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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1997 – “*Children, Food Security and (Mal) Nutrition in Angola*” - Children, Food Security and Nutrition - Thematic Window

I. Approval Status

We are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has granted the Joint Programme “*Children, Food Security and (Mal) Nutrition in Angola*” a no cost extension of six (6) months and sixteen (16) days. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 30 June 2013. Please note that this is a one-time only extension intended to allow the Joint Programme to complete its activities and achieve its expected results. At this end date, the programme should be operationally closed, so that no new financial commitments are made, only outstanding payments. Any unspent funds within the agreed timeframe (30 June 2013) will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

We are also pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has decided to disburse the last tranche of funding in the amount of US\$ 820,848.

II. Recommendations

The Joint Programme had made significant progress in spite of the spread of the nutrition crisis and the challenging environment in which the programme is operating. The Joint Programme Team has taken some relevant measures to address the recommendations of the mid-term evaluation, and a very comprehensive Programme Exit Strategy and Sustainability has been prepared that should allow for results to be sustained over time.

We encourage all Agencies to continue to work closely together, as well as with the Government and participating municipalities, during the extension period and until the closure of the Joint Programme. Continuing joint efforts to improve the coordination between stakeholders will be important in consolidating ongoing activities and in strengthening the sustainability mechanisms in place.

III. Monitoring and Reporting

Quarterly color-coded annual work plans, and biannual monitoring reports should continue to be prepared and submitted to the MDG-F Secretariat. Please be reminded that each Joint Programme is responsible for conducting its final evaluation prior to the closure of the programme and for sharing the narrative final report with the MDG-F Secretariat no later than one month after closure.

We would highly appreciate it you could forward this memo to all participating UN agencies to the joint programme, and each participating UN agency should forward the memo to their corresponding HQs. Further information on the closure of programmes is available on the revised “MDG-F Joint Implementation Guidelines” uploaded on the MDG-F website (www.mdgfund.org).

With best wishes.

cc.:

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