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Subject: Approval of supplementary funding for the Joint Programme of Philippines
"Enhancing Access to and Provision of Water Services with the Active Participation of the Poor"

Country:	Philippines
Window:	Democratic Economic Governance
Title:	<i>Enhancing Access to and Provision of Water Services with the Active Participation of the Poor</i>
Supplementary Budget:	\$300,000
Agency:	UNDP

In line with the Steering Committee decision of December of 2011 to provide supplementary funding to selected joint programmes, the MDG-F Secretariat team has met to review your proposal according to the following criteria:

- Demonstrated performance and contribution to development results;
- Clear national ownership, commitment and leadership of interventions;
- Consolidation of the experience and advocacy strategy for replication and scaling up and clear commitment from national counterparts;
- Consolidation of innovative work at the local and community levels, if applicable
- Ensuring the sustainability of development results

The MDG-F Secretariat has reviewed the proposal for supplementary funding of the Joint Programme, and considers it ready for approval and funds-release.

The proposal for the supplementary funding is aimed at crystallizing the Joint Programme's results through systematization of the pilot experience, consolidation of partnerships and advocacy for enabling policies, and replication and scale up of the Joint Programme's initiatives. The proposal builds on lessons learnt during the implementation of the JP, and integrates the good practices identified so far.

The proposal clearly outlines the activities that will be conducted, and a work plan with the respective budget and time frame for implementation. The work plan indicates that an additional six month extension will be required, therefore the joint programme has been granted an until June 30, 2013 that will allow for the implementation of the work plan and the final evaluation of the joint programme.

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Relevance and National Ownership

The Joint Programme and the proposal for supplementary funding are firmly aligned with national government's priorities to address the institutional fragmentation in the water sector, which represents a major deterrent to making significant progress in achieving access to water supply and sanitation. Since its inception, the joint programme's ownership at both national and local levels has been very high. Government partners (NEDA, DILG and the NWRB) have jointly mobilized institutional resources to support the implementation of the JP.

Furthermore, the JP successfully facilitated greater involvement of the local governments, and local communities in the pilot 36 municipalities. The empowerment of communities to claim their rights has been crucial to engage them in the process of decision making with the local government units.

Effectiveness of the JP

With more than two years into the implementation of the joint programme, some activities of the Joint programme at the local level are already showing promising results and are positively impacting the lives of the population. Some of these achievements include the implementation of the Localized Customer Service Code (LCSC), the Godparent mentoring scheme, and the Human Rights-Based Approach to planning. The programme has successfully demonstrated that water service delivery is not only about installing infrastructure but includes software components that build up local capacities to operate, maintain and sustain the community water service delivery programs.

Sustainability

As part of the joint programme's strategy to sustain and up-scale the initiatives of the programme; a partnership has been established with the SALINTUBIG program of the national government. Through SALINTUBIG (2011-2015) the government provides grants to waterless municipalities (455) for water supply provision. SALINTUBIG has adopted policy recommendations produced by the JP for its implementing guidelines and will adopt the toolbox for its capacity building component. The availability of counterpart funding for infrastructure will facilitate the rollout of the toolbox not only in the 36 waterless municipalities of the JP but to the remaining 419 water municipalities to be assisted by SALINTUBIG.

Approval

The MDG-F Secretariat approves the release of the supplementary funding of the Joint Programme. The funds will be disbursed to UNDP.

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