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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1930 – *"Engaging Tunisian Youth to achieve the MDGs"*
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 *"Engaging Tunisian Youth to achieve the MDGs"* a no cost extension of 12 months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 07 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 07 May 2013 will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Observations and Recommendations

Further to the teleconference on January 17, 2012 on the realignment of the joint programme and the request for no-cost extension of the joint programme for 12 months, we agreed to grant the no-cost extension on an exceptional basis to take account of the following:

- The halt of activities during 2011;
- The recommendations of the mid – term evaluation and proposed improvement plan;
- The new Tunisian context after the 14, January 2011 revolution;
- The Joint Programme alignment with the national priorities at the national and regional levels; and
- The newly defined joint programme management structure.

As agreed in our discussion, we recommend the joint programme team to:

- Clearly identify the criteria for targeting the beneficiary population;
- New baseline data, indicators, targets and targetered population are defined against the newly proposed results frameworks;
- Monitor closely progress in the implementation of activities, output achievement and performance of all relevant actors, if need revisit the strategy and redeploy resources in the event that a UN agency is unable to deliver the agreed work plan;
- A clear decision-making process is identified to re-deploy resources in the event of non-delivery of targets of the agreed workplan; and

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- A formal review of progress with the participation of the MDG-F Secretariat to be organized in July 2012 to review monitoring report covering the period 1 January-30 June 2012 and progress against the improvement plan.

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).

With best wishes.

cc.:

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