United Nations Development Programme



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Dear Marjolaine,

Re: Amplifying Youth Voice No-Cost Project Extension

We are kindly requesting a no-cost extension of six months for the Amplifying Youth Voice Project (00129394) which is funded by the Funding Window. The original end date of the Project is 21 September 2021, however, should the extension be granted, the project would end on 30 March 2022.

Despite all efforts to move ahead with exhausting the funds before mid-September 2021, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted our ability to complete implementation of key activities within the established timeline.

Notwithstanding, the ten (10) selected youth groups have completed the capacity building sessions and have developed micro-projects for implementation in their respective communities. The on-granting mechanism to facilitate the completion of the micro-projects has also been established and partnerships with UNESCO, the Government of Jamaica and Private Sector advanced. It is anticipated that the youth groups will receive the first tranche of grant funding by 7 July 2021 to commence implementation of these projects.

The proposed no-cost extension will provide sufficient time for the implementation of the youth-led micro-projects and the associated knowledge management interventions. The MCO and the team are taking a series of actions to address the challenges, retain progress on delivery and allocate funds where appropriate to ensure the successfully implementation of the micro-projects.

To date, the project has delivered (expenditure & commitments) approximately US\$32,351.00 of resources from the funding window. We are confident that the resource will be fully expended, and the project results realised.

Please do not hesitate to reach out for more information. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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