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Subject: Approval of no-cost extension and additional funding for the Joint Programme
"Strengthening the Cultural and Creative Industries and Inclusive Policies in Mozambique"

Country:	Mozambique
Window:	Culture and Development
Title:	<i>Strengthening the Cultural and Creative Industries and Inclusive Policies in Mozambique</i>
Supplementary Budget:	\$300,000
Agency:	UNESCO

In line with the Steering Committee decision of December of 2011 to provide supplementary funding to selected joint programmes, the MDG-F Secretariat has met and reviewed 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, presents a couple of recommendations to the team and considers it ready for approval and funds-release.

The proposal for the supplementary funding is aimed at systematizing the pilot experiences and crystallizing and replicating Joint Programme's results in the following areas: 1) improving tourism access to high potential cultural assets through mobilization of community entrepreneurial spirit; and 2) boosting community health through recognition of local sociocultural practices, norms and beliefs. 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 all activities will be completed by end of June 2013. The joint programme has therefore been granted a no-cost extension until June, 30 2013 that will allow for the implementation of the work plan.

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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. Since its inception, the joint programme's ownership at both national and local levels has progressively increased and is currently very high. Government partners (MICULT, DPTUR, INATUR, ARPAC ESTHI, MISAU, and MINED) have jointly mobilized institutional resources to support the implementation of the JP.

The JP successfully has facilitated greater involvement of the local governments, local associations and local communities in the pilot districts.

Effectiveness of the JP

With three years into the implementation of the joint programme, the joint programme has effectively engaged communities and cultural service providers to foster economic and social development for the first time. The programme also has effectively reach out to community based associations. The partnerships created by the joint programme have been recognized as clear achievements to sustain the programme results. At the local level, the programme has already shown promising results and is positively impacting the lives of the population.

Sustainability

As part of the joint programme's strategy to sustain and up-scale the initiatives of the programme; the programme has a two prong strategy: 1) further strengthening of capacities of national and local government institutions, associations, service providers and communities, and 2) integrating the methodologies used and approaches used into the participating institutions regular plans and programmes.

Recommendations

We recommend that in the forthcoming year of implementation the team systematically ensures the following:

- Beyond the proposed central-level seminar, advocacy needs to be integral part of all programme activities to maximize impact and reinforce effective change in behaviors;
- Increased budgetary allocation of government resources in the targeted areas of intervention is used as an indicator of measuring impact for a potential scale up of these initiatives beyond the life of the joint programme; and
- Exit strategy is developed hand in hand along the implementation of the extension phase actions.

Approval

The MDG-F Secretariat approves a no-cost extension until 30 June 2013 and the release of the supplementary funding of the Joint Programme. The funds will be disbursed to UNESCO.

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