



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 (To be completed by the RCO)				
Date of Submission:	18/10/2021			
Country/Region:	Jordan			
RCO Contact:	Husam AlKayyali			
List of RUNOs:	UN-Habitat, UNOPS, ILO			
Programme Title:	Socio-Economic Empowerment of Vulnerable Women in Ghor Al Safi through Improving Access to Safe and Green Public Spaces			
Total Approved Budget: (COVID-19 MPTF funds only)	849,999 USD			
Duration:	Starting Date:	15 Jan 2021	Completion Date:	14 Jan 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: 30 June 2022

2. Reason revision is being requested:

A no-cost extension is being requested for the following reasons:

- Setting up the project in the system and the recruitment of the consultant (lead architect) took some time at the beginning of the project.
- Key members of the project's team (the lead architect and his supporting team) contracted COVID 19, which caused an unanticipated delay for 3 months due to the accumulated delays in finalizing the site analysis, the architectural design, and the tender documents. These tasks have been concluded but took longer than the anticipated time, which impacted the workplan and the time allocated for the construction/ rehabilitation works.
- During the assessment phase, it was also found that the existing community centre in Ghor Al Safi is in a deplorable condition and needs extensive works to ensure that a safe community center is available for the local community.
- While preparing the agreement of cooperation with Zaha Cultural Center and discussing the construction plan with the Southern Aghwar Municipality, we learned that we can not proceed unless we obtain the government's approval on the project, which is a new regulation that wasn't prior to the start of the project and needed for the implementing partners (namely Zaha cultural center, and the Southern Aghwar municipality) and not for the UN but without this approval we can't proceed with the implementation. We have requested the approval and waiting for the government's response. The approval process could take some time and depends on the procedures and timeframe of the different ministries and beyond the control of the project's team.



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Justification for the budget revision:

- In the original proposal, it was planned that purchasing the needed equipment and furniture for the community center in Ghor El Safi will be done through the implementing partner (Zaha Cultural Center), but after reviewing the Agreement of Cooperation with NGOs rules and regulations, the procurement budget shouldn't exceed 50% of the value of the total agreement. Accordingly, UN-Habitat and Zaha Cultural Center agreed that UN-Habitat will do the procurement of the equipment and furniture which requires reallocating funds from the *Transfers and Grants to Counterparts* budget line to the *Contractual Services*.
- The estimated budget for the construction and rehabilitation of the community center and the public space as per the bills of quantities calculated by the engineering team exceeded the allocated budget and that is due to the increase in the cost of building material during the past years. Accordingly, and in order to cover the deficit in the construction budget, UN-Habitat offered to cover the cost of specific components based on mutual agreement with UNOPS who is in charge of the construction work in the project, which requires reallocating funds from the *Transfers and Grants to Counterparts* budget line to the *Contractual Services* and cover some of the activities from other resources. This is crucial for the project in order not to compromise any of the elements proposed in the project's design that were agreed upon with the project partners and the local community.

The project team is doing their utmost to expedite the works, however an extension until **30 June 2022** is required to complete the project activities (as illustrated in the attached work plan and revised budget), and we are looking for your kind approval.



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3. Documents Attached:

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

Part B: Signature (To be completed by ALL Recipient UN Organizations)			
On behalf of Recipient UN Organizations:	Signature	Date	Name/Title
UN-Habitat		4 January 2022	Erfan Ali Regional Representative
ILO	 Frida Khan (Jan 8, 2022 16 51 GMT+5)		Frida Khan, ILO Country Coordinator to Jordan
UNOPS		24 Jan 2022	Muhammad Usman Akram Director
On behalf of the UN Resident Coordinator:			
25 Jan 2022			Ghulam Isaczai Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator a.i.

Part C: Administrative Review (To be completed by the Fund Secretariat)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	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	
<i>(To be completed by the Secretariat)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approve
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approve with modification/condition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defer
Comments (if any):	
Secretary-General's Designate for the COVID19 MPTF, Mr. Haoliang Xu	
signed digitally	January 28 2022
..... Signature Date