



25 November 2022

**Dear Mr. Oudkerk,**

**ICT for Hinterland, Poor and Remote Communities Project - Request for Interim Extension**

Pursuant to a decision of the Project Board of the ICT for Hinterland, Poor and Remote Communities Project on 25 November 2022, UNDP in joint submission with the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), hereby tenders this request for an interim extension of the Project. The proposed period of this interim extension is six (6) months thereby taking the project end date to 31 May 2023.

During this interim extension, a proposed rescoping of the project would be undertaken. This exercise would be guided by national policy considerations and would be done in close consultation and dialogue with the Project Stakeholders as represented on the Project Board.

This bridge extension would also allow the OPM to maintain the current momentum in project implementation. An interim workplan for the period of the extension was considered and approved by the Project Board. Key implementation activities include the continued remodeling, rehabilitation and retrofitting of ICT Hubs by administering Low Value Grants to the Amerindian Village Councils; installation of ICT equipment and solar solutions for the operationalization of the ICT Hubs; training and capacity building in the management and maintenance of the hubs and preservation and diffusion of local culture and traditions of indigenous communities using old and new ICTs.

We look forward to a favourable consideration of this request for the interim extension for the period 1 December 2022 to 31 May 2023.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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