



Earmarked Fund

(Implemented by Mekong River Commission)

Financial statement

For the year ended 31 December 2024



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GENERAL INFORMATION

FUND INFORMATION

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The MRCS manages the funds received into three categories as the following:

1. Basket Fund ("BF");
2. Earmarked Fund ("EF"); and
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The MRCS is located at 184 Fa Ngoum Road, Unit 18, Ban Sithane Neua, Sikhottabong District, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR.

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THE MANAGEMENT

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Busadee Santipitaks (*)	Chief Executive Officer	Appointed on 17 January 2025
Anoulak Kittikhoun (**)	Former Chief Executive Officer	Separated on 16 January 2025
Watt Botkosal	Director of Administration Division	Appointed on 01 July 2022
Phetsamone Khanophet	Director of Environment Management Division	Appointed on 01 July 2022
Theerawat Samphawamana	Director of Planning Division	Appointed on 01 July 2022
Tran Minh Khoi	Director of Technical Support Division	Appointed on 01 July 2022
Buntheung Sanethavong	Chief Finance Officer	Appointed on 01 September 2020
Nguyen Thi Thanh Ha	Chief Human Resources Officer	Appointed on 09 March 2022

(*) Chief Executive Officer during the period from 17 January 2025 to the date of this report is Ms. Busadee Santipitaks.

(**) Chief Executive Officer during the period from 17 January 2022 to 16 January 2025 was Dr. Anoulak Kittikhoun.

AUDITOR

The auditor of the Earmarked Fund is Ernst & Young Lao Co., Ltd.

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REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT

The Management of Earmarked Fund ("the Fund") is pleased to present this report and the financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2024.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Management is responsible for the preparation of the Fund's financial statement as at and for the year ended 31 December 2024 which is prepared in accordance with Note 3 to the financial statement.

In preparing the accompanying financial statement, the Management is required to:

- ▶ adopt accounting policies as described in Note 3 to the financial statement and apply them consistently in accordance with the requirements of Development Partners; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ▶ maintain proper financial operations and controls;
- ▶ maintain adequacy of the management structure and general control environment;
- ▶ ensure that all non-expendable properties are used solely for and by the Project, and maintain proper control over those properties; and
- ▶ comply with the related grant agreement.

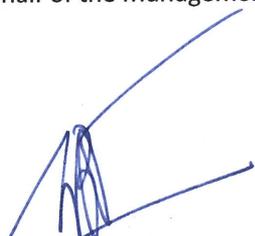
The Management is responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are kept which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the funds requested, authorized for, received, and disbursed by the Management and to ensure that the accounting records comply with the applied accounting framework. The Management is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Fund, and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Management confirms that it has complied with the above requirements in preparing the accompanying financial statement.

STATEMENT BY THE MANAGEMENT

We hereby approve the accompanying financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2024, which is prepared in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 3 to the financial statement.

On behalf of the Management:



Watt Botkosal
Director of Administration Division



Busadee Santipitaks
Chief Executive Officer

Vientiane, Lao PDR

09 April 2025

Reference: 11866353/68768206

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: Management of the Earmarked Fund

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying the statement of receipts and disbursements of the Earmarked Fund ("the Fund") for the year ended 31 December 2024 and the related explanatory notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 6 to 21 ("the financial statement").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 3 to the financial statement.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statement in Lao PDR, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statement which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statement is prepared to assist the Management in meeting the reporting requirements of the Development Partners. As a result, the financial statement may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the information and use of the Management and Development Partners and should not be distributed to or used by other parties. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Management for the Financial Statement

The Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statement in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 3 to the financial statement, and for such internal control as the Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken based on this financial statement.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ▶ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- ▶ Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Project's internal control.
- ▶ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Van Le
Partner

Audit Practising Registration
Certificate No. 018/LCPAA-APT-2019

Vientiane, Lao PDR

09 April 2025

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2024

A. BELGIUM

	Note	2024 USD	2023 USD
RECEIPTS			
Cash contributions			
EF-BEL.FLD to contribute to the MRC Navigation, Environment and Climate Change Action. L-MRCS(AD)624/20	4	<u>241,246</u>	<u>177,149</u>
Interest earned			
EF-BEL.FLD to contribute to the MRC Navigation, Environment and Climate Change Action. L-MRCS(AD)624/20	4	<u>340</u>	<u>451</u>
		<u>241,586</u>	<u>177,600</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
EF-BEL.FLD to contribute to the MRC Navigation, Environment and Climate Change Action. L-MRCS(AD)624/20	5	<u>(47,906)</u>	<u>(303,461)</u>
NET RECEIPT/(DISBURSEMENT) FOR THE YEAR			
		193,680	(125,861)
Fund balance as at 1 January		<u>(95,798)</u>	<u>30,063</u>
Fund balance as at 31 December	4	<u>97,882</u>	<u>(95,798)</u>

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B. EUROPEAN UNION

	Note	2024 USD	2023 USD
RECEIPTS			
Cash contributions			
EU (ACA/2018/402-232) Sustainable Transboundary Water Management in the Mekong Basin	4	184,059	-
Interest earned			
EU (ACA/2018/402-232) Sustainable Transboundary Water Management in the Mekong Basin	4	-	-
		<u>184,059</u>	<u>-</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
EU (ACA/2018/402-232) Sustainable Transboundary Water Management in the Mekong Basin	5	-	-
NET (DISBURSEMENT)/RECEIPT FOR THE YEAR			
		184,059	-
Fund balance as at 1 January		28,315	28,315
Loan from BF		-	-
Fund balance as at 31 December	4	<u>212,374</u>	<u>28,315</u>

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C. FRANCE

	Note	2024 USD	2023 USD
RECEIPTS			
Cash contributions and direct payments			
EF-AFD21 Support the Hydro -Mekong project CZZ2662 01 D	4	<u>324,606</u>	<u>713,238</u>
Interest earned			
EF-AFD21 Support the Hydro -Mekong project CZZ2662 01 D	4	<u>1,619</u>	<u>1,121</u>
		<u>326,225</u>	<u>714,359</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
EF-AFD21 Support the Hydro -Mekong project CZZ2662 01 D	5	<u>(512,289)</u>	<u>(267,304)</u>
NET (DISBURSEMENT)/RECEIPT FOR THE YEAR		(186,064)	447,055
Fund balance as at 1 January		<u>231,882</u>	<u>(215,173)</u>
Fund balance as at 31 December	4	<u>45,818</u>	<u>231,882</u>

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D. JAPAN

	Note	2024 USD	2023 USD
RECEIPTS			
Cash contributions			
EF-JPNIIF21-25_ Improving the Irrigation Facilities in LMB (Phase II) Note Verbale No.005/21-D	4	259,525	304,759
Interest earned			
EF-JPNFDM20 Grant from Japan for Flood & Drought Management_MRB		3,550	16,010
EF-JPNIIF21-25_ Improving the Irrigation Facilities in LMB (Phase II) Note Verbale No.005/21-D		2,741	3,009
EF-JPNFMC21_ Flood Management Capacity Building in the Mekong River Basin Exchange of Note 26 February 2021		3,309	17,098
	4	<u>9,600</u>	<u>36,117</u>
		<u>269,125</u>	<u>340,876</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
EF-JPNFDM20 Grant from Japan for Flood & Drought Management_MRB		(840,899)	(1,600,029)
EF-JPNIIF21-25_ Improving the Irrigation Facilities in LMB (Phase II) Note Verbale No.005/21-D		(333,799)	(343,830)
EF-JPNFMC21_ Flood Management Capacity Building in the Mekong River Basin Exchange of Note 26 February 2021		(724,801)	(1,710,349)
	5	<u>(1,899,499)</u>	<u>(3,654,208)</u>
NET DISBURSEMENT FOR THE YEAR		(1,630,374)	(3,313,332)
Fund balance as at 1 January		1,913,072	5,284,490
Return to Development partner		-	(58,086)
Fund balance as at 31 December	4	<u>282,698</u>	<u>1,913,072</u>

* (Fund Balance of EF-JPNFDM20 is 39,505, EF-JPNFMC21 is 26,026 and that of EF-JPNIIF21-25 is 217,167)

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E. THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

	Note	2024 USD	2023 USD
RECEIPTS			
Cash contributions and direct payments			
EF-ROK24-29 Contribute to implementation of the Basin Development Strategy 2021-2030 and the MRC Strategic Plan 2021-2025.	4	<u>1,000,000</u>	-
Interest earned			
EF-ROK24-29 Contribute to implementation of the Basin Development Strategy 2021-2030 and the MRC Strategic Plan 2021-2025.	4	<u>771</u>	-
		<u>1,000,771</u>	-
DISBURSEMENTS			
EF-ROK24-29 Contribute to implementation of the Basin Development Strategy 2021-2030 and the MRC Strategic Plan 2021-2025.	5	<u>-</u>	-
NET RECEIPT/(DISBURSEMENT) FOR THE YEAR			
		1,000,771	-
Fund balance as at 1 January		<u>-</u>	-
Fund balance as at 31 December	4	<u><u>1,000,771</u></u>	-

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F. THE KINGDOM OF MORROCCO

	Note	2024 USD	2023 USD
RECEIPTS			
Cash contribution			
EF-MOR24 Establishment of the MRC Educational Visitor Centre at the MRC Secretariat Headquarters in Vientiane, Lao PDR.	4	100,000	-
Interest earned			
EF-MOR24 Establishment of the MRC Educational Visitor Centre at the MRC Secretariat Headquarters in Vientiane, Lao PDR.	4	400	-
		<u>100,400</u>	<u>-</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
EF-MOR24 Establishment of the MRC Educational Visitor Centre at the MRC Secretariat Headquarters in Vientiane, Lao PDR.	5	(199,495)	-
NET RECEIPT/(DISBURSEMENT) FOR THE YEAR			
		(99,095)	-
Fund balance as at 1 January		-	-
Loan from BF		86,425	-
Fund balance as at 31 December	4	<u>(12,670)</u>	<u>-</u>

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G. NETHERLANDS

	Note	2024 USD	2023 USD
RECEIPTS			
Interest earned			
EF-NET_ To promote and coordinate sustainable development and management of the Mekong's water related natural resources (Env-2017-133 & IGG-2017-24041) for Earmarked Fund	4	(24)	-
DISBURSEMENTS			
EF-NET_ To promote and coordinate sustainable development and management of the Mekong's water related natural resources (Env-2017-133 & IGG-2017-24041) for Earmarked Fund	5	-	-
NET RECEIPT/(DISBURSEMENT) FOR THE YEAR		(24)	-
Fund balance as at 1 January		24	24
Fund balance as at 31 December	4	-	24

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H. UNITED STATE OF AMERICA (USA)

	Note	2024 USD	2023 USD
RECEIPTS			
Cash contribution			
EF-US21-24 SLMAQM21GR3437 (Dept. of State)		488,436	57,828
EF-US24-29 (USAID: Mekong Basin Partnership Activity)		375,977	-
	4	<u>864,413</u>	<u>57,828</u>
Interest earned			
EF-US21-24 SLMAQM21GR3437 (Dept. of State)		1,944	630
EF-US24-29 (USAID: Mekong Basin Partnership Activity)		742	-
	4	<u>2,686</u>	<u>630</u>
		<u>867,099</u>	<u>58,458</u>
EXPENDITURES			
EF-US21-24 SLMAQM21GR3437 (Dept of State)		(456,317)	(123,037)
EF-US24-29 (USAID: Mekong Basin Partnership Activity)		(369,019)	(123,037)
	5	<u>(825,336)</u>	<u>(123,037)</u>
NET (DISBURSEMENT)/RECEIPT FOR THE YEAR		41,763	(64,579)
Fund balance as at 1 January		<u>7,224</u>	<u>71,803</u>
Total fund balance as at 31 December*	4	<u>48,987</u>	<u>7,224</u>

* (The fund balance of EF-US21-24 is 41,287 and that of EF-US24-29 is 7,700)

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I. THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION (UNOSSC)

	Note	2024 USD	2023 USD
RECEIPTS			
Cash contribution			
EF-UNOSSC RoK-UNOSSC Facility – Phase 3	4	26,000	-
DISBURSEMENTS			
EF-UNOSSC RoK-UNOSSC Facility – Phase 3	5	(37,713)	(56,813)
NET (DISBURSEMENT)/RECEIPT FOR THE YEAR		(11,713)	(56,813)
Fund balance as at 1 January		38,383	95,196
Fund balance as at 31 December	4	26,670	38,383

J. US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

	Note	2024 USD	2023 USD
RECEIPTS			
Cash contribution			
EF-USACE24 (Support the Mississippi Sister Rivers Partnership Exchange Visit 08-12 Dec 2024)	4	81,900	-
DISBURSEMENTS			
EF-USACE24 (Support the Mississippi Sister Rivers Partnership Exchange Visit 08-12 Dec 2024)	5	(81,900)	-
NET (DISBURSEMENT)/RECEIPT FOR THE YEAR		-	-
Fund balance as at 1 January		-	-
Fund balance as at 31 December	4	-	-

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K. THE UNITED KINGDOM

	Note	2024 USD	2023 USD
RECEIPTS			
Cash contribution			
EF-UK24 (MRC Flood and Drought App)	4	390,955	-
Interest earned			
EF-UK24 (MRC Flood and Drought App)		1,609	-
	4	<u>392,564</u>	<u>-</u>
EXPENDITURES			
EF-UK24 (MRC Flood and Drought App)	5	(118,951)	-
NET (DISBURSEMENT)/RECEIPT FOR THE YEAR			
		273,613	-
Fund balance as at 1 January		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance as at 31 December	4	<u>273,613</u>	<u>-</u>

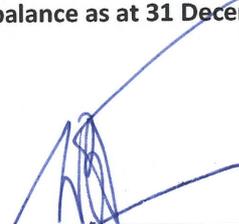
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L. WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO)

	Note	2024 USD	2023 USD
RECEIPTS			
Cash contribution			
EF-WMO24 (Enhancing Climate Adaptation and Resilience of Mekong (ECR-MEKONG))	4	30,000	-
DISBURSEMENTS			
EF-WMO24 (Enhancing Climate Adaptation and Resilience of Mekong (ECR-MEKONG))	5	(27,145)	-
NET (DISBURSEMENT)/RECEIPT FOR THE YEAR			
Fund balance as at 1 January		2,855	-
Remaining Fund balance return to DPs		-	-
		(2,855)	-
Fund balance as at 31 December	4	-	-



Watt Botkosal
Director of Administration Division

Vientiane, Lao PDR

09 April 2025



Busadee Santipitaks
Chief Executive Officer

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2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statement of the Earmarked Fund ("the Fund" or "EF") have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 3. These accounting policies are not intended to present the fund balance and the receipts and disbursements of the Fund in accordance with international generally accepted accounting principles. The financial statement is prepared to assist the Fund in meeting the reporting requirements of its Development Partners. As a result, they may not be suitable for another purpose.

The Management maintains its accounting records and present its financial statement (including those of the Fund) in United States dollars ("USD").

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Receipts

Receipts consist of contributions from Member Countries (MCs) and contributions from Development Partners (DPs) which are recognised as receipts when cash is credited to the MRC's bank accounts. Direct payments made by DPs to contractors are recognised as receipts when the payment is made and informed to the Fund.

Interest income is recognised when credited to the Fund's bank accounts.

Disbursements

Except for advances made to National Mekong Committees NMCs, projects and employees and accrued expenses, disbursements are recognized when payment is made and upon the approval of the Fund management based on the accompanying documents.

Accrued expenses

Accrued expenses includes staff health and life insurance premiums, personal telephone and fax costs charged to staff, and project related expenses and repatriation fee.

Advances

Advances to NMCs, projects and employees are carried as part of the fund balance until subsequent liquidation or clearance at approval of the Management.

Property and equipment

For control purposes, property and equipment is maintained in a property and equipment listing. All property and equipment are expensed in full in the financial statement at the date of acquisition. Any proceeds from disposal of property and equipment are recognised as other income in the statements of receipts and disbursements.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Foreign exchange differences

The Management maintains its accounting records of the Fund in USD. Transactions in currencies other than USD are converted into USD at the rates of exchange prevailing on the transaction dates. All foreign exchange differences are recognized in the statement of receipts and disbursements.

Employee benefits

The MRCS provides allowances and benefits to staff member in addition to salary. Types of allowances and benefits are dependent on the employment category.

(i) Post allowance

The Fund introduced the post allowance to compensate eligible staff members for any loss in income due to variations in the cost of living between different countries and duty stations.

For Riparian staff, the percentage is currently set at 7% of the base salary.

(ii) Hardship allowance ("HA")

The hardship allowance is an allowance provided to Riparian professional staffs assigned to a duty station outside their home country. It is an allowance to compensate for the degree of hardship experienced by staff assigned to a duty station abroad.

The HA shall be payable, regardless of whether the staff member is accompanied by his/her dependants, while assigned to duty station.

Other benefits are dependency allowance, housing allowance, health insurance and education assistance.

(iii) Provident fund

All staff members holding a letter of appointment for one year or more shall participate in a pension plan, known as the provident fund. The main purpose of this fund is to provide retirement, disability, and survivor's benefit for participating staff members.

Staff members shall contribute 7% of their base salary, through monthly payroll deductions.

The MRCS shall contribute to this fund the equivalent of 14% of the staff's member's base salary.

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4. Summary of income, expenditures, and fund balances by Development Partners – 2024

Development Partner	Cash contributions	Interest earned	Total income net	Expenditures (*)	Returned fund to DP	Loan from BF	Movement in fund balance for the year	Fund balance as at 1 January 2024	Fund balance as at 31 December 2024
	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
	(1)	(2)	(3)=(1)+(2)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)=(3)-(4)-(5)+(6)	(8)	(9)=(7)+(8)
Belgium	241,246	340	241,586	47,906	-	-	193,680	(95,798)	97,882
European Union	184,059	-	184,059	-	-	-	184,059	28,315	212,374
France	324,606	1,619	326,225	512,289	-	-	(186,064)	231,882	45,818
Japan	259,525	9,600	269,125	1,899,499	-	-	(1,630,374)	1,913,072	282,698
The Republic of Korea	1,000,000	771	1,000,771	-	-	-	1,000,771	-	1,000,771
The Kingdom of Morocco	100,000	400	100,400	199,495	-	86,425	(12,670)	-	(12,670)
Netherlands	-	(24)	(24)	-	-	-	(24)	24	-
USA	864,413	2,686	867,099	825,336	-	-	41,763	7,224	48,987
UNOSSC	26,000	-	26,000	37,713	-	-	(11,713)	38,383	26,670
USACE	81,900	-	81,900	81,900	-	-	-	-	-
UK	390,955	1,609	392,564	118,951	-	-	273,613	-	273,613
WMO	30,000	-	30,000	27,145	2,855	-	-	-	-
	3,502,704	17,001	3,519,705	3,750,234	2,855	86,425	(146,959)	2,123,102	1,976,143

(*) Expenditure in column (5) includes management and administration fees ("MAF")

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5. Expenditures

Analysis of expenditures by Development Partners

Development Partner	2024		2023		Expenditures (including MAF) USD
	Expenditures (excluding MAF) USD	Expenditures (including MAF) USD	Expenditures (excluding MAF) USD	Expenditures (including MAF) USD	
Belgium	41,657	6,249	263,879	39,582	303,461
European Union	-	-	-	-	-
France	445,469	66,820	232,438	34,866	267,304
Japan	1,753,531	145,968	3,392,793	261,415	3,654,208
The Republic of Korea	-	-	-	-	-
The Kingdom of Morocco	186,444	13,051	-	-	-
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-
USA	732,269	93,067	106,988	16,049	123,037
UNOSSC	35,246	2,467	53,096	3,717	56,813
USACE	81,900	-	-	-	-
UK	111,169	7,782	-	-	-
WMO	27,145	-	-	-	-
	3,414,830	335,404	4,049,414	355,629	4,404,823

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5. Expenditures (continued)

Analysis of expenditures by Projects

Project	Project codes	2024		2023	
		Expenditures (excluding MAF) USD	Expenditures (including MAF) USD	Expenditures (excluding MAF) USD	Expenditures (including MAF) USD
The MRC Navigation, Environment and Climate Change Action	EF-BEL.FLD	41,657	47,906	263,879	303,461
The Hydro-Mekong Development of new Operational Tools for broadening Flood & Drought Forecasting & Monitoring products & services; Analysis of Extreme Weather Events and Climate Variability in the Lower Mekong Basin for 2021-2024	EF-AFD21	445,469	512,289	232,438	267,304
Flood Management Capacity Building in the Mekong River Basin	EF-JPNFDM20	785,887	840,899	1,495,354	1,600,029
Project for Improving Irrigation Facilities in the Lower Mekong River Basin (Phase II)	EF-JPNFMC21	677,384	724,801	1,598,457	1,710,349
Implementation of the Triangular Cooperation Project on Sustainable Development in the LMB based on the Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus	EF-JPNIIF21-25	290,260	333,799	298,982	343,830
Improvement of data collection and sharing for data-driven cooperative management in the Mekong River Basin	EF-UNOSSC	35,246	37,713	53,096	56,813
	EF-US21-24	396,797	456,317	106,988	123,037
			59,520	16,049	

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5. Expenditures (continued)

Analysis of expenditures by Projects (continued)

Project	Project codes	2024		2023		Expenditures (including MAF) USD	Expenditures (including MAF) USD
		Expenditures (excluding MAF) USD	Expenditures (including MAF) USD	Expenditures (excluding MAF) USD	Expenditures (including MAF) USD		
Transboundary Coordination and Management of Water and Related Resources Improved, contributing to the achievement of the MRC's Basin Development Strategy.	EF-US24-29	335,472	33,547	369,019	-	-	-
	EF-UK24	111,169	7,782	118,951	-	-	-
Support for Establishing the MRC Educational Visitor Centre Cover the cost of travel, lodging, and per diem for up to 13 MRC and member country NMC representative, attendance on December 8-12 2024, Mekong-Mississippi Sister Rivers Partnership Exchange	EF-MOR24	186,444	13,051	199,495	-	-	-
	EF-USACE24	81,900	-	81,900	-	-	-
Support for Organizing a Regional Workshop on Enhancing Climate Adaptation and Resilience of Mekong Communities through Strengthening of Weather, Water, and Climate Services	EF-WMO24	27,145	-	27,145	-	-	-
		3,414,830	335,404	3,750,234	4,049,194	355,629	4,404,823

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5. Expenditures (continued)

Analysis of expenditure by Development Partners and by Projects - 2024

Development Partner/ Project	EF- AFD21	EF- BEL.FLD	EF- JPNFDM20	EF- JPNFMC21	EF- JPNFMC21	EF- US21-24	EF- US24-29	EF- UNOSSC	EF- MOR24	EF- USACE24	EF- EF-UK24	EF- WMO24	TOTAL
	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
France	512,289	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	512,289
Belgium	-	47,906	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,906
Japan	-	-	840,899	724,801	333,799	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,899,499
The Kingdom of Morocco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	199,495	-	-	-	-	199,495
USA	-	-	-	-	-	456,317	369,019	-	-	-	-	-	825,336
UNOSSO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,713	-	-	-	-	37,713
USACE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81,900	-	-	81,900
UK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	118,951	-	118,951
WMO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,145	27,145
	512,289	47,906	840,899	724,801	333,799	456,317	369,019	37,713	199,495	81,900	118,951	27,145	3,750,234

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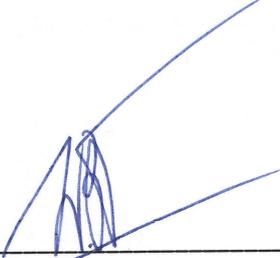
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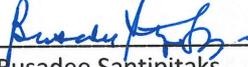
6. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There is no matter or circumstance that has arisen since 31 December 2024 that requires adjustment or disclosure to be made in the Fund's financial statement.

On behalf of the Management:



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