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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-2067 – *“Harnessing Sustainable Linkages for SMEs in Turkey’s Textile Sector”*
Development and Private Sector - 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 *“Harnessing Sustainable Linkages for SMEs in Turkey’s Textile Sector”* a no cost extension of six (6) months and twenty (20) days. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 31st December 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 (31st December 2012) will have to be disbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Recommendations

We appreciate the efforts made so far to revise activities, indicators and areas of intervention; as well as the concerns and actions to ensure aid efficiency and coordination with other donors. We hope these efforts will improve the pace of implementation and results achievement of the joint programme. We understand the need for the no cost extension, considering the delays experienced during the inception phase of the joint programme, as well as to aid proper joint planning. However, we remain concerned that reporting so far has not provided enough information on the substantive progress and achievements of the joint programme. Therefore it is expected that:

- Next monitoring report due January 20, 2012 is submitted in a timely manner, and elaborates thoroughly on results and progress of the programme at output and outcome level. In addition, the M&E framework should be properly updated with expected targets and indicators, and achievement of these to date.
- Disbursement of third year funds will be assessed according to progress on results and completion of the Mid-Term Evaluation, as well as the requirement of 70% overall commitment over disbursed funds.
- Sustainability plan is updated, including parties responsible for the different sustainability actions proposed.

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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.

cc.:

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