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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1897 – *"Reaping the Benefits and Mitigating the Risks"*  
Youth, Employment and Migration - 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 *"Reaping the Benefits and Mitigating the Risks"* a no cost extension of six (6) months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 06 July 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 (06 July 2012) will have to be disbursed to the MDG-F.

### II. Recommendations

The exit and sustainability strategy submitted is clear and comprehensive addressing key aspects of alignment and coordination with on-going initiatives, as well as national and local level perspectives. We see the final months of implementation as vital to ensure consolidation of partnerships among government entities to ensure continuity of YEM initiatives started by the JP; proper dissemination of successful achievement of the programme; an opportunity for joint advocacy to contribute to the integration of findings and outcomes of the Joint Programme into national policy, plans and strategies; as well as strengthen the potential for replication or up scaling of successful initiatives at local level.

### 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)).



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With best wishes.

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