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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-2053 – “*Edible Oil Value Chain Enhancement*” -  
Development and the Private Sector - 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 “*Edible Oil Value Chain Enhancement*” a no cost extension of five (5) months and fifteen (15) 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 reimbursed to the MDG-F.

## **II. Recommendations**

We recognize the visible progress made by the programme and its contribution to oil seeds sector in Ethiopia. Excellent achievements have been made possible through the capacity development efforts underway, the results of pilot activities, the identification of forward and backward linkages, and the ongoing dialogue with all relevant stakeholders.

We recommend to the Joint Programme team to continue to strengthen their communication and advocacy strategy with the view to continue to engage relevant stakeholders within the government and participating municipalities, private sector, UN system, development partners and target municipalities to ensure the sustainability of many reported achievements to date. N/A

## **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 no later than one month after, 31 July 2013.

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](http://www.mdgfund.org)).

With best wishes.

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