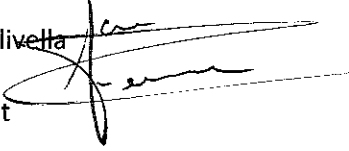


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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1656 – *“Strengthening the Philippines’ Capacity to Adapt to Climate Change”*
Environment and Climate Change - Thematic Window

I. Approval Status

We are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has granted the Joint Programme *“Strengthening the Philippines’ Capacity to Adapt to Climate Change”* a no cost extension of 6 (six) months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 19 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 19 June 2012 will have to be disbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Recommendations

We appreciate the comprehensive documentation submitted by the programme, as well as the progress the Joint Programme has made to date. We agree that a six month extension will provide the JP team with an opportunity to further consolidate results and document evidence of successful interventions. While the sustainability measures outlined on the documentation submitted address key components of the programme and provide a useful context; the JP should develop a clear joint sustainability and exit plan that details how the JP team will work in the remaining time of implementation of the programme to ensure that key successful components are institutionalized and continued within the relevant local and national government entities; and how key inputs to inform policy will be advocated and disseminated to relevant stakeholders before the end of the programme.

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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