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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1830 – *“Governance of Water and Sanitation in Angola's Poor Neighborhoods”*
Democratic Economic Governance - 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 *“Governance of Water and Sanitation in Angola's Poor Neighborhoods”* a no cost extension of 12 months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 20 March 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 20 March 2013 will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Observations and Recommendations

Further to the discussions between the MDG-F Secretariat and the UN Joint Programme team, it has been confirmed that the team has the necessary capacity to deliver the existing resources along with soon to be sent third year tranche. The JP team has also addressed most of the recommendations contained in the Mid-term Evaluation Report and has successfully implemented the required improvement plan.

The JP team has indicated the outlined following measures to ensure full utilization of funding as follows:

- ILO will utilize a major portion of its outstanding resources by March 2012;
- IOM's internal target completion date is end of July 2012.
- UNICEF is finalizing final disbursement on ongoing activities.
- UNDP is also completing final payments, and these include: the Water and Sanitation Master Plan for the Municipality of Kilamba Kiayi (USD 120,000); development of the National Policy on Sanitation (Waste Management Strategy) (USD 167,000); Training of journalist on MDGs (USD 90,000); multisectoral studies with the University of Agostinho Neto (USD 90,000).

In addition, UNDP will be launching the development of 2 Sectoral Master Plans for 2 municipalities in Moxico Province (USD 550,000 USD) as soon as the extension is formally approved.

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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