

4. In addition to funds earmarked for the Protocol activities, UNECE mobilized limited funds from other sources, such as UNECE Regional Programme for Technical Cooperation and the National Policy Dialogues on Water under EU4Environment – Water Resources and Environmental Data Programme, for promotion of accession and implementation of the Protocol provisions in the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.

G. Approximate balance on 31 December 2023 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Approximate balance of funds on 31 December 2022	1,064,248
Contributions received by UNECE from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023	+ 1,149,029
Approximate Expenditures by UNECE from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023	-585,745
Approximate balance of funds in UNECE Trust Funds on 31 December 2023	1,627,531

5. The approximate balance of funds earmarked for the Protocol on Water and Health in the UNECE Trust Funds on 31 December 2023 was US\$ 1,627,531.

⁵ These expenditures are provisional since as of March 2023, the UNECE accounts are not yet closed by the UN headquarters in New York.

⁶ Transfer of funds to WHO/Europe to implement activities under UNDA 14th tranche project.

II. WHO Regional Office for Europe voluntary fund

A. Balance on 31 May 2022

6. The approximate balance of funds earmarked for the Protocol on Water and Health in the WHO Regional Office for Europe Voluntary Fund on 31 May 2022 was US\$ 363,935.

B. Contributions from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2022 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

<i>Source of funding</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Amount^a</i>	<i>Earmarking</i>
Netherlands	June 2022	62,630	Programme area 5: Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems
Norway	August 2022	40,000	Unearmarked
Finland	September 2022	17,150	Unearmarked
Estonia	November 2022	1,561	Reimbursement of costs
Total		121,341	

^a The exchange rate from the currency of the contribution into United States Dollars is calculated on the date of the transfer of funds.

C. Expenditures from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2022 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

<i>Programme of work area</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a+b</i>
	<i>Expenditure of funds earmarked for the Protocol</i>	<i>Expenditure of funds not earmarked for the Protocol</i>	<i>Total expenditure</i>
Bodies of the Protocol	58,822	0	58,822
Programme area 1: Improving governance for water and health: support for setting targets and implementing measures	0	0	0
Programme area 2: Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases	10,695	0	10,695
Programme area 3: Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene	25,473	0	25,473
Programme area 4: Small-scale water supplies and sanitation	0	0	0
Programme area 5: Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems	30,796	0	30,796
Programme area 6: Equitable access to water and sanitation	0	0	0
Programme area 7: Increasing resilience to climate change	0	0	0
Programme area 8: Assistance to support implementation at the national level	0	0	0
Programme area 9: Compliance procedure	0	0	0
Total cost for activities	125,786	0	125,786
Total costs for staff (pro rata estimate)	0	175,235	175,235
Programme support costs (13%)	16,352	22,781	39,133
Grand total	142,138	198,016	340,154

7. In addition to funds earmarked for the Protocol activities, the WHO Regional Office for Europe mobilized funds from other sources to ensure continuity of and support to implementation of the programme of work for 2020-2022. In the reporting period, other sources included voluntary funds from Germany to cover staff salaries.

D. Balance on 31 December 2022 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Approximate balance of earmarked funds on 31 May 2022	363,935
Contributions received by WHO/Europe from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2022	+121,341
Expenditures by WHO/Europe from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2022	-142,138
Approximate balance of earmarked funds in WHO/Europe voluntary fund on 31 December 2022	343,138

8. The approximate balance of funds earmarked for the Protocol on Water and Health in the WHO Regional Office for Europe Voluntary Fund on 31 December 2022 was US\$ 343,138.

E. Contributions from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

<i>Source of funding</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Amount^a</i>	<i>Earmarking</i>
Hungary	May 2023	5,320	Unearmarked
Hungary	October 2023	21,280	Unearmarked
Croatia	October 2023	4,400	Unearmarked
Finland	November 2023	21,575	Unearmarked
Netherlands	November 2023	57,278	Programme area 5: Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems
Norway	November 2023	40,000	Unearmarked
UNECE	November 2023	49,000	United Nations Development Account 14 th tranche for implementation of activities under Programme area 3: Water, sanitation and hygiene in institutional settings and public places
Total		198,853	

^a The exchange rate from the currency of the contribution into United States Dollars is calculated on the date of the transfer of funds.

F. Expenditures from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

<i>Programme of work area</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a+b</i>
	<i>Expenditure of funds earmarked for the Protocol</i>	<i>Expenditure of funds not earmarked for the Protocol</i>	<i>Total expenditure</i>
Bodies of the Protocol	10,193	370	10,563
Programme area 1: Improving governance for water and health through setting targets, implementing measures and reporting	0	481	481
Programme area 2: Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases	17,422	0	17,422
Programme area 3: Water, sanitation and hygiene in institutional settings and public places	76,345	64,611	140,956
Programme area 4: Small-scale water supply and sanitation	0	0	0
Programme area 5: Safe management of water supply and sanitation systems	1,819	0	1,819
Programme area 6: Equitable access to water and sanitation	0	0	0
Programme area 7: Increasing resilience to climate change	5,160	0	5,160
Programme area 8: Raising awareness on the Protocol and facilitating accession	3,749	0	3,749
Programme area 9: Compliance procedure	0	0	0
Total cost for activities	114,688	65,462	180,150
Total costs for staff (pro rata estimate)	0	238,250	238,250
Programme support costs (7%)	1,570	0	1,570
Programme support costs (13%)	11,994	39,483	51,477
Grand total	128,252	343,195	471,447

9. In addition to funds earmarked for the Protocol activities, the WHO Regional Office for Europe mobilized funds from other sources to ensure continuity of and support to implementation of the programme of work for 2023-2025. In the reporting period, other sources included voluntary funds from Germany and WHO headquarters to cover staff salaries, activities and travel costs.

G. Balance on 31 December 2023 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Approximate balance of earmarked funds on 31 December 2022	343,138
Contributions received by WHO/Europe from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023	+198,853
Expenditures by WHO/Europe from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023	-128,252
Approximate balance of earmarked funds in WHO/Europe voluntary fund on 31 December 2023	413,739

10. The approximate balance of funds earmarked for the Protocol on Water and Health in the WHO Regional Office for Europe Voluntary Fund on 31 December 2023 was US\$ 413,739.

III. Direct and in-kind contributions by Parties to the activities in the Protocol's programme of work

11. The present section summarizes direct and in-kind contributions by Parties to the activities in the Protocol's programme of work. It is difficult for the joint secretariat to become aware and keep track of all in-kind contributions, especially Protocol-related activities at the national level. Therefore, the list below should

not be considered comprehensive and exhaustive. Parties are invited to report on additional in-kind contributions under the respective programme areas discussions at the meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health.

12. The following contributions were provided in the reporting period:

- (a) Germany is also providing a Junior Professional Officer (JPO) to support the ECE secretariat staff from February 2022 until February 2025;
- (b) Serbia provided direct financial contribution for the organization of the sub-regional workshop to support accession to the Protocol by Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and to exchange experience with Serbia (Belgrade, 26-27 June 2023);
- (e) In-kind contributions to programme areas 1 to 5, including staff time, were provided by the WHO Collaborating Centre (CC) at the University of Surrey (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); the WHO CCs at the German Environment Agency and at the University of Bonn (Germany); the WHO CC at the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment and at the KWR Water Research Institute (the Netherlands); and the WHO CC at the National Centre for Public Health and Pharmacy (Hungary).