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Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 9:08 AM
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Cc: Anne Madzara; Hiwot Gebremeskel; Andrea Aakre; Maano Shimanda
Subject: RE: LETTER: Request for the postponement of the mid-term review NILALEG

Dear Eric,

Thanks for this information on the request from government to shift the MTR dates. Please note that the rules for the MTR milestone, both in UNDP and at the GEF, are very strict. The GEF secretariat tracks this milestone as one of the key performance indicators for agencies and reports to the Council on it, hence the strict rules around it. As you're also aware, UNDP cannot receive 30% of its agency fee until an MTR report is submitted to the GEF.

In light of this, the internal/UNDP rule for revision of MTR dates is that a project's MTR has to be conducted within 42 months of approval (i.e. CEO endorsement) by the GEF, regardless of delivery/performance *(please note that MTR dates are not determined by how much the project has delivered, and in fact the MTR can be an important tool for helping establish reasons for poor delivery and inform adaptive management to accelerate it)*.

This project was CEO Endorsed on 11-Jul-2019. The 42-month mark is 10-Jan-2023. Therefore, we will be able to allow the official deadline for submission of the MTR report to be revised to 10-Jan-2023. This date should be feasible since the letter from the Gov't to the ResRep suggests Q1 of 2023. Given the December and New Year holidays, we advise that the CO develops the MTR TOR in June and aims to have the final report by the end of December. Since I know that Namibia, like many southern African countries will begin to slow down from November already, it will probably be wise to ensure that an advanced draft report is available by end of November 2022.

Please note we cannot exceed the 10 January 2023 date (meaning that by this date we should have uploaded the report and management response into the ERC), so to be on the safe side, I would suggest you respond to the government that the deadline would have to be December 30, 2022 and closely oversee that the MTR is initiated on time to facilitate completion by that date.

Please also ensure that the MTR dates are updated in the ERC. I am copying @Sophie for her information and guidance as appropriate.

Let me know if you'd like to discuss.

Kind regards,
Phero

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Dear Phemo,

Good day. We have received attached correspondence from Government regarding the MTR for the NILALEG Project. We seek your opinion on how we proceed in the context of GEF policies. Your guidance is most appreciated as ever and we look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards and many thanks once again,



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Dear Alka,

Please find attached letter from MEFT requesting UNDP, through GEF to postpone the MTR to Quarter 1 of 2023 to allow the project to implement more activities that would give the midterm reviewers more grounds to conduct a sound evaluation.

Please advise.

Thank you,



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