



2 August 2011

Dear Ms. McDade,

We are pleased that the UN Country Team (UNCT) Uruguay application has been selected for a grant from the UN Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women (UN Trust Fund).

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with feedback from the appraisal process that we recommend be incorporated in your final proposal to the UN Trust Fund. **Kindly submit your responses to the below comments through a letter no later than 15 August 2011.** The accompanying budget templates, work plan (with regard to the budget component), and project document sheet also should be revised and resubmitted taking into consideration the feedback provided below. Your response letter and accompanying revised documents will constitute part of the full-fledged proposal that you submitted on 8 June 2011.

General Observations

The proposed programme presents a clear set of interventions aimed at facilitating inter-sectoral cooperation to implement the second phase of the National Action Plan on the Eradication of Gender Based Violence in Uruguay. It capitalizes on the UNCT's role in the country as catalyst of collaboration and change, and already comes with high level of political will and a strong history of collaboration between UN agencies that will ensure a quick start and rapid implementation of the project.

Specific Comments and Considerations

Coverage and scope:

- Please provide the actual number of beneficiaries (disaggregated by primary and secondary beneficiaries) that will be impacted through this intervention.

Project cohesiveness

- The programme has a strong emphasis on data collection. In this regard, it is recommended that the UNCT contacts the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) working on the interregional project "Enhancing capacities to eradicate violence against women through networking of local knowledge communities". The project, in addressing violence against women as a global phenomenon, recognizes the importance of collaborative response, participatory action and sharing of good practices, and thus the need for the Regional Commissions to promote active participation of national machineries for the advancement of women as well as national statistical institutions and civil society. Coordinated by ECLAC, the project is executed in coordination with ECA, ECE, ESCAP and



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ESCWA, with collaboration of the UN Statistics Division and UN Women. It aims to strengthen national and regional capacity to regularly and appropriately measure violence against women through enhanced statistical data and indicators, and knowledge-sharing at the regional and interregional levels.

Strategy:

- Please include in your response an analysis on how the UNCT plans to address potential risk factors such as budget cuts and electoral processes.

Approach / Methodology:

- Civil society groups are mentioned in the proposal, but their involvement in program design and implementation could be further clarified. Kindly elaborate as to how the UNCT will be engaging civil society organizations, especially women's organizations and support/strengthen the work already being undertaken by them.
- Given the UNCT's objective to generate national data on Gender Based Violence, it is suggested that the WHO recommendations of researching violence against women be followed to ensure high ethical and safety standards. Involving experts in the field during the data collection process can also enhance the final programme results.
- In this regard, kindly indicate which specific forms of violence will be researched under the planned surveys and what kind of qualitative data will be collected.
- Please also indicate how the information will be disseminated so that the greatest number of stakeholders benefit from the data collection activities undertaken.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

- Please note that additional guidance on the log-frame will be provided in the first year of implementation, and specialized technical assistance on monitoring and evaluation may also be provided throughout the project cycle.

Knowledge generation:

- It is strongly suggested that a learning plan is crafted from the beginning of the programme in order to document lessons learned around key aspects of the initiative that can serve similar programmes.

Budget:

- Please provide a revised version of the budget that has the breakdown of expenses for all the categories.

Kindly complete and sign the pre-populated final project document sheet attached to this letter. Please note that you will receive your contract for signature after the submission of the response letter, revised budget and final project document sheet.

Sincerely,



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