

To: Mr. James W. Rawley
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From: Ms. Sophie de Caen
Director, MDG-F Secretariat

Subject: No-cost extension request –
MDGF-2047– *“Pro-poor Horticulture Value Chains in Upper Egypt”*
Development and Private Sector - Thematic Window

Dear Mr. Rawley and Colleagues,

I. Approval Status

We are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has granted the Joint Programme *“Pro-poor Horticulture Value Chains in Upper Egypt”*, a no-cost extension of six (6) months and twenty six (26) days; thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 30 June 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 (30 June 2013) will have to be returned to the MDG-F.

II. Recommendations

We appreciate the comprehensive documentation submitted by the programme. We hope this no-cost extension will also provide the joint programme team with additional time to follow up on the developed improvement plan; consolidating its capacity building efforts; ensuring that the inputs of participating UN agencies contribute to the outcomes and outputs of the JPs; and continuing coordination efforts among partners and other initiatives in the area of intervention.

The programme has also request the release of third year funding. The 2011 financial annual report of MPTF shows \$ 2,472,514 expenditure over a transferred amount of \$5,488,864. Given the pace of implementation of the joint programme over the last 24 months and the remainder of funds, we recommend the non-release of third year funding at this time.

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

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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 are 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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