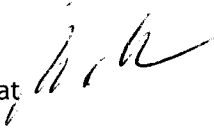


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Subject: No-cost extension request: *"Multisectoral Programme for the fight against gender-based violence through the empowerment of women and girls in Morocco"*
Gender Thematic Window

I. Approval Status

We are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has granted the Joint Programme "Multi-sectoral Programme for the fight against gender-based violence through the empowerment of women and girls in Morocco" a no cost extension of 12 months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 28 May 2012. Please note that this is a one- time only amendment 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 28 May 2012 will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Recommendations

As indicated in the mission report "we are glad to see that the advances of the joint programme, not only in advancing the violence against women agenda in Morocco but also in improving the governance and capacities of institutions across sectors that directly or indirectly work to protect women". We take note of the delays encountered by the joint programme to set up inclusive programme governance structures and to establish the relevant coordination mechanisms to implement the programme activities in a joint and complementary manner.

We appreciate the submission of all relevant documentation and the steps initiated to ensure the sustainability of the programme interventions. We concur with your strategy to focus on communication and advocacy of the key programme results over remaining period of the joint programme to effectively consolidate achievements and results. We would welcome in due course the preparation of the exit strategy to handover to the national counterparts and prepare for the operational closure of programme activities.

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. Along with the biannual monitoring report, you will be asked to update progress made on the improvement plan.

Please be reminded that the Joint Programme is responsible for conducting its final evaluation prior to the closure of the programme and sharing the final report with the MDG-F Secretariat. Further information on the closure of programmes will be available on the revised "MDG-F Joint Implementation Guidelines" which will be soon uploaded on the MDG-F website (www.mdgf.org).



With best wishes,
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