



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:	25-November-2021			
Country/Region:	Cameroon			
RCO Contact:	+237 222 20 08 00			
List of RUNOs:	ILO, UNFPA, UN-HABITAT, UNESCO			
Programme Title:	SUPPORT TO JOBS, THE RESILIENCE OF THE SMALL ENTERPRISES AND INFORMAL WORKERS DURING AND BEYOND THE COVID19 IN CAMEROON			
Total Approved Budget: (COVID-19 MPTF funds only)	\$850,000			
Duration:	Starting Date:	01-01-2021	Completion Date:	01-01-2022

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: 01-04-2022

2. Reason revision is being requested:



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The 4 UN Agencies involved in the MPTF II project have all started implementing activities in a context particularly dominated by COVID 19, which has often limited their effectiveness. However, several activities have been carried out for informal entrepreneurs, youth, adolescents, and vulnerable women to produce some deliverables on time. However, the results achieved, and the changes observed are still fragile and the institutional partners are still insufficiently equipped to support the measures put in place. To this end, the various Agencies need additional time to build on what has been achieved to date. This extension of the project will enable to create the conditions for the sustainability of what has been achieved, to carry out an external evaluation and to encourage the actors involved or interested in scaling up strategies.

In detail by outcome, the request for extension is justified as follows:

Outcome 1: Promoting the creation of quick (based on high Labour-Intensive activities-HLIA) and sustainable jobs based on more enhanced and effective labour market institutions (Public job services, Cooperatives, Small and Medium Size Enterprises) for the most vulnerable women and young people

Green economy: 51 women benefited from capacity building training mainly in the field of entrepreneurship. 38 business Plans were received by ILO and its partner, the Program for the Promotion of Green Employment in Cameroon – PPEVC (*Ministry of Employment and Vocational Training*) and 20 were selected and financially supported for their implementation. ILO and the PPEVC need more time to support the implementation of these projects, to increase the chances of survival of all these projects, to learn from them in terms of job creation and to consolidate the platform between these entrepreneurs and GICAM.

HIMO: Training workshop have been set up in the Municipality of Yaoundé II, with very convincing results. This experience will then be capitalized and will allow to initiate a similar action in the municipality of Douala IV, between December 2021 and January 2022.

Job terminals: 2 job terminals have been installed in the municipalities of Yaoundé II and Douala IV. They have come into operation and being an innovative service, it is necessary to take a step back to better appreciate its contribution in terms of easier access for young people to jobs and businesses to potential employees.

Outcome 2: Strengthening the technical and professional skills of self-employment and the professional integration of vulnerable women and young people most affected by the pandemic

Training and installation of young women entrepreneurs: 48 girls and boys (16 per locality: Maroua, Ngaoundéré and Bertoua) benefited from a refresher course in specialized structures in four fields: Sewing, Restaurant, Office Secretariat and Hairdressing. They then follow a three-day training course to strengthen their skills in the areas of "leadership and entrepreneurship". At the end of the training, the young entrepreneurs developed business plans and started the process of creating formal companies. The formalization procedure requires an additional three months of support to enable them to benefit from the tax advantages linked to the legal form chosen, namely multi-person limited liability companies (SARL). On the other hand, the professional equipment, essential for their installation, has been acquired in part: all the equipment of the various sectors has been acquired and transported to the various municipalities where the project is being implemented, except for equipment for the hairdressing sector. The extension period will allow for the finalization of the acquisition processes to install the 12 companies foreseen in the project document. During the extension period, the monitoring of the performance indicators of these companies will facilitate the implementation of the management tools needed to ensure the sustainability of the project's achievements for possible scaling up.

Outcome 3: Strengthening life skills and human protection for greater empowerment of the most vulnerable and stigmatized women and youth in crisis

Beneficiaries of capacity building activities must follow programs that extend beyond the project period. Similarly, program to broadcast key messages through the 20 community radio stations and online media will only begin in late December 2021. Also, an additional three months would not only allow for follow-up visits at appropriate times, but would also provide material to document, with the media, the results of the project. In the field of Cultural and Creative Industries, the artistic production activity includes a set of other components such as post-production (editing), the dissemination of works and communication support to ensure optimal support for artists affected by the crises. Currently, only the production component is deployed to the artists.

UN-Habitat has carried out rapid participatory analyses of the socio-economic recovery options through housing and public hygiene to prepare local authorities to have a better vision of creating immediate employment opportunities. The support for these municipalities requires additional time to create the conditions for empowerment. This may justify the extension of the project until the end of March 2022.

3. Documents Attached:

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



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Part B: Signature (To be completed by ALL Recipient UN Organizations)			
On behalf of Recipient UN Organizations:	Signature	Date	Name/Title
ILO		23/11/2021	Aminata Maïga, ILO DWT for Central Africa Director
ONU-HABITAT		23/11/2021	BEDGA NGUE Christian, Focal Point ONU-Habitat Cameroun, Coordinator of Urban Governance Program-UGP
UNFPA		25/11/2021	Siti Batoul Oussein Resident Representative UNFPA in Cameroon
UNESCO	PO/	30/11/2021	Salah Khaled (Mr) Director of the Regional Office in Yaoundé for Central Africa. UNESCO Representative to Cameroon, Angola, Burundi, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Central African Republic, Sao Tome and Principe and Chad.
On behalf of the UN Resident Coordinator:	 	08 DEC 2021	Matthias Z. NAAB Coordonnateur Résident

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. Haollang Xu	
signed digitally	11 January 2022
Signature	Date