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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1979 – *“Project to support Stabilization and Conflict Prevention in North Kivu”*  
Conflict Prevention and Peace Building Thematic Window

### I. Approval Status

The request for 2<sup>nd</sup> year release of funds was received on July 15, 2011 and was incomplete. After reviewing the re-submitted documentation on July 15, 2011 requesting a no-cost extension of 6 months and visiting the joint programme in mid July 2011, we are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has granted the Joint Programme *“Project to support Stabilization and Conflict Prevention in North Kivu”* of 6 months. The release of 2<sup>nd</sup> year funds (last tranche) has also been approved. **The new end date of the Joint Programme is 31 March 2012 subject to the re-submission of the complete no-cost extension memo and required sustainability strategy.** 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 31 March 2012 will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

### II. Recommendations

N/A

### 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](http://www.mdgfund.org)).

With best wishes.

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