

30 June 2011

To: Mr. Shahid Najam
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From: Ms. Sophie de Caen 
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Subject: No-cost extension request
MDGF-1792: "Alliances for Culture Tourism (ACT) in Eastern Anatolia"
Culture and Development 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 Alliances for Culture Tourism in Eastern Anatolia a no cost extension of six (6) months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 30 of December of 2011. 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 (30 December 2011) will have to be disbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Recommendations

We appreciate the comprehensive sustainability and exit plan that is in place. Although this programme is not required to develop an improvement plan, as it was originally under 3 years, and therefore did not have a mid-term evaluation but one towards the initial end of the programme; we do ask that you take into consideration the conclusions and recommendations of the external evaluation and incorporated them as relevant in the implementation of activities in the next six months.

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.

We would highly appreciate it if 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 are available on the revised "MDG-F Joint Implementation Guidelines" uploaded on the MDG-F website (www.mdgfund.org).

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With best wishes.

cc.:

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