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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1928 – “*Growth with Decent Work for All*” – Youth, Employment and Migration - 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 “*Growth with Decent Work for All*” a no cost extension of three (3) months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 02 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 (02 January 2013) will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Recommendations

The staffing arrangements for the last months of implementation, by which the JP manager will operate on a half time basis, might be underestimating the staff time needed for proper implementation, consolidation, dissemination and proper exit of the programme to ensure full achievement of expected results. Therefore we recommend that the PMC follows this issue closely, and if needed, takes appropriate action to ensure proper allocation of staff is given to the JP until its finalization.

We also hope this no cost extension will also provide an opportunity for the JP to:

- Strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders to ensure continuity of interventions at local and central level;
- Have the opportunity to assess pilot experiences, systematize, document and disseminate in order to promote replicability of the pilot initiative in other provinces;
- As mentioned in the MTE we also hope the programme will have the opportunity to assess the qualitative results of its capacity building efforts, beyond the completion or satisfaction of related activities delivered.

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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