

UN System-wide Financial Statistics Database and Reporting System

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Status Date: 10 November 2011
Project Name: UN System-wide Financial Statistics Database and Reporting System
Lead Agencies: CEB Secretariat
Project Budget: US\$ 794,700

Project Summary

Project Overview

To enhance the scope and detail of UN system-wide financial statistics issued by CEB. To develop a comprehensive UN system-wide financial database while integrating existing databases, eliminating data collection overlaps and meeting mandated UN system-wide financial reporting requirements.

Expected Benefits:

- Availability and one-place access to comprehensive, reliable, manageable and ready-to-use financial information on the entire UN system.
- Promotion and facilitation of the work of interagency and coordination bodies.
- Improved and correct visibility of assessed, voluntary and earned revenues, including those from non-state donors, with particular reference to the provisions contained in the FAFA Agreement concerning the European Commission's contributions.
- Elimination of the existing UN system-wide data collection overlaps. All financial reporting requirements will be consolidated to ensure that a complete data set is collected at one central and comprehensive repository.

Project Activities

- Analysis of stakeholder requirements, priority targets, project scope, approach and adopted standards. Review of the UN system wide financial reporting mandates and requirements of various UN system entities.
- Introduction of report types, based on priorities identified during the first activity. Adoption of common data exchange standards. Identification of counterparts in each agency.
- Launch of the public web-based domain for data capture and sharing.

Project Status

- Project is on-time for full completion by 30 November 2012
- Project is under-Budget as of 31 October 2011
- Project is forecast to remain under-Budget, even with foreign exchange costs

Project Activities Complete in the Period: 1 January – 31 December 2010

Main achievements Q1-Q4 2010:

- Collaboration started with UNDESA “Comprehensive statistical analysis” team, which holds a mandate to produce annual “Comprehensive statistical analysis of the financing of operational activities for development of the United Nations system”.
- Information exchange initiated with the ICT Network at its meeting on 24 March 2010.
- June-September 2010: Collection and publication (A/65/187) of the UN System-wide Financial Statistics 2008-2009.
- Recruitment of a Senior Finance Project Manager.

Project Activities Complete in the Period: 1 January – 30 September 2011

Main achievements Q1-Q3 2011:

- January 2011 - High-level “Experts” meeting held with major UN agencies, CEB, DESA and OECD.
- February – May 2011 - System-wide consultation.
- June 2011 – Data Model proposed and circulated to UN organizations.
- August 2011 - Steering Committee established (UN, WHO, WFP, UNDP, CEB).
- September 2011 – FB Network endorses the Data Model.
- September 2011 - IT platform chosen following consultations with IT Network members. Database to be hosted in ITU SAP Business Warehouse.

Project Activities to be undertaken in the Period: 1 October 2011 – 30 June 2012

Project Milestones:

- December 2011 – final sign-off by all UN organizations
- January 2012 – Systems design for database and reporting solution begins
- March 2012 – Systems ready for “test”
- May 2012 – Data collection begins
- June 2012 – Database and Reporting system implemented. CEB Statistics available on-line.

Project Activities to be undertaken in the period 1 July 2012 – 30 November 2012

Post Implementation follow-up

- It is expected that about 2/3 of all UN organizations will be able to transfer their financial data automatically to the new CEB Database system.
- During post-implementation follow-up, the Project team will work with remaining organizations with the goal of complete automation of data transfer by the end of FY 2012.

Project Milestones

Project Milestone	Date Estimate	Implementation Level
Project Start Date	March 2010	Complete

Selection of the Senior Finance Project Manager	Summer 2010	Complete
Publication of the Financial Statistics for biennium 2008-2009 on the CEB website	End of 2010	Complete
Preliminary review of stakeholder requirements and setting project scope	End of 2010	Complete
Report on stakeholder requirements and UN system wide financial reporting mandates. Adjusting project strategy	31 March 2011	Complete
Introduction of report types and adoption of common data exchange standards	30 June 2011	Complete
Finalization of Data Model	December 2011	
Database designed and ready for testing	31 March 2012	
Due date for Agency data transfers	30 April 2012	
Launch of the public web-based domain	30 June 2012	
Project End Date – data transfers fully operational	December 2012	

