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To Whom It May Concern

The Joint Program (JP) lies in the framework of the UNDAF and will contribute to “*improve the health, nutritional and education status of poor and vulnerable groups by 2010*” (UNDAF outcome). It incorporates an integrated response both at the national level (strengthening of key nutrition and food security policies and strategies) and at the bottom level in the high risk areas of the country.

To make this happen, focus will be put on policy reform to institutionalize key interventions, capacity-reinforcement of local / national actors to implement interventions. UN implementing agencies with existing in-country capacity will ensure that efforts converge in the most vulnerable provinces of the country, at the same time improving access to high-impact lifesaving interventions, providing better access to and use of food, and ensuring adoption of key infant feeding. Sectoral information systems will be strengthened to help decision-making.

The JP aims at three outcomes: (i) *promoting and piloting integrated approaches for alleviating child hunger and under-nutrition*; (ii) *ensuring regular and comprehensive assessment, monitoring and evaluation of the food and nutrition status of children in beneficiary areas*; and (iii) *assessing, monitoring & evaluating interventions on a regular basis in each of the involved sectors*, which will be achieved through several outputs at the national level and in the specific areas of interventions.

This program is innovative, as it brings together different actors with complementary knowledge and capacities, and capitalizes on the current politico-economic situation in Angola to leverage government funding to make the project sustainable.

This is achieved through demonstrating successful projects, and utilizing local capacities. Various actors - under the coordination of government entities - will be enrolled in joint planning, implementation and monitoring of interventions, in their respective areas of expertise, to ensure effective convergence of benefits for the most vulnerable, and build models for expansion in the rest of the country.

This JP will provide a direct sustainable impact on national progress towards MDG 1, 4 and 5, and thus leverage government funds to expand their reach and make them sustainable.

We thank you for your continued support,

Best Regards,

