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To: Mr. Finn Reske-Nielsen  
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From: Ms. Sophie de Caen  
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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1703 - "Supporting Gender Equality and Women's Rights in Timor-Leste"  
Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Thematic Window

*Dear Finn,  
Sorry about the  
previous mix-up.  
Sophie*

### I. Approval Status

We are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has granted the Joint Programme "Supporting Gender Equality and Women's Rights in Timor-Leste" a no cost extension of six (6) months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 15 June 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 (15 June 2012) will have to be disbursed to the MDG-F.

### II. Recommendations

We appreciate the comprehensive documentation submitted by the programme. The sustainability strategy submitted is clear and well anchored in the different stakeholders participating in the Joint Programme both at central and local levels. While the programme has taken important measures to improve its implementation and respond to the mid-term evaluation recommendations, a few concerns remain:

- PMU: we welcome that the international JP Coordinator was recruited, but view with concern that the rest of the PMU has not been recruited including the national programme coordinator.
- Considering the above in addition to the decision of the programme to maintain the expected outputs and outcomes and not reallocate resources from one component to another; the Secretariat recommends that the NSC and the PMC conduct a comprehensive review of status of implementation on October 2011 in order to assess if these decisions need to be revised. Such review should be shared with the MDG-F Secretariat.

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### **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 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](http://www.mdgf.org)).

With best wishes.

cc.:

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