



REF: 19/174

September 2, 2019

Object: No-Cost Extension of the Community assistance to Mirebalais: new UN approach to cholera in Haiti.

Dear co-chairs of the MPTF,

As you are aware, UNDP is in the process of implementing programming on track 2 on behalf of the United Nations, starting first with the pilot project in Mirebalais, and more recently on an expansion to 20 communities in the North. This letter is in reference to the former project, "Community assistance to Mirebalais: new UN approach to cholera in Haiti". This project was scheduled to complete in December 2018. Due to a combination of factors, however, project implementation has been delayed. In particular, the project has faced delays for the following 3 principal reasons:

1- Project selection concerns: As you will recall, the platform for downtown Mirebalais had initially selected a solid waste treatment plant as their top priority. UNDP worked with the community to initiate a feasibility study, including an in-depth cost analysis, environmental impact study, and a long-term sustainability evaluation. UNDP determined that this project unfortunately fell outside the scope of track 2 projects due to cost, sustainability, and long-term maintenance. The platform and wider community was, as a result, required to return to the prioritization stage of the project, bringing with it significant delays.

2- Political instability and crisis. In both 2018 and 2019, political turmoil has brought project implementation to a halt—sometimes for over a month at a time. Mirebalais, in particular, has seen significant violent protests with the mayor's office being partially burned down. During these times of unrest, UNDP was unable to work with platforms and the wider community, encumbering further delays to the project.

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3- Internal personnel changes have led to turnover within the project's management. Moreover, new project management needed to prioritize rapid scale up of the Track 2 expansion project in order to adhere to the ambitious timeline and not incur delays in the expansion project. As such, priority was given to the expansion, over the extension of the Mirebalais project.

Considering the abovementioned factors that led to a delay in the Mirebalais project, UNDP would respectfully like to request a No-Cost Extension of the project in order to be able to finalize the activities, which have to be revised in concert with the local counterparts.

In order to implement the remaining work and complete the respective administrative processes, we would request that the project be extended until 31 March 2020.

Please note that prior to requesting this extension, UNDP worked to obtain the authorization for extension from the Government of Haiti – a necessary prerequisite to requesting your approval. This process took considerable time, as a result of the collapse of multiple governments over the past year. We have now obtained this extension approval from the Government, which you can find in annex to this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Fernando Hiraldo
The Resident Representative



Submission Form for Project/Budget Revision
UN HAITI CHOLERA RESPONSE MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND

Part A: Project Summary <i>(To be completed by the Recipient UN Organization)</i>			
Date of Submission:	2 September 2019		
From the Recipient UN Organization:	UNDP Haiti		
Contact:	Fernando Hiraldo		
Project Number:	00105932		
Project Title:	Community Assistance to Mirebalais		
Total Approved Project Budget:	1,172,876.22 USD		
Project Duration:	Starting Date:	April 2017	Completion Date: 31 March 2020

1. Type of Project or Budget Revision Requested

- ☐ Increase/change in project budget¹. Amount requested: US\$ _____
- ☒ Extension of project duration.
Old completion date: 31 December 2018
New completion date: 31 March 2020
- ☐ Change of project scope (*submit revised project document*)

2. Project Expenditure to date: as of 2 September 2019

- ☐ Total Commitments US\$ 72,144.56
- ☐ Total Disbursements US\$ 1,087,046.60

3. Reason revision is being requested:

The main challenges faced by the project which led to revision request are as follows:

1. Revision of the solid waste treatment plant project identified by the platform for downtown Mirebalais which resulted falling outside the scope of Track 2 projects due to cost, sustainability, and long-term maintenance. The platform and wider community were, as a result, required to return to the prioritization stage of the project, resulting in significant delays as compared to initial planning. The last project envisaged with the community is the construction of the Merline Street, where the town hall should have carried out the earthworks and the Community Assistance Project would have then executed the concrete wearing course. Unfortunately, The work to be carried out by the mayor are dragging along. For this reason, the community eventually proposed that the fund of the project executes a section of the road entirely, which will not then require a

¹ For any change in the budget, provide revised budget




dependency from the Town hall. This extension request will allow the project to start the whole process of procurement and execution of the work to follow the conclusions of the discussions with the community and the authorities.

2. Political instability and crisis in both 2018 and 2019, which brought project implementation to a halt. During these times of unrest, UNDP was unable to work with platforms and the wider community, encumbering further delays to the project.

3. Internal personnel changes and prioritization of the Track 2 expansion project, over the extension of the Mirebalais project.

4. Documents Attached:

- ☐ Revised Budget *(for change in project budget)*
☐ Revised Project Document *(for change in project scope)*

Part B: Signature <i>(To be completed by the Recipient UN Organization)</i>			
On behalf of Recipient UN Organization:	Signature	Date	Name/Title
		6/9/19	Dep. Res. Rep.

Part C: Administrative Review <i>(To be completed by the UN Haiti Cholera Response MPTF Secretariat)</i>
5. Comments:
6. Recommendation:

Part D: Decision of the Chair of the Advisory Committee, UN Haiti Cholera Response MPTF <i>(To be completed by the Secretariat)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approve
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Comments (if any):

Chair of the Advisory Committee, UN Haiti Cholera Response MPTF

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Signature

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Date