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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1942 – “*Alternatives to migration: Decent Jobs for Filipino*” – Youth, Employment and Migration- Thematic Window

Date: 07 June 2012

I. Approval Status

We are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has granted the Joint Programme “*Alternatives to migration: Decent Jobs for Filipino*” a no cost extension of six (6) months thus the new end date of the programme is 27 January 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 (27 January 2013) will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Recommendations

The exit and sustainability strategy submitted is clear and comprehensive addressing key aspects of the different outputs of the JP. We are glad the catch up plan has been useful in overcoming delays of the joint programme. We agree that this no cost extension will be valuable for the programme, allowing it to consolidate results, properly document and share knowledge, and ensure sustainability. We trust that the JP will be able to achieve some results that were lagging behind, such as the remittances channeling and campaign; as well as the PPP and trainings, with enough time to assess results in employment generation or success of enterprises established.

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.

cc.:

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