



**UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery  
Multi-Partner Trust Fund**

**Submission Form for Programme/Budget Revision  
COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund**

<b>Part A: Programme Summary</b> <i>(To be completed by the RCO)</i>				
<b>Date of Submission:</b>	01-October-2021			
<b>Country/Region:</b>	Sao Tome & Principe			
<b>RCO Contact:</b>	00239 2221122			
<b>List of RUNOs:</b>	UNDP, UNICEF, ILO			
<b>Programme Title:</b>	Women Economic Empowerment			
<b>Total Approved Budget: (COVID-19 MPTF funds only)</b>	\$382,500			
<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Starting Date:</b>	01-11-2020	<b>Completion Date:</b>	01-11-2021

**1. Type of Programme or Budget Revision Requested**

- Change of programme scope (*submit revised ProDoc and Budget*)
- Budget revision (*submit revised Budget*)
- Extension of project duration (*submit updated Budget, if different*)

**New completion date: 01-02-2022**



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### 2. Reason revision is being requested:

The MPTF funded Joint Program (JP) has achieved tangible results, benefiting women (whose businesses were impacted by COVID-19) with trainings and grants to increase their entrepreneurial technical capacity and ability to expand their businesses and develop solid recovery plans. In addition, with the aim of boosting women's access to quality jobs, a digital platform on employment services and opportunities was developed. From a LNOB perspective, the JP has supported the government to develop sound social safety net for girls and women, delivering "back-to-school" kits to vulnerable households led by women and providing "life skills curriculum" to girls at-risk of dropping out of high school and to out-of-school adolescent girls across the country.

Despite the main results have been achieved, a three (3) month no cost extension (NCE) is needed to ensure results are ready to be upscaled and national ownership is ensured. In particular, the following interventions will require additional time to be completed:

- Completion of the work plans approved to 44 grantees (women with businesses). As part of the efforts to increase women's resilience to recover their business from COVID-19 negative impacts, the JP has delivered 5,000 grants to 44 women to support the implementation of their business plans. As the grants are given as an in kind contribution, consisting in construction works, equipment/ materials and a small working capital, the procurement of quality goods and services in a small economy as the one in Sao Tome and Principe has proven to be time-consuming, delaying the implementation of these grants. This has been further exacerbated by COVID-19 second and third wave, where key supplies were not available in the market (e.g. cement) or had increased prices.
- Finalize the set up of the digital platform. Despite the digital platform of the employment service has been finalized and is now operation, the Ministry of Labour has requested to set up a room (which will be equipped with computers) to receive women who do not have access to internet and computers. The aim is that vulnerable women can be trained on the utilization of these platform, as well as getting technical support to draft CVs showcasing key skills for targeted markets. Additional time is needed to set up the room and provide training to 4 social workers who will be the future administrators of the e platform.
- Finalize the communication campaign for empowerment of girls and women. The support provided to girls and adolescent at risk of dropping out of school and girls out of school has proven to be very beneficial for girls in terms of improving their self-esteem and ability to openly discuss career perspectives and ambitions. With the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Youth, the JP identified the need to up-scale the messages to reach to a broader number of girls through communication channels. As such, the girls who participated on the life-skills curriculum will lead the communication campaign, that will include a radio show, and dynamization of youth interaction centers. Given COVID-19 third wave, the JP was not able to implement the communication strategy and hence requires additional time to finalize these activities.



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**3. Documents Attached:**

- Revised Budget (for change in budget)  
 Revised Programme Document (for change in programme scope)

<b>Part B: Signature</b> (To be completed by ALL Recipient UN Organizations)			
On behalf of Recipient UN Organizations:	Signature	Date	Name/Title
UNICEF		04/10/2021	Noel Zagre, Area Representative for Sao Tome & Gabon
UNDP		04/10/21	Olaf Juergensen, DRR
ILO		04/10/2021	Aminata Maïga, ILO DWT For Central Africa Director
On behalf of the UN Resident Coordinator:			
		04/10/2021	Katarzyna Wawrzyniak, RC a.i.

<b>Part C: Administrative Review</b> (To be completed by the Fund Secretariat)
<input type="checkbox"/> Revision requiring Special Designate's approval
4. Comments by the Fund Secretariat:
5. Recommendation by the Fund Secretariat:

<b>Part D: Decision of the Secretary-General's Designate for the COVID19 MPTF</b> (To be completed by the Secretariat)
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Approve with modification/condition <input type="checkbox"/> Defer
<b>Comments (if any):</b>
<b>Secretary-General's Designate for the COVID19 MPTF, Mr. Haoliang Xu</b>
.....signed digitally..... <b>Signature</b>
.....19 October 2021 <b>Date</b>