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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-2010 – “*Niger Childhood, food security and nutrition Program*” - Children, Food Security and Nutrition - 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 “*Niger Childhood, food security and nutrition Program*” a no-cost extension of five (5) months and twelve (12) 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.

We are also pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has accepted to disburse the last tranche of funding requested by the Joint Programme, in the amount of US\$672 435.

### **II. Recommendations**

We acknowledge the important achievements reached to date by the Joint Programme in delivering critical support to national authorities and to the population in a complex operating environment. We welcome the measures taken by the Joint Programme team to address some of the weaknesses observed in the mid-term evaluation, notably in terms of coordination of activities and participation and ownership of local partners. These will be key elements for the sustainability of interventions and results.

The no-cost extension period should give the Programme sufficient time to consolidate its activities and to adequately plan for closure, including by conducting the Final Evaluation. The Secretariat would however recommend to closely monitor the activities that may be lagging behind or which implementation has been delayed (notably the following activities: “Campagnes de plaidoyer”, “Ateliers de validation”, “Plaidoyer pour l’introduction de la nutrition dans les PCD”).

### **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 May 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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