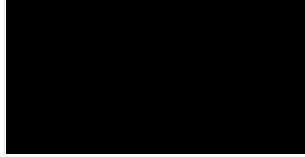


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Date: 15 May 2012

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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1706 – “*Joint Programme to Address Violence against Women in Bangladesh*” - Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment - 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 “*Joint Programme to Address Violence against Women in Bangladesh*” a no cost extension thus the new end date of the 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**

We appreciate the comprehensive documentation submitted by the programme. We agree that a no cost extension will be useful for the JP in order to finalize activities, consolidate results and document lessons learned and evidence of successful interventions. We appreciate that the programme is taking important measures to improve its implementation and respond to the mid-term evaluation recommendations.

### **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](http://www.mdgfund.org)).

With best wishes.

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