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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1692 – “China Culture and Development Partnership Framework”
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 “China Culture and Development Partnership Framework” a no cost extension of four (4) months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 03 March 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 (03 March 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 both at local and central level. We welcome the initiative of undertaking a CDPF Concluding Symposium, hoping that such an event will advocate, inform and contribute to integrating the outcomes of the Joint Programme into national plans and strategies; and strengthen partnerships with relevant stakeholders in order to ensure the continuation and sustainability of culture based development with ethnic minorities.

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).

With best wishes.

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