

13 March 2018

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UNDP Resident Representative in Bangladesh

Bangladesh UN-REDD Programme Request for No-Cost Extension


Dear Madam Seppo,

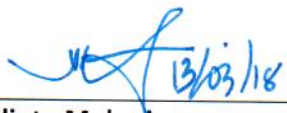
The purpose of this letter is to request your kind endorsement of the request for no-cost extension of the Bangladesh UN-REDD National Programme and to forward to the UN-REDD Secretariat as per the formal procedures.


As you are aware, the Bangladesh UN-REDD Programme started on 27th May 2015 with an end date of 26th April 2018. Over these 3 years, the programme has shown satisfactory progress in supporting the Government of Bangladesh to achieve REDD+ readiness.

However, due to justifiable reasons (attached to this letter) the Bangladesh UN-REDD Programme needs an extension of 14 months bringing the new end date to 30th June 2019. This request has been endorsed by the members of the Programme Steering Committee (approved minutes of the PSC meeting are attached to this letter) and the Programme Executive Board (PEB) (communication received from non-PSC members of the PEB are attached to this letter).

We estimate an unspent budget of US\$ 824,910 as of 1st January 2018. During the proposed extension period, we will utilize these funds to complete the REDD+ readiness activities planned under the Bangladesh UN-REDD National Programme Document. There will be no change in the Programme's originally approved scope of work. A budgeted workplan detailing the proposal to use these funds is attached.

Thank you and best regards,


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UNDP Country Director


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