



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PROJECT COMPLETION
DATE: MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION (JORDAN)**

Background

The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) at its twenty fifth meeting, approved a four-year project titled “Increasing the resilience of poor and vulnerable communities to climate change,” submitted by the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC) for a requested amount of US\$ 9,226,000 (decision B.25/11).

The overall objective of the project is to adapt the agricultural sector in Jordan to climate change induced water shortages and stresses on food security through piloting innovative technology transfer, policy support linked to community livelihoods and resilience. The project is addressing these vulnerabilities through two main components, with component 1 presenting four sub-projects related to concrete adaptation solutions to address water scarcity and agriculture in vulnerable regions in Jordan, and component 2 presenting two sub-projects related to policy reforms, training and knowledge management.

As mandated by the decision, an agreement was prepared and signed between the Board and MOPIC on 14 May 2015.

The first tranche of disbursement for the implementation of the programme was released following signature of the agreement in June 2015. Due to delay in preparatory activities, the project implementation started only in July 2016 with an inception workshop organized with all stakeholders in Jordan.

To date, the project has submitted eight project performance reports (PPRs) of which seven has already been cleared by the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat (the secretariat). Furthermore, the project medium term evaluation was conducted and submitted to the secretariat in October 2020.

As of 30 September 2023, a total amount of US\$ 9,226,000 had been disbursed so far to the programme by the trustee representing 100% of the project funding.

The initial project completion date of the project is 13 July 2020. On 17 March 2020, MOPIC had submitted to the secretariat a request for an extension of the project completion date for an additional 18 months, from 13 July 2020 to 13 January 2022 which was approved by the Board in April 2020. Furthermore, the entity submitted three additional requests for extension of project completion date due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. As per Board Decision B.35.b/163, the request by MOPIC for a temporary no-cost extension of the completion of the project, which has been delayed due to COVID-19, was approved by the Board, and the completion of the project was further extended from 13 January 2023 to 13 January 2024. Furthermore, as per Board Decision B.41/23, the latest request by MOPIC for a no-cost extension of the completion of the project, was approved by the Board for an additional twelve-month extension of the project completion date from 13 January 2024 to 13 January 2025.

Cumulatively, the project has faced delays linked to: i) significant delay (22 months in total) due to late preparatory activities including challenges in procurement and setup of project implementation unit; ii) late procurement processes due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ukraine-Russia war; and iii) revision of some site interventions. The procurement tendering and implementation of concrete activities have also been delayed by multiple factors including drafting of term of references, finalization of environment impact assessment and additional consultation of beneficiaries for some specific activities (community-based adaptation).

On October 10, 2024, MOPIC has submitted a request for a 6-month no cost extension of project completion date from January 13, 2025, to July 17, 2025, as attached in Annex A of this document. As outlined in the Adaptation Fund Project/Programme Delay Policy (AFB/B.34-35/6), an implementing entity may request for a project/programme extension beyond the original completion date for up to 18 months for a concrete adaptation project/programme if (i) no additional funds are required; (ii) the project/programme's originally approved scope will not change; and (iii) the entity provides reasons and justifications for the extension. The DA must be notified of an extension request.

The reason for this request, as outlined in the memo shared by MOPIC are to: i) complete all ongoing activities; ii) end all obligations with contractors and bids under implementations; and iii) finalize the financial committed regarding to the tenders assigned in the programme activities.

Secretariat's review of the request

Following a review of the request by the secretariat and considering the explanation provided by MOPIC, the secretariat is of the view that the extension request is justified for 6 months. The secretariat is of the view that the reasons advanced by the Implementing Entity are comprehensible and qualify for exceptional circumstances. As evidenced by the memo provided by MOPIC (Annex 1), it is noted that this request would allow sufficient time for the project to compensate for accumulated delays encountered due to different challenges and constraints faced in the project start and implementation; and ensure the fulfillment of the project outputs and outcomes for enhanced sustainability.

Finally, the secretariat acknowledges that this no-cost programme extension request has been agreed with the Executing Entity and endorsed by the Designated Authority, in accordance with the Adaptation Fund Policy for Project/Programme Delays, as specified in Annex 2.

Recommendation

The Board may consider and decide to approve the request for a 6-month extension of the project completion date from January 13, 2025 to July 17, 2025, for the project "Increasing the resilience of poor and vulnerable communities to climate change," considering the request of MOPIC and considering the Adaptation Fund Project/Programme Delay Policy (AFB/B.34-35/6).

Annex

1. Request for an extension of the programme completion date

2. Designated authority letter of endorsement


Annex 1: Request for an extension of the programme completion date

AFB/B.34-35/6

ANNEX A: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONCRETE ADAPTATION PROJECT/PROGRAMME Request for extension of project/programme completion date

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| Implementing Entity Name: Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC) | | | |
| AF Project/programme ID: JOR/NIE/Multi/2012/1 | | | |
| Project/programme Title: "Increasing the Resilience of Poor and Vulnerable Communities to Climate Change Impacts in Jordan through Implementing Innovative Projects in Water and Agriculture in Support of Adaptation | | | |
| Country: Jordan | | | |
| Project/Programme Approval (date) | 10 April 2015 | | |
| Expected Project/programme Completion (date) | 13 January 2025 | Proposed Revised Completion (date): | 13 July 2025 |
| <p>The cumulative total disbursement of the project/ Programme as of end of July 2024 was 8,327,820. This figure shows that most of the activities are being implemented on track, time and in accordance with the approved schedule and expenditure plan for the last year. The rest of the money from the Grant Funds which is about 927680 US dollars (10% of the total grant) about 50% of them are committed for activities under planned and corresponding implemented projected . Taking into account the delay in some payments due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which still has a clear impact on the implementation of activities in general. In addition, the Ukraine-Russian war (2022) affected the workflow of the project, as this led to an increase in energy and iron prices and some inputs material in the implementation of activities. As a result of the navigation and container crisis resulting from developments in the Red Sea during the period from January 2023 to date, which led to an increase in the prices of goods in local markets as a result of the rise in shipping and insurance costs as well as the delay in the arrival of containers and goods passing through the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba. Recently, the level of recovery has been observed in the implementation of the plans and activities in the Project/programme as can be seen in the attached tables below, which reflect the following facts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The attached financial Annexes indicate that the total amounts disbursed and committed until the date of 8/1/2024 (the date of the completion the PPR8th report for the project) was stated at \$8,327,820 out of the total grant amount of \$9,255,500. • There is an amount of \$159538 postponed, and the remaining amount of \$559628 will be disbursed for the various activities mentioned in table 1 by the implementing entities before the closing date of the project. | | | |

Implementing Entity certification

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| This request has been prepared in accordance with Adaptation Fund policies and procedures, has been agreed by participating executing entities, and the designated authority (DA) has been notified. | |
| <p>Issa Alnsour, Ph.D.,</p>  <p>Project (Program) Manager</p> | |
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Annex 2: Designated authority letter of endorsement



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

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Program: Increasing the Resilience of Poor and Vulnerable Communities to Climate Change Impact in Jordan through Implementing Innovative Projects in Water and Agriculture in Support of Adaptation to Climate Change (JOR/NIE/Multi/2012/1).

Dear Sir/Madam,

In my capacity as designated authority for the Adaptation Fund in Jordan, I confirm that the above project proposal is in accordance with the government's national priorities in implementing adaptation activities to reduce adverse impacts of, and risks, posed by climate change in Jordan. We initially planned to implement the grant defined in the approved proposal and the grant agreement. However, due to unforeseen delays affecting the implementation of some projects under the program, we kindly request a 6 month no-cost extension, from project completion date of January 13, 2025, to July 13, 2025, endorsing the content of H.E Minister of Planning & International Cooperation # 2/1/2/8780 dated 07/10/2024.

The extension request is critical to ensuring that all program objectives are met effectively, without compromising the quality of the interventions aimed at strengthening resilience in vulnerable communities, hence the reason I am providing my endorsement. I look forward to your positive response and would like to express our sincere appreciation for your continued support.

Please accept my highest regard and consideration.

Dr. Muawieh Khalid Radaideh


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