

United Nations Development Programme



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Dear Adriana Dinu,

In reference to the UNDP Funding Window for Governance for Inclusive and Peaceful Societies (GIPS) allocation for Economic Opportunity and Job Creation granted on October 6, 2020, I am pleased to present an ad hoc report of progress for the project: *"Integrated Economic Opportunity Development Services and Job Creation"*. I would also like to submit for your approval a request for a no-cost extension of the Authorized Spending Limits (ASL) until March 31, 2022.

UNDP Haiti deemed this extension necessary due to the delays accumulated in the implementation of the project activities linked to the deteriorating country context since 2020: the impact of COVID-19 on the feasibility of some activities and the socio-political situation of the country. The situation worsened considerably in 2021 with the death of President Jovenel Moïse in July and the earthquake of August 14, 2021 followed by tropical depression Grace. The volatility of the operational environment severely affected the implementation of some activities, particularly those related to training sessions and field visits. At some point, all events scheduled with the Government were suspended and our partners needed to revise their workplans.

If the no-cost extension is granted, UNDP Haiti would submit progress reports according to the modified reporting schedule as follows:

- The narrative and financial report will be submitted on April 31, 2022.

I take this opportunity to thank you for the fruitful partnership and your continued support for the population of Haiti.

With best regards,

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