



ADAPTATION FUND

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25 March 2019

Adaptation Fund Board

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PROJECT COMPLETION
DATE: NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT (INDIA) (2)**

Background

1. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) at its twenty-sixth meeting, approved a four-year project titled “Conservation and Management of Coastal Resources as a Potential Adaptation Strategy for Sea Level Rise in Andhra Pradesh”, submitted by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for a requested amount of US\$ 689,264 (decision B. 24/6).

2. The project main objective is to overcome the consequences of salinization and other impacts of the coastal area due to sea level rise and seawater inundation due to increased cyclonic storms and storm surges through appropriate adaptation strategies, such as restoration of degraded mangroves and demonstration of Integrated Mangrove Fishery Farming System (IMFFS).

3. As mandated by the decision, an agreement was prepared and signed between the Board and NABARD.

4. The first tranche of disbursement for the implementation of the project was released following signature of the agreement in November 2014. The first project performance report (PPR) for the project was submitted in July 2017 and cleared by the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat (the secretariat) in October 2017. The second PPR was submitted in September 2018 and cleared by the secretariat in December 2018. As of March 2019, a total amount of US\$ 574,525 had been disbursed to the project by the trustee, corresponding to 83% of the project funding.

5. This is the first request for an extension of the project completion date. As outlined in the Adaptation Fund Project/Programme Delay Policy (AFB/B.29-30/3/Rev.1) amended by the Board in October 2017 (Decision B.29-30/15), a request for an extension of project completion date must be submitted by the implementing entity at least six months prior to the official completion date. However, NABARD had submitted such request through the secretariat on 16 January 2019, hence at a date beyond the deadline afore-mentioned, for an extension of the completion date until 30 June 2020 (see Annex 1).

6. The reasons for this request for an extension of project completion date, as outlined by NABARD, include the fact that:

- The project registered a delay in its inception, due to issues related to local elections;
- The mobilization of the target community took longer time than expected;
- The permission for restoring degraded mangrove land from the Forest Department of Andhra Pradesh State was delayed due to the change of land ownership after the project start; and
- Feasibility studies to assess the site suitability to conduct IMFFS lasted about six months.

Secretariat’s review of the request

7. Following a review of the request, the secretariat finds that this request of a twelve-month extension is justified. Furthermore, it is noted that the project has been progressing significantly, reaching 200ha of mangrove restoration, and 15ha of IMFFS.

8. Finally, the secretariat acknowledges that this no-cost project extension request has been agreed with the Executing Entity and the Designated Authority has been notified, in accordance with the Adaptation Fund Policy for Project/Programme Delays, as specified in Annex 1.

Recommendation

9. Therefore, the Board may consider and decide to approve the request for a twelve-month extension of the project completion date for the project “Conservation and Management of Coastal Resources as a Potential Adaptation Strategy for Sea Level Rise in Andhra Pradesh” as requested by NABARD, from 23 June 2019 to 30 June 2020.

Annex

1. Request for an extension of the project completion date from NABARD.

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Implementing Entity Name: <i>National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development</i>			
AF Project/programme ID: <i>IND/NIE/Coastal/2014/1</i>			
Project/programme Title: <i>Conservation and Management of Coastal Resources as a Potential Adaptation Strategy for Sea Level Rise in Andhra Pradesh.</i>			
Country: India			
Project/Programme Approval (date)	10/10/2014		
Date of Inception Workshop (Official start date)	23/06/2015		
Expected Project/programme Completion (date)	23/6/2019	Proposed Revised Completion (date):	30/6/2020

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

I. Delay in Inception workshop: The project has started on 23rd June 2015. There was delay in project inception workshop as there were issues related to local elections. It was planned to invite and involve the Minister for Environment and Forest, Government of Andhra Pradesh State, for the Inception workshop.

II. Community mobilization: The project involves the local community as primary stakeholders, so their mobilization and awareness has taken 3 – 6 months after the inception workshop.

III. Implementation permission from Forest Department: There was also delay in getting permission for restoring degraded mangrove land from the Forest Department of Andhra Pradesh State. During the project formulation, the land was with the District Administration/ Revenue Department. Later the ownership has been transferred to the Forest Department. The final permission to implement the project on forest land was given in March 2017.

IV. Feasibility studies for suitable area: The identification of suitable areas for IMFFS and cage culture took about six months time. Feasibility studies were organized to assess the site suitability.

Now, the project has made significant progress. The mangrove restoration has been completed in 200 ha and planting of saplings is under progress. IMFFS has been completed in 15 ha and another 10 ha of land has been identified. The pending works such

as IMFFS in another 25 ha and cage culture will be initiated at the earliest.

NABARD Andhra Pradesh Regional Office, Hyderabad through DDM, NABARD, Krishna district and Nodal Officer, Climate Change Cell have been regularly monitoring progress of the project.

All the project activities will be completed by May 2020. The final technical report will be submitted in June 2020. The terminal evaluation may be carried out in September 2020.

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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