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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-2008 – *“Feeding the Children of Afghanistan Together”*
Children, Food Security and Nutrition- Thematic Window

I. Approval Status and recommendations

We are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has granted the Joint Programme *“Feeding the Children of Afghanistan Together”* a no cost extension of six (6) months and sixteen (16) days. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 30 June 2013. Please note that this is a one-time only extension intended to allow the Joint Programme to complete its activities and consolidate 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 2013) will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Recommendations

- We trust that the no cost extension will provide the joint programme team with the time necessary to fully implement all planned activities in order to achieve expected outputs and outcomes.
- We hope the management and governance committees will continue to operate actively ensuring proper participation of all staff assigned to the MDG-F JP
- Even if outcome 1 is completed before outcome 2; it is important that all agencies are committed to participate in the joint evaluation and reporting of the programme; as well as in its dissemination efforts.

III. Monitoring and Reporting

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 no later than one month after 30 June 2013.

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 is available on the revised *“MDG-F Joint Implementation Guidelines”* uploaded on the MDG-F website (www.mdgfund.org).

Should you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes.

cc.:

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