



## ADAPTATION FUND

29 August 2017

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Adaptation Fund Board

***Approval of request for extension of programme completion date: Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)***

*Following the recommendation of the secretariat after its review of the request for programme extension for the project “Enhancing the Resilience of the Agricultural Sector and Coastal Areas to Protect Livelihoods and Improve Food Security” (Jamaica) submitted by the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), the Adaptation Fund Board decided to approve the second extension of the programme completion date from September 2017 to March 2019.*

***Decision B.29-30/11***



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July 21, 2017

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Dear Mr Ollikainen,

## **GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme: Request for No-Cost Programme Extension**

The Planning Institute of Jamaica, National Implementing Entity (NIE), hereby submits a request for a 'no-cost' extension of 18 months for the Government of Jamaica/Adaptation Fund Programme (GOJ/AFP) titled "*Enhancing the Resilience of the Agriculture Sector and Coastal Areas to Protect Livelihoods and Improve Food Security*".

A number of unforeseen issues have negatively impacted the progress of implementation necessitating this request for additional time so as to ensure completion of the approved programme and achievement of the agreed objectives. These issues include:

1. The discontinuation of Component 1 in June 2016 after a 2-year implementation delays associated with protracted opposition from some members of the Negril community.

Arising from this situation, and in line with the Cabinet's direction, the NIE has been in consultation with a number of partners regarding the next steps; the conclusion was reached to develop a revised component focused on coastal protection in another location as there is a great need for such intervention across the country. The NIE has since engaged a consultant to prepare the revised component with focus on climate change adaptation through coastal protection. The revised programme should be ready for submission to the Adaptation Fund for technical review by mid-September.

2. Receipt of request from the Agriculture Ministry outlining several persistent challenges with the water harvesting/distribution sub-component of Component 2 and applying for additional time to complete the agreed project scope. These challenges which include difficulties with the contracting process for the design and installation of the distribution networks have been compounded by weather conditions of both extremes; the most recent being flood rains over the period March to June 2017. These rains have impacted

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the completion of the installation of some water harvesting infrastructure with the Ministry of Agriculture having to halt and/or delay excavation of ponds because of too much moisture in the soil.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the NIE is pleased to report that that the Component has been having very positive impact. For example, the Macro Socio-Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment of the Damage and Loss caused by March to June Rains 2017 cited the contribution of the GOJ/AFP to resilience building. In so doing, the report noted that “communities that practised climate smart agricultural techniques experienced minimal damage”. The James Hill community was cited as an example indicating “The community has also benefitted from the demonstration of climate smart practices under the Government of Jamaica /Adaptation Fund Programme”.

The NIE is of the view that an extension of 18 months from October 1, 2017 to March 31, 2019 would provide time necessary to complete the programme activities and amplify its benefits. We undertake to work with the Executing Entities towards successful execution of the remaining work as well as completion of the required final audit and evaluation exercises.

We anticipate your favourable consideration of this request and look forward to the GOJ/AFP’s continued contribution to building Jamaica’s climate resilience.

Yours sincerely,



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**Annex I: Request for extension***Request for extension of project/programme completion date*

<b>AF Project/programme ID:JAM/NIE/Multi/2011/1</b>			
<b>Project/programme Title:</b>			
Enhancing the Resilience of the Agricultural Sector and Coastal Areas to Protect Livelihoods and Enhance Food Security			
<b>Country:</b> Jamaica			
<b>Project/Programme Approval (date)</b>	July 2012		
<b>Expected Project/programme Completion (date)</b>	September 30, 2017	<b>Proposed Revised Completion (date):</b>	March 31, 2019

*Reasons/justifications for the extension of project/programme completion:*

A number of unforeseen issues have negatively impacted the progress of implementation. These issues include:

1. The discontinuation of Component 1 in June 2016 after a 2-year implementation delays associated with protracted opposition from some members of the Negril community.

Arising from this situation, and in line with the Cabinet's direction, the NIE has been in consultation with a number of partners regarding the next steps; the conclusion was reached to develop a revised component focused on coastal protection in another location as there is a great need for such intervention across the country.

2. Receipt of request from the Agriculture Ministry outlining several persistent challenges with the water harvesting/distribution sub-component of Component 2 and additional time to complete the agreed project scope. These challenges include difficulties with the procurement/contracting process for the design and installation of the distribution networks.
3. The challenges at 2 supra have been compounded by extreme weather conditions the most recent being flood rains over the period March to June 2017. These rains have impacted the completion of the installation of some water harvesting infrastructure with the Ministry of Agriculture having to halt and/or delay excavation of ponds because of excessive moisture in the soil.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the NIE is pleased to report that that Component 2 has been having very positive impact. For example, the *Macro Socio-Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment of the Damage and Loss caused by March to June Rains 2017* cited the contribution of the GOJ/AFP to resilience building. In so doing, the report noted that "communities that practised climate smart agricultural techniques experienced minimal damage". The James Hill community was cited as an example indicating "The community has also benefitted from the demonstration of climate smart practices under the Government of Jamaica /Adaptation Fund Programme".

*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. YES

*Name and Signature*



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