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

Implementing Entity Name: National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
AF Project/programme ID: IND/NIE/Agri/2014/1
Project/programme Title:
Enhancing Adaptive Capacity and Increasing Resilience of Small and Marginal Farmers in Purulia and Bankura Districts of West Bengal, India
Country: India

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<th>Project/Programme Approval (date)</th>
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<td>Date of Inception Workshop (official start date)</td>
<td>28.05.2015</td>
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<td>Expected Project/programme Completion (date)</td>
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Reasons/justifications for the extension of project/programme completion:

COVID-19: Due to COVID-19 pandemic and consequent lockdown in the country as well as in the project area, the agency has not been able to complete the activities. Considering the uncertainties and consequent delay faced in project completion, the Executing Entity has submitted a proposal seeking time extension of seven months (from the 30.11.2021 timeline up to June 2022 to complete the activities mentioned below).

1. Digging of step ponds and construction of check dam.
2. Buying of birds and animals for beneficiaries
3. Construction of Vermi Compost pit
4. Community Fodder Bank
5. Energy efficient smokeless chullah
6. Biogas unit
7. Low cost water filter
8. Local level workshop and national level seminar

Reasons for Extension of the project.
- Many of the staff members and people in Purulia were tested COVID positive.
- The lockdown also adversely impacted supply/availability of construction materials and inputs of agriculture.
- There were specific instructions from local government authorities to stop works during lockdown phase which the EE had to comply.
- Neither the EE staff nor any outsiders could reach the project area, due to restrictions.
• Started the pond excavation activities but the pace is slow due to avoidance of engagement of large number of people together
• Farmers are unable to buy small animals & birds due to closure of local weekly animal haat (market).

Owing to the above factors adversely affecting the project implementation, it is recommended that an additional 07 month extension may be granted to the project, up to 30 June 2022.

Implementing Entity certification:
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.

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