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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-2042 – *“Preventing and managing child malnutrition in highly vulnerable regions”* – 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 *“Preventing and managing child malnutrition in highly vulnerable regions”* a no cost extension of six (6) months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 02 May 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 (02 May 2013) will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

### **II. Recommendations**

The Joint Programme team is encouraged to implement the identified actions contained in the improvement plan following up the recommendations of the mid-term evaluation report. The implementation of these additional actions will contribute to ensuring the sustainability of results and to better communicate the achievements to date.

### **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.

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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