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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1681 – *“Environment Mainstreaming and Adaptation to Climate Change in Mozambique”*
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 Environment Mainstreaming and Adaptation to Climate Change a no cost extension of twelve (12) months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 31st of August of 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 (31 August 2012) will have to be disbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Recommendations

The recommendation of a 12 month no-cost extension is positively considered taking account of the following:

- The JP has yield very interesting results on mainstreaming environment and climate change adaptation and proofing based on the piloted interventions in Chicualacuala;
- The MTE process has been formative and the improvement plan has certainly helped the team to review those aspects lagging behind and take adequate measures to ensure the achievement of expected results. The evaluator also indicates that additional 12 months will be necessary to overcome some of the initial start up delays, the limitations of working in such a remote area like Chicualacuala, and conduct an adequate handover of programme results and interventions;
- Over these past 2 years, the JP has definitely witnessed increased ownership by national counterparts at the central level, provincial level and in the district of Chicualacuala. This has been reflected in the transfer of the JP office from FAO to the MICOA and the separate JP field office to the District Service for Economic Activities in Chicualacuala. The PMC is now chaired by MICOA;
- The sustainability strategy of the joint programme is didactic, comprehensive and certainly it addresses all the dimensions of the joint programme and its expected results. The strategy and work plan clearly indicate the handover of programme interventions ahead of the operational closure of the programme.

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Based on the above we strongly recommend to the team to support activities geared to advocate vis-a vis the government for the replication of such initiatives in other districts in Mozambique to be part of the exit strategy.

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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