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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-2030 – *“Ensuring Food Security and Nutrition for Children 0-2 Years Old in the Philippines”*  
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 *“Ensuring Food Security and Nutrition for Children 0-2 Years Old in the Philippines”* a no cost extension of five (5) months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 18 April 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 (18 April 2013) will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

## **II. Recommendations**

The exit and sustainability strategy that will be implemented by the programme is clear and comprehensive, addressing key aspects of closure of the programme and sustainability of the different outputs of the JP. This no cost extension will allow the programme to consolidate results; properly systematize, document and share successful experiences; ensure sustainability; and conduct the final evaluation. We trust that by the end of the year the programme will have overcome all delays and fully implement and consolidate outcome 3.

## **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 18 April 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.

cc.:

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