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Dear Stella, greetings from Geneva and hope this finds you well,

With reference to your letter received on 19 November 2014 requesting targeted support from the UN-REDD Programme, I am pleased to inform you that the requested funding has been approved. It is based on the understanding that Malawi's country needs assessment (CNA), approved on 19 September 2014 is being revised and an updated version being submitted.

The UN-REDD Programme, through FAO and UNDP, will provide targeted support in the amount of US\$ 250,956. The funding will support Malawi to deliver the outputs described in the proposal;

1. Completion of an Institutional Context Analysis that will provide comprehensive analyses necessary for the development of a stakeholder engagement and participation strategy;
2. Completion of a corruption risk assessment to support improved forest governance and inform the design of REDD+ readiness elements;
3. An analysis of Malawi's resource tenure regimes that will inform further analysis of Malawi's natural resource management policy framework, linking to sustainable land management, and better elucidate tenure practices across geographies and populations;
4. Development of a roadmap that will identify and prioritize key next steps in the design, implementation, and management of a National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS); and
5. Host two in-country, high-profile events for multi-stakeholder sensitization and fostering sub-regional exchange to consolidate national REDD+ process.

We would like to highlight the importance of coordination of the targeted support and the support provided to Malawi's CNA. For example, with regard to the targeted support to the Institutional Context Analysis, it is recommended that the analysis is coordinated with the broad capacities and gaps assessment of readiness under the CNA. Similarly, the targeted support-funded national exchange and stakeholder sensitization efforts have linkages to the CNA's awareness raising activities. If possible, a joint inception meeting (for both targeted support and CNA activities) could be useful.

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FAO and UNDP stand ready to provide further information and any clarifications that you may need, both for the targeted support and CNA. We encourage you to contact the focal points, Mr. Philippe Crete (philippe.crete@fao.org) and Mr. Josep Gari (josep.gari@undp.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mario Bocuzzi'.

Mario Bocuzzi
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CC: Mia Seppo, UN Resident Coordinator