



UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery
Multi-Partner Trust Fund

Submission Form for Programme/Budget Revision
COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund

Part A: Programme Summary <i>(To be completed by the RCO)</i>				
Date of Submission:	16-February-2022			
Country/Region:	Pakistan/Asia & The Pacific			
RCO Contact:	Naeem Ullah- Data and results management and reporting Officer Naeem.Ullah@un.org			
List of RUNOs:	UN Women, UN FAO			
Programme Title:	Strengthening economic resilience and food security for women Home Based Workers and women farmers			
Total Approved Budget: (COVID-19 MPTF funds only)	\$ 1,700,000/-			
Duration:	Starting Date:	01-07-2021	Completion Date:	01-04-2022

1. Type of Programme or Budget Revision Requested

- Change of programme scope (submit revised ProDoc and Budget)
 Budget revision (submit revised Budget)
 Extension of project duration (submit updated Budget, if different)

New completion date: 31- May-2022



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2. Reason revision is being requested:

The project implementation is ongoing in both the project provinces; however, we predict delays in implementation of the project interventions due to a couple of factors. In order to mitigate against this risk, the need for an alternate strategy was felt to divide the project targets for District Kurram (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa). This was due to delay in issuance of No Objection Certificate NoC (a mandatory formal permission required for implementation of every project by Government Departments and Intelligence Agencies) to our Responsible Party PVDP, hence we propose to allocate targets to other two project locations/districts in KP Province.

Secondly, the changing Covid-19 pandemic scenario in Pakistan with covid-19 (5th Phase – Omicron) positivity rate surging to 12.53% (at the time of writing; as per NCOC-the government entity leading the efforts against the virus) has once again forced the Government to impose partial lockdowns, squeezed hours of business/work, limit the mobility of citizens, complete ban on indoor gathering and strict compliance of Covid 19 SoPs. Given the historic decrease in numbers due to the change in climate, we foresee that the type of project activities, requiring direct interaction with local communities, government stakeholders and service providers, will be completed in the requested duration.

The Implementation Plan with revised timelines is attached for reference and approval. There are no budgetary changes.

Also, one of the major outputs of the MPTF project, is provision of emergency relief cash assistance to vulnerable and poor Home-Based Women Workers. We are almost into the final stage of procuring services of a financial firm for this activity, but as the funds involved in this activity are huge, this requires an approval from UN Women HQ which might take some time and given short project timelines, achievement of this output can be hindered in the existing timelines; however, the extended timeframe requested will ensure timely completion of the exercise.

Moreover, it is important to mention that MPTF Partner FAO undertook all necessary arrangements for acquisition of No Objection Certificate (NoC) from Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. However, due to administrative delays, the issuance of NoC has significantly been delayed, ultimately causing delay in implementation of project activities.

Two (2) months extension requested for the project will be of high importance as the activities which could not be completed and are witnessing delays caused due to non-issuance of NoC for District Kurram. With Covid-19 now slowing down, the pace of various project activities will accelerate, and they will be completed in the extended timeline.

Moreover, UN Women after consultation with relevant stakeholders (keeping MPTFO in the loop) have decided to divide project targets for District Kurram between Districts Peshawar and Swabi by broadening the geographical scope and increasing the number of beneficiaries in these two districts. This will help ensure that no further administrative delays would be faced, and project targets can be achieved as planned. NoCs for the two districts have already been issued by the Government.

3. Documents Attached:



- Revised Budget (*for change in budget*)
 Revised Programme Document (*for change in programme scope*)

Part B: Signature

(To be completed by ALL Recipient UN Organizations)



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On behalf of Recipient UN Organizations:	Signature	Date	Name/Title
UN Women Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)		February 25, 2022	Sharmeela Rassool, Country Representative Ms. Florence Rolle FAO Representative Pakistan
On behalf of the UN Resident Coordinator:			
UNRCO			Julien Harneis, Resident Coordinator

Part C: Administrative Review
(To be completed by the Fund Secretariat)

Revision requiring Special Designate' s approval

4. Comments by the Fund Secretariat:

5. Recommendation by the Fund Secretariat:



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Part D: Decision of the Secretary-General's Designate for the COVID19 MPTF

(To be completed by the Secretariat)

- Approve
 Approve with modification/condition
 Defer

Comments (if any):

Secretary-General's Designate for the COVID19 MPTF, Mr. Haoliang Xu

...Signed digitally..

...8.March.2022.

Signature

Date

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