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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1801 – *“Promoting Initiatives and Cultural Industries in Senegal”*
Culture and Development Thematic Window

I. Approval Status

The request for 3rd year release of funds was received on March 24, 2011. At that time the documentation was incomplete. The MDG-F Secretariat asked the team to re-submit and request a no-cost extension. After reviewing the re-submitted documentation on June 16, 2011 requesting a no-cost extension of 12 months, we are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has granted the Joint Programme *“Promoting Initiatives and Cultural Industries in Senegal”* of 12 months. The release of 3rd year funds has also been approved. **The new end date of the Joint Programme is 30 September 2012 subject to including several outstanding issues listed below.** Please note that this is a one-time only amendment 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 30 September 2012 will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Recommendations

We appreciate the submission of all relevant documentation and the steps initiated to ensure the sustainability of the programme interventions. We congratulate the Government of Senegal and the Joint Programme for the inscription of Saloum Delta and its vestiges of more than two millennia of human occupation on UNESCO’s World Heritage List by the World Heritage Committee. We also take note of the extensive consultations within the different committees and regional and local authorities to ensure the ownership and sustainability of results ie. Multimedia Centers. We welcome the fact that the programme coordination unit is fully operational and has designated staff in the two regions.

We understand that on the basis of this renewed consensus with relevant national and sub-national stakeholders, the joint programme is ready to move forward and ensure the implementation of agreed activities. As mentioned above, we would be grateful if you could ensure that the following outstanding issues are addressed within the joint programme:

Final Evaluation

- The final evaluation needs to be included in the revised work plan including the proposed extension period;

Work plan

- The annual targets included in the work plan need to be updated (currently are the same of the work plans in the previous years);
- The work plan for year 3 plus extension must cover the period September 2010-September 2012 (the submitted work plan with extension covers April 2011-september 2012 , leaving September 2010 to March 2011 without approved work plan);
- The timeframe for implementation of activities needs to be clearly defined (in some instances this is not the case for example, under output 2.2 implemented by ONUDI all the planned activities are planned to be implemented through the period for all of them);
- The costs associated to the coordination and management of the programme are not clearly identified and need to be better reflected in the work plan;

Sustainability

- The preparation of a sustainability plan is welcome. The sustainability plan including the “*plan d’action operationnel*” needs to be integrated in the work plan and budget in order to be implemented. Without specific financial allocations to the “*plan d’action operationnel*” as included in the sustainability plan, these actions will not be implemented; and

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. Further information on the closure of programmes will be available on the revised “MDG-F Joint Implementation Guidelines”, available at the MDG-F website (www.mdgfund.org).

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.

With best wishes.

cc.:

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