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OF THE GAMBIA

MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY, REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND EMPLOYMENT

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Resident Representative
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**RE: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR FOR THE YEAR 2023- SUPPORT TO
ENTREPRENUERSHIP AND PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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The Government of The Gambia development blueprint, National Development Plan(2018-2021), emphasized the significance of the private sector as an engine of growth for the National economy. The Revised Medium-Term Plan 2016-2021 of the Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment recognized that unemployment, poverty, inequality, and exclusion of women and youths continue to be major challenges hindering private sector growth. With these in mind, the Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration, and Employment, seek funding from the United Nations Development Programme, UNDP to fund activities aimed to support private sector development and growth.

These activities were funded through the UNDP Country Program Document-CPD under the Poverty and Inclusive Growth Cluster aimed at contributing to the attainments of the goals set in the NDP 2018-2021. Many successes have been registered during the period of implementation and contributed to enhancing livelihoods especially among the vulnerable groups.

Currently, The Government of The Gambia is developing a new National Development Plan with a special focus on green growth and recovery. Since UNDP-The Gambia Government partnership is based on the National Development priorities such as the NDP, we hereby request for an extension of the support to Entrepreneurship and Private Sector Development Project till December, 2023. This will enable us to consolidate on the gains made on the project as well as work with your good office to prepare a good response to the new NDP.

While looking forward to a fruitful working relationship in 2023, please allow me to extend seasonal greeting to you and the entire UN fraternity in The Gambia.

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Permanent Secretary