

One UN Impact Fund for Iran

Submission Form for No-Cost Extension requests

Part A: Programme Summary (To be completed by the lead organization)				
Date of Submission:	27 November 2023			
Country/Region:	Iran			
Lead/Convening organization:	OCHA			
Participating Organizations:	UNICEF			
Focal points at the Lead and Participating organizations:	UNICEF Focal Point: Sassan Modarress (smodarress@unicef.org)			
Programme Title:	Supporting the access of earthquake affected populations to safe and inclusive education and health services during the recovery phase			
Total Approved Budget:	US\$ 220,000.00			
Duration:	Starting Date:	1 May 2023	Original Completion Date:	31 January 2024

1. Type of request

- Extension of project duration (submit updated Budget, if different)
New completion date: 30 April 2024

2. Reason revision is being requested:

UNICEF initially planned to accomplish two primary objectives outlined in this agreement: the delivery and installation of two mobile clinics and the rehabilitation of 14 schools in earthquake-affected areas. While the mobile clinics have been successfully delivered and are now operational as per our original plan, the rehabilitation of schools encountered several unanticipated challenges that have caused delays.

The reasons for the delays in the school rehabilitation component are as follows:


- **Change of Location:** The rehabilitation was initially planned for schools in urban areas. However, a subsequent needs assessment by UNICEF, in collaboration with the local Department of Education, revealed a more compelling requirement for support in rural areas, where the earthquake had created notable damages. This change in project scope necessitated adjustments to the project plan and timeline.
- **Partnership Arrangement:** UNICEF entered into a partnership arrangement with local philanthropic organizations to enhance the impact and sustainability of the school rehabilitation efforts. While this partnership has been crucial for the effective implementation of the project, it required additional time for coordination, negotiation, and alignment of objectives.
- **Weather Conditions:** The implementation sites in earthquake-affected regions are now facing harsh weather conditions, including heavy snows and seasonal disruptions, which started earlier than expected and affects construction and rehabilitation work progress.


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The proposed extension is essential to ensure that UNICEF can fulfil its commitment to completing the rehabilitation work with the highest standard of quality. The requested three-month extension is necessary to guarantee the successful and impactful completion of the school rehabilitation component.

3. Documents Attached:

- Revised Budget
- Revised Workplan

Part B: Signature			
<i>(To be completed by ALL Recipient UN Organizations)</i>			
On behalf of Recipient UN Organizations:	Signature	Date	Name/Title
UNICEF		26 Nov 2023	Dr Robin Nandy UNICEF Representative, Iran

Part C: Administrative Review	
<i>(To be completed by the Fund Secretariat)</i>	
4. Comments by the Fund Secretariat:	
<i>Given the externalities that caused delays in the school rehabilitation component of the project, it is recommended that the project be granted a no-cost extension of three months by the Fund Board.</i>	
5. Recommendation by the Fund Secretariat:	
<i>Recommended to the Fund Board for approval</i>	 Raja Gundu, RCO Partnerships Officer

Part D: Decision of the Fund Board¹	
<i>(To be completed by the Secretariat)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approve
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approve with modification/condition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defer
Comments (if any):	
N/A	
Signature by the Fund Board Chair	
	9 Jan. 2024
Stefan Priesner UN Resident Coordinator in I.R.Iran	Date

¹ If applicable