



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board

Accreditation Panel recommendation on re-accreditation of the World Food Programme as Multilateral Implementing Entity

The Accreditation Panel having reviewed the re-accreditation applications of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), recommends that the WFP be re-accredited as a Multilateral Implementing Entity of the Adaptation Fund.

A summary of the review can be found in Annex I.

Re-accreditation Decision:

The Adaptation Fund Board, having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel decided to re-accredit the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) as a Multilateral Implementing Entity (MIE) of the Adaptation Fund for five years.

Decision B.25-26/18

ANNEX I: REPORT OF THE ACCREDITATION PANEL ON AN ASSESSMENT OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP) FOR RE-ACCREDITATION AS A MULTILATERAL IMPLEMENTING ENTITY (MIE) OF THE ADAPTATION FUND

Background

The World Food Programme (WFP) was first accredited in 2010 as a Multilateral Implementing Entity (MIE) of the Adaptation Fund. Since accreditation, the entity has financed 5 projects supported with Adaptation Fund grants totaling USD 39,674,278. Summary information on the two projects is provided in the table below:

Project Name	Date Approved	Grant Amount Approved	Project Status
Nepal: Adapting to climate induced threats to food production and food security in the Karnali Region	April 2015.	US\$ 9,527,160	The project agreement is currently being finalized between the AFB and WFP.
Sri Lanka: Addressing Climate Change Impacts on Marginalized Agricultural Communities Living in the Mahaweli River Basin	August 2014	US\$ 7,989,727	Although a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) was signed by WFP and the Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy (MERE) and the 1 st tranche was discussed in early November 2014, the project has experienced delays due to national elections and reorganizations across ministries.
Egypt: Building Resilient Food Security Systems to Benefit the Southern Region	March 2013	US\$ 6,904,318	The mid-term evaluation is planned for September 2015.
Mauritania: Enhancing Resilience of Communities to the Adverse Effects of Climate Change on Food Security	August 2014	US\$ 7,803	Project was approved in June 2012 but startup was significantly delayed (2-year delay), due to political instability and long process of consultations and negotiations of the implementation arrangements.

Ecuador: Enhancing resilience of communities to the adverse effects of climate change on food security, in Pichincha Province and the Jubones River Basin	November 2011	US\$ 7,449,468	After significant delays due different reasons (institutional instability of local partners partly due to recent elections in Ecuador, length of vulnerability studies, time needed to get approval for adaptation measures, length of the consultation process with local communities), the project plans to drastically boost implementation in 2015.
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Assessment

The World Food Programme (WFP) has applied for re-accreditation. The application was reviewed on the basis of the following three parameters:

1. Assessment of whether WFP continues to meet the Adaptation Fund’s Fiduciary Standards

The applicant has indicated that there has been no changes in its institutional capabilities since accreditation and as such, continues to meet the requirements of the Fund’s Fiduciary Standards. A review of the information provided supports this assertion.

2. Assessment of whether WFP meets the Adaptation Fund’s Environmental and Social Policy

A review of the information provided shows that WFP has the capacity to assess environmental and social risks and integrate related plans into project documents. This was demonstrated by supporting documentation provided with the application. It was noted that the risk assessment process for the sample projects provided was based on WFP Environmental Policy. Nevertheless, the information provided demonstrates that the applicant’s environment and social risk assessment and management processes substantially meet the Adaptation Fund’s Environmental and Social policy requirements.

With regard to the required commitment of the applicant to apply the Fund’s E&S policy, the WFP did not provide a specific statement from top management communicating its commitment to abide by the Fund’s E&S policy. However, Paragraph 3.02 of the Grant Agreement between the Adaptation Fund Board and WFP in respect of the “Enhancing resilience of communities to the adverse effects of climate change on food security, in Pichincha Province and the Jubones River Basin” project in Ecuador states: “The

Implementing Entity (WFP) shall carry out all its obligations under this agreement in accordance with:

- (i) The AF Operating Policies and Guidelines; and
- (ii) The Implementing Entity's standard practices and procedures.

The AF Operating Policies and Guidelines that became effective in November 2013 include (in Annex 3) the Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy and its main principles. Therefore, whenever WFP agrees to carry out all its obligations under AF agreements in accordance with the AF Operating Policies and Guidelines, it formally commits itself to apply the AF's Environmental and Social Policy for that AF supported project.

3. Assessment of whether WFP meets the Adaptation Fund's requirements on transparency, self-investigative powers, anti-corruption measures and mechanism to address complaints about environmental or social harms caused by projects

The applicant meets the Funds' requirements relating to transparency, self-investigative powers, anti-corruption measures and mechanism to address complaints about environmental or social harms caused by projects. The applicant has a comprehensive

Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Policy, which was approved by the Executive Board in October 2010. The WFP's stance on zero tolerance for fraud and corruption and information on avenues for reporting acts of fraud and corruption are readily available to the public through an anti-fraud and anti-corruption hotline on its website. The applicant has an objective investigation function for allegations of fraud and corruption and an accessible and effective mechanism for receiving and addressing complaints about environmental and social harms caused by projects/programmes.

Recommendation

The Accreditation Panel recommends that the World Food Programme be re- accredited as an MIE of the Adaptation Fund.