Refund

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Refund workflow:
When is a Refund activated

In a normal workflow, Refund can be triggered after the Final Financial report is completed and approved and refund is due by the partner, according to the expenditure report submitted (scenario 1). The project will be open for Refund once the Audit has been completed (scenario 2).

How to activate a Refund

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Scenario 1:
If a Refund needs to be activated before the Audit has been completed, UNDP/FCS Finance can do so by accessing the ‘Project admin’ tab on the project page. Go to the ‘Activation’ section, next to the ‘Refunds’ line, click on the [Activate] button. Note: no alerts are required at this stage.

Scenario 2:
In a normal workflow, the refund process will start after the Audit process has been completed. The [Begin Refund] button will be available on the project page once the Audit has been finalized, if UNDP/FCS Finance clicks on the button [Audit received – proceed refund] upon finalization of the Audit report.

Note: At this stage, no email alert will be sent to the IP/HFU.
How to trigger a Refund request

On selecting the project and accessing the ‘Refunds’ tab, GMS will prompt whether the user will be taking the assignment of this task. The assignment of entering Refund data is assigned to the user for approximately 2 hours. If the task is not completed in the time frame, it’s released automatically. It can also be released manually by clicking on the [Release Assignment] button.

UNDP/FCS Finance will then need to click the [Add New Refund] button, which will create a new line in the ‘Refunds’ section (as many lines as refunds requested).
The two first fields of the line, namely 'Requested Amount' and 'Requested Date' will need to be filled in, according with the 'Total Balance Due', which is the Audit Eligible Expenditure, minus the Total Disbursements, plus the Total Refunds Received (see line above 'Refunds').

Save the data by clicking on the [Save and Stay] button.

Field Descriptions:

- **Requested amount**: Displays the Refund amount requested by UNDP/FCS Finance based on the following formula: Audit Eligible Expenditure - the Total Disbursements + the Total Refunds Received.
- **Requested date**: Displays the date on which the refund is requested by UNDP/FCS Finance.
- **Amount Paid by IP**: Displays the actual amount paid by the partner [takes into account the partner’s local currency]
- **Paid by IP Date**: Displays the date in which the partner paid the refund.
- **Received Amount**: Displays the amount that was received by UNDP/FCS Finance.
- **Received Date**: Displays the date in which UNDP/FCS Finance received the refund.
- **Other Charges**: Displays different charges that would explain the difference between the 'Amount Paid by IP' and the Received Amount. Such charges could be the following: Bank Fee, Exchange Gains, Other Charges, UNDP Chargers.
- **Other Charges Amount**: Displays the amount of the 'Other Charges'.
- **Receipt No.**: Displays the number of the payment.
• Is Final: Displays if the refund is final.

UNDP/FCS Finance will need to trigger the Refund for the project by clicking the [Trigger Refund] button. An email alert will be sent to the IP/HFU informing them of that the Refund has been activated and needs to be processed.

Refunds
[Begin Refund]

Trigger Refund

Is Final: Displays if the refund is final.

How to process a Refund

IP/HFU

After the refund has been activated by UNDP/FCS Finance, it will appear in the partner’s home page, under the ‘Active Instance – Refund’ segment, showing the status of the project as ‘Under Refund’.
Once the Refund has been processed offline, the IP/HFU can reflect this in GMS.

Click on the edit icon of the project on the partner’s home page or go to the ‘Refunds’ tab in the project page.

The IP/HFU will need to edit the two fields directed to the IP in the line of the requested Refund, namely ‘Amount Paid by IP’ and ‘Paid by IP Date’.

Save the data by clicking on the [Save and Stay] button.

In addition, the IP is also required to upload the necessary receipts and other documents supporting the Refund under the ‘Documents’ section (in the ‘Refunds’ tab).
Click on the [Process Refund] or [Refund paid by IP] button which will activate the Endorsement phase for UNDP/FCS Finance. An email alert will be sent to the UNDP/FCS Finance.
How to endorse a Refund

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Once the Refund has been processed by the Partner, UNDP/FCS Finance will need to endorse it.

FCS Finance will first need to fill out the remaining empty fields under the refunds tab of the project, namely: ‘Received Amount’, ‘Other Charges’, ‘Other Charges Amount’, ‘Received Date’, and ‘Is Final’.

Save the data by clicking on the [Save and Stay] button.
Click on the [Endorse Refund] button which will validate the Endorsement from UNDP/FCS Finance. An email alert will be sent to the HFU informing them that the Refund was endorsed by UNDP/FCS Finance.

UNDP/FCS Finance can then trigger a new Refund by clicking on the [Trigger New Refund] and follow the same steps as the first Refund request or finalize the Refund.