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Interoffice Memorandum

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Subject: Request for an extensión of the DIM authorization for the Regional Project: 00118586
"Programa de Sistemas de Información para la Resiliencia en Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional de la Región del SICA (Sistema de la Integración Centroamericana), PROGRESAN II."

I am pleased to request your consideration and approval, for an extension of the Direct Implementation (DIM), authorization request for the implementation of the Regional Project *"Programa de Sistemas de Información para la Resiliencia en Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional de la Región del SICA, PROGRESAN II"* implemented in the Regional Hub by the Regional Programme Coordination Unit - Atlas AWARD Number 00095387, Output ID: 00118586 – from 20 December 2020 to 18 October 2022. The project activities remain funded by a financial contribution from the European Union of \$1 million Euros.

Brief summary of the project objectives

On 7 December 2020, UNDP and the EU signed the Addendum 1 to the Contribution Agreement DCI/ALA/2019/411-534 to extend its implementation period by 22 months, until 18 October 2022. This amendment was requested to incorporate as part of PROGRESAN-SICA II the execution of Component 1 of the Project "Climate resilience in rural households in the Dry corridor" delegated to the SG-SICA through a signed agreement with the World Food Programme (WFP). This project will contribute directly to the achievement of the objectives and expected results of PROGRESAN-SICA II.

Likewise, actions that will complement the expected results 2 and 3 of the Program will be carried out in conjunction with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Both initiatives are financed by the EU in support to the actions implemented by PROGRESAN-SICA and will be coordinated and implemented by the Technical Coordination Unit (TCU) of the Programme, on behalf of the SG-SICA.

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PROGRESAN II complements and consolidates the regional project PROGRESAN I which is contributing to the creation of food and nutrition security policies and to the strengthening of institutional capacity at the regional, national and local level in SICA member countries.

The project is implemented under the DIM modality by the Regional Hub in Panama with the SG-SICA as Responsible Party formalized through an Inter-Governmental Letter of Understanding (LOA). As a result of Addendum 1 to the Contribution Agreement, an amendment of the LOA between UNDP and SG-SICA was signed on 15 December 2020 to grant an extension for the implementation of the project activities until 18 October 2022, and to adjust, with no additional funding, the budget allocated to the different components as approved by the donor.

The budget to be implemented during the Addendum 1 period is approximately USD434,265 and will be primarily earmarked to cover the technical and administrative direction of the Programme, including the FAO and WFP components, and UNDP's direct and indirect costs. The budget for the amendment includes US \$26,233 of GMS and US\$71,200 to cover administrative costs (DPC) and a part-time administrative support provided by UNDP.

Justification of the use of DIM

In accordance to the new UNDP-EU guidelines, EU financial contribution will come through the new contract Pillar Assessed Delegation Agreement, which places full responsibility on UNDP. DIM modality is therefore proposed to minimize risks during project implementation. Clearance has been granted by the UNDP office in Brussels and agreement has been signed with the EU accordingly. As per the EU contribution agreement signed with UNDP, SG-SICA becomes a sub-delegate in the implementation of the project. Thus, SG-SICA is granted the role of Responsible Party through an UNDP-SG-SICA Inter-Governmental Letter of Understanding (LOA).

Given the above explained changes, approved by the donor, we would appreciate your authorization of an extension of the DIM modality for the Regional Project “Programa de Sistemas de Información para la Resiliencia en Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional de la Región del SICA, **PROGRESAN II.**”

Attached documentation:

- ATLAS project revision cover page
- ATLAS Annual Work Plan 2021-2022;
- Signed Addendum 1 to the UNDP-EU Contribution Agreement, including the Description of the Action;
- Signed Amendment 1 to the UNDP/SG-SICA LOA;

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Award 00095387, Project IDs: 00118586 DIM authorization from 20 December 2020 to 18 October 2022.

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Cleared and Approved by: _____

Lenni Montiel

Deputy Director

Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean

22-Dec-2020

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