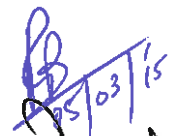



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Subject: Approval for the extension of DIM authority for the project “Policy Advisory Expertise and Dialogue in Vietnam” until 31st December 2015

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UNDP Viet Nam has requested RBAP’s approval of the extension of the DIM authority for the project “Policy Advisory Expertise and Dialogue in Vietnam” which is funded by UN Viet Nam One Plan Fund (OPF), Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), U.S. State Department (USDOS), UK FCO, and the other SOFs.

Attached for your reference are all necessary documents:

1. Submission memo signed by Louise Chamberlain, Country Director, UNDP Viet Nam, dated 24 February 2015
2. DIM Capacity Checklist for the CO
3. The Annual Work Plan for 2015:
 Total budget for 2015: USD 3,046,596

 Available Budget: USD 2,921,340
 - OPF: USD 1,264,660
 = SDC: USD 1,000,145
 = UK/FCO: USD 65,798
 = USDOS: USD 59,012
 = C/S 30071: USD 468,745
 = DAS: USD 19,547
 = Disability (11924): USD 43,433

 Budget to be mobilized: USD 125,256
4. The original request and the subsequent extension for DIM as approved for the period of 2011-2014

The CO has provided the following justifications for DIM being the most effective modality for the following reasons:

- The proposed DIM extension is of one year duration until 31 December 2015. The project has successfully supported other UN and UNDP programmatic interventions with advisory inputs to the One Plan. The outputs were broadly welcomed by all stakeholders including the Government, CSOs, donors and other One UN partners and thus gained additional funding from the One Plan Fund.
- The project is fully in line with the approved CCPD 2012-2016 and One Plan of Viet Nam.
- Given that the project deals with complex and highly sensitive development issues (such as constitutional amendment, legal reform, access to justice and protection of human rights, public administration reform and anti-corruption, and economic restructuring and macro-economic stability), no single national entity can host such an initiative without the risk of compromising the independence of proposed policy options. Hence DIM remains the preferred modality of implementation.
- UNDP has the convening power to effectively mobilize various partners including Government officials, policy makers, academia and development partners to contribute in implementation of the survey and dissemination. With the DIM modality, UNDP can strengthen its policy functions in providing evidence-based social and economic development advocacy and guidance to the One Plan.
- The CO has the substantive and technical internal capacity as well as extensive experience in implementing DIM projects.

All documents were found to be valid and in order. The Cluster would therefore recommend that the CO's submission for authorization of the extension of DIM modality until 31st December 2015, be granted RBAP approval.