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Subject: ECHO/-SM/BUD/2010/01023 - Establishment of the final amount of European Union financing - Request for complementary information – Final reports

Title: Enhance humanitarian response in Colombia through the promotion of humanitarian access strategies

Country of action: COLOMBIA

Amount: 250,000.00 €

Start date of action: 01/08/2010

End date of action: 31/07/2011

Dear Ms Linnik,

Thank you for the final reports and the payment request that we are currently reviewing for the establishment of the final amount.

In the context of this review, we have noticed that we need more information with regard to the points mentioned in the annex.

You will find the details of the requested information in the attached sheet.

I would be grateful if you could send us this information within 30 calendar days after receipt of this letter, in compliance with article 21 of the General Conditions.

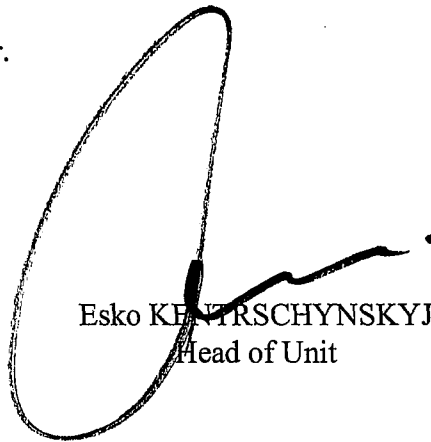
Pursuant to the same article, this request suspends the applicable 45 calendar days time limit for the ongoing review of your file until the date of receipt of the requested information.

We draw your attention to the fact that, should you fail to provide the requested information within the deadline indicated above, and also fail to furnish an acceptable

explanation for such a delay, DG ECHO may either reject the final reports and payment request or liquidate the Agreement on the basis of the available information. In the latter case, DG ECHO does not have to reimburse expenses which are not justified in the final reports or any other information provided. This may reduce the balance for payment or even entail a recovery if the balance has become negative.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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Agreement N°: ECHO/-SM/BUD/2010/01023

Title of the operation: Enhance humanitarian response in Colombia through the promotion of humanitarian access strategies – COLOMBIA

Complementary information requested:

Beneficiaries/sectors:

There is nothing reported under this action. It would be appreciated to have the final total of the number of beneficiaries (or at least an estimate), please also explain how this figure is calculated.

Result 1:

The Budget/committed was 1,168,693 Euros, 124,846 Euros less than initially budgeted (1,293,539). Please clarify.

Indicator 2: The interim report informed that *“During the next months, an important number of meetings between the GoC and the HCT are being proposed to discuss these issues”* which is exactly the same information provided at this final stage. Please confirm whether these meetings had been carried out and what the main outputs and conclusions are.

The final report also elaborates on the Common Humanitarian Framework (CHF) endorsed by the HCT in September 2011. It indicates that *“sharing the CHF with the Government at the highest level”* is *“scheduled to take place in October 2011”*. Please clearly indicate if this action already took place or not, and if so, please provide some information about the results.

Indicator 3: Although some information is provided related to *“the preparation of a Needs Analysis Framework (...)”*, it would be appreciated to provide more specific information about those *“5 local humanitarian frameworks and response plans targeting vulnerable groups and regions”* foreseen for this indicator. Please provide also an explanation on the “4W matrix” and its purpose.

Activity 3: Please provide more information about the number of workshops on humanitarian access in the field and the places where they were carried out. Additionally, Some “regional background notes” have been produced in some departments; it would be appreciated to have an example of these notes.

Activity 6: The final report states that: *“The Humanitarian Coordinator in close consultation with the Humanitarian Country Team has scheduled this activity for October 2011”*; although this activity exceeds the timeframe of this action, it would be appreciated if more information is provided on this regard (meetings with the Colombian Government).

Activity 10: The final report informed that “*between August 1 /2010 and February 1/ 2011, OCHA produced 72 weekly reports*”. Please update this information considering the end date of this action.

Result 2

The budget/committed amount was 710,594 Euros 229,569 Euros less than initially budgeted. Please clarify

Indicator 3: The interim report informs that “*The International HSI will hold its first event in March 2011*”; please confirm whether this event took place and where. Additionally, please submit some information regarding the “4 local nodes” of the Humanitarian Studies Institute’s network and also OCHA’s views about this initiative.

Activity 5: Please inform about the number of working sessions carried out.

Result 3:

The budget/committed amount: was 354,915 Euros, 52,214 Euros less than initially budgeted (407,129). Please clarify.

Indicator 2: It is not clear if the “*workshop on protection of civilians in armed conflicts*” was carried out. Please confirm it. Moreover, it would be appreciated if the partner informs about those “*5 action-oriented advocacy activities on humanitarian access*” expected for this result.

Indicator 3: Please confirm if the “*participatory study on strategies for increasing Humanitarian access*” was carried out and also if there is any document or report of this study.

Activity 5: A “study” is mentioned to be published in October 2011. Please provide a copy of the study.

Monitoring, evaluation, audit and other studies:

This Action has included an internal evaluation (or audit). It would be appreciated to have the results of the evaluation.

Communication, visibility and information activities:

No information is included on this section. Please complete.