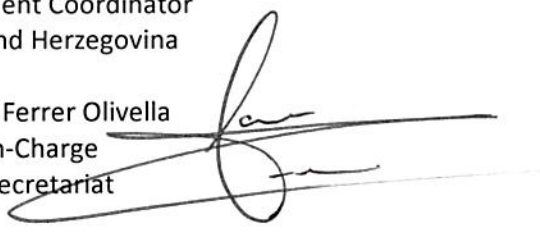


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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1800 – *“Improving Cultural Understanding in Bosnia and Herzegovina”*
Culture and Development - Thematic Window

I. Approval Status

We are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has granted the Joint Programme *“Improving Cultural Understanding in Bosnia and Herzegovina”* a no cost extension of five (5) months and twenty (20) days. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 30 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 (30 June 2012) will have to be disbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Recommendations

It is recommended that the following aspects are taken into account:

1. Please allow enough time to conduct the final evaluation of the Joint Programme before its operational closure.
2. Continue efforts to include participation of Government representatives from the education sector at the PMC.
3. Continue advocacy efforts to ensure adoption of policy documents by government structures.
4. Continue engaging civil society as a key anchor to the sustainability of programme interventions.

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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