



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

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

Part A: Programme Summary <i>(To be completed by the RCO)</i>			
Date of Submission:	January 22, 2021		
Country/Region:	Nicaragua / Latin America and the Caribbean		
RCO Contact:			
List of RUNOs:			
Programme Title:	Strengthening of the Educational System to address challenges derived from the Emergency before and after COVID-19 that promote educational care with a gender perspective.		
Total Approved Budget: (COVID-19 MPTF funds only)	US \$1,000,000.00		
Duration:	Starting Date:	May 25, 2020	Completion Date: April 30, 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*)

2. Reason revision is being requested:

The project requests a no-cost extension with a new completion date of 31 October 2021 for the following reasons:

1) Challenges in the construction of freshwater wells

Following a joint technical review with MINED at the end of 2020 and challenges related to lacking critical hydrogeological data on the possible construction sites for the planned freshwater wells that may compromise water quality and safety, the project decided to change the approach and developed a concept for the construction of hand washing/drinking water stations with integrated water tanks in schools. This solution will not only maintain the anticipated budget at its current level, but also present a pragmatic response to better integrate remote schools. The anticipated stations will have a metallic prefabricated design, which will allow for quicker tender processes and faster installation. This shifted approach was only approved by MINED and WFP in December 2020, therefore more time is now required for successful implementation.



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2) Delays in procurement processes of technological equipment

Another reason for requesting a no-cost extension are current delays in the procurement process of technological kits and experts (laptops, data-shows, speakers). Reasons for delay are the unavailability of requested goods and services; changes in the equipment's specifications to meet the needs according to the originally expected products; delays in the production of required items; and difficulties in timely shipping to Nicaragua due to COVID-19 and the two devastating tropical storms at the end of last year which have heavily affected Nicaragua's infrastructure. It is expected that the required goods will reach MINED in March 2021, however, more time will be needed for adequate distribution and measuring impact.

3. Documents Attached:

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

Part B: Signature (To be completed by ALL Recipient UN Organizations)			
On behalf of Recipient UN Organizations:	Signature	Date	Name/Title
UNICEF		22/Feb/2021	Antero Almeida de Pina Representative & Country Director UNICEF Nicaragua
WFP		22/Feb/2021	Giorgia Testolin Representative & Country Director WFP Nicaragua
On behalf of the UN Resident Coordinator:		14/4/21	Christian Salazar UN DCO LAC Regional Director



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<p style="text-align: center;">Part C: Administrative Review <i>(To be completed by the Fund Secretariat)</i></p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Revision requiring Special Designate' s approval</p>
<p>4. Comments by the Fund Secretariat:</p>
<p>5. Recommendation by the Fund Secretariat:</p>



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Part D: Decision of the Secretary-General's Designate for the COVID19 MPTF

(To be completed by the Secretariat)

- Approve
- Approve with modification/condition
- Defer

Comments (if any):

Secretary-General's Designate for the COVID19 MPTF, Mr. Jens Wandel

.....**approved**.....
Signature

.....**4-16-2021**.....
Date