



25 August 2017

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Ref.: *Request for No-Cost Extension of the "Livelihoods Improvement in Tajik-Afghan Cross-border Areas" (LITACA) project from October 1, 2017 until December 31, 2017*

Dear Mr. Tanabe,

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Tajikistan avails itself of the opportunity to presents its compliments to the JICA Tajikistan Office and is pleased to share for your consideration the request for no-cost extension of LITACA project funded by the Japan Government through JICA.

As you are aware, referring to UNDP request letter to JICA as of 16th February, and JICA approval letter dated 28th February 2017, the LITACA project was extended from February 2017 until end of September 2017 (letters are attached).

We would like to assure you that all key project activities will be completed by the end of September 2017, as planned. Yet, there are some critical activities that we consider reasonable to implement during the last quarter of this year (for details please refer to Annex 1 to this letter).

Taking into consideration the above-mentioned we would like to request you to kindly authorize the no-cost extension of the Project for the period from the 1st of October 2017 to the 31st of December 2017 with no change of the total cost of LITACA project.

We would highly appreciate your consideration of our request. Would you need additional information or have any inquiries, feel free to contact us.

The United Nations Development Programme in Tajikistan avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurance of its highest consideration to the JICA Tajikistan Office.

Sincerely yours,

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Jan Harfst
Country Director

Mr. Tanabe Hideki
Chief Representative
JICA Tajikistan Office

Annex 1.

Activities that require non-cost extension:

#	Project Activity	Reason for no-cost extension	Aug – Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017
Under 1.2. Project activity – Rehabilitation of Social Infrastructure					
1.	Construction of Small Hydro Power Plant in Safedob village, Jamoat Dашtjijum Shamsiddin Shohin district, Khatlon Province, Tajikistan	The installation and testing of equipment is taking longer than expected due to late supply of spare parts.	Installation of equipment	Testing of the equipment	Handover procedures
2.	Construction of 2 trading points in Dusti / Jayhun and Kubodiyon Districts of Khatlon Province in Tajikistan along the transport corridors for selling the agricultural products by farmers	The request to build the trading points received in July 2017 from Khatlon Hukumat and scheduled as extra activity under the project. It is estimated that LITACA will contribute up to 10,000 USD (savings from the operational budget of the project). The activity aimed to improve the livelihoods of farmers by creating the enabling environment for roadside trade according to the national standards.	Approval of project design, procurement process and purchase of the construction materials	Construction of trading points	Handover procedures
Under 2.1 Project activity – Cross-border information and experience exchange					
3.	Publication of project visibility material – LITACA Atlas	Documentation of the LITACA project results (outputs, outcomes and impact, best practices and lessons learned, knowledge products and recommendations).	Editing and design of the publication	Printing and presentation of publication	Dissemination of materials
Under 3 Project activity – Direct Project Costs					
4.	Project final evaluation	Referring to the LITACA project proposal, the independent final evaluation is planned to be conducted at the end of the project. The activity has to be postponed until accomplishment of the project activities in 1,,2 and 3 mentioned above.	Desk review, inception phase Field missions to Afghanistan and Tajikistan	Draft report presenting key findings, conclusions and recommendations	Submission of the final report