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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1994 – “*Protecting and Promoting Food Security and Nutrition for Families and Children in Bangladesh*” – Children, Food Security and Nutrition - 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 “*Protecting and Promoting Food Security and Nutrition for Families and Children in Bangladesh*” a no cost extension of three (3) months. 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 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 (30 June 2013) will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Recommendations

It is recommended that the following aspects are taken into account by the Joint Programme Team:

- Implementation of the improvement plan in response to the MTE recommendations
- Follow up on the key actions identified to ensure sustainability of the initiative
- The PMC must be actively engaged in closely monitoring results and financial delivery in the remaining timeframe of the fund.
- The team must continue to undertake close joint monitoring focusing on achievement of expected outputs and outcomes beyond the completion of activities.
- Continue efforts to better engage government officials at national level.

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 is 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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