



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PROJECT COMPLETION
DATE: UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
(CAMBODIA)**

Background

1. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) at its eighteenth meeting, approved a five-year project titled “Enhancing Climate Resilience of Rural Communities Living in Protected Areas of Cambodia”, submitted by the submitted by the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) for a request amount of US\$ 4,954,273 (decision B.18/11).
2. The overall goal of the project is to address the vulnerability of rural communities living in selected protected areas (CPA’s) in Cambodia to the climate change-induced hazard of erratic rainfall which is reducing food supplies as a result of an increased frequency of droughts and loss of topsoil during intense rainfall events and flooding. The project is comprised of three main components, namely: i) develop protocols for eco-agriculture interventions; ii) concrete eco-agriculture adaptation interventions; and iii) institutional capacity, awareness raising and upscaling of eco-agriculture interventions. As mandated by the decision, an agreement was prepared and signed between the Board and UN Environment.
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4. The first tranche of disbursement for the implementation of the programme was released following signature of the agreement in July 2012. The first programme performance report (PPR) for the project was submitted in March 2013 and cleared by the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat (the secretariat) in April. The second, third, fourth and fifth PPRs were cleared by the secretariat in April 2015, February 2016, November 2016, May 2018 and November 2018 respectively. The sixth PPR has been received in October 2019 and is currently under review by the secretariat.
5. As of October 2019, a total amount of US\$ 4,954,273 had been disbursed to the project by the trustee, corresponding to 100% of the project funding.
6. The expected completion date of the project, following decision B.31-32/3, is 1 December 2019. UN Environment has submitted, through the secretariat on 25 September 2019, a request to extend the project completion date until 31 May 2020 (Annex 1) and a revised work plan for 2019-2020 (Annex 2). This is the second request for an extension for this project. 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 the programme completion date must be submitted by the implementing entity at least six months prior to the official completion date. However, such request was received at a date beyond the deadline afore-mentioned.
7. The reasons for this request for an extension of project completion date, as outlined by UN Environment, include the fact that the project experienced administrative delays which have caused the project to fall behind on its revised workplan and spending targets. Moreover, a delay in the procurement of two consultants, hired to develop a project upscaling strategy and a document on policy revisions to relevant strategies and policies to integrate climate change adaptation and the ecoagriculture approach, has caused a deferral in their assignments completion.

Secretariat's review of the request

8. Following a review of the request, the secretariat finds that given the explanation provided by UN Environment, this request of a six-month extension is justified. Further, it should be highlighted that the project has always been rated as satisfactory in the annual project performance reports submitted, and the last PPR received a rating of highly satisfactory, as the project has achieved all its set targets and was able to extend its interventions to reduce the vulnerability of an additional 20 communities. This extension will, therefore, ensure that the benefits of the project are reflected in national policy documents, and knowledge products that will promote the upscaling of eco-agriculture across Cambodia and that the project will be able to finalize its final evaluation and reporting requirements.

9. 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

10. Therefore, the Board may consider and decide to approve the request for a six-month extension of the project completion date from 1 December 2019 to 31 May 2020 for the project "Enhancing Climate Resilience of Rural Communities Living in Protected Areas of Cambodia" as requested by UN Environment.

Annexes

1. Request for an extension of the project completion date from UN Environment;
2. Revised project workplan for 2019-2020.

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

AF Project/programme ID: AFB-5060-1111-2H81			
Project/programme Title: " <i>Enhancing Climate Change Resilience of Rural Community Living in Protected Area in Cambodia</i> "			
Country: Cambodia			
Project/Programme Approval (date)	11 July 2012		
Expected Project/programme Completion (date)	31 May 2018 Revised to 1 December 2019	Proposed Revised Completion (date):	31 st May 2020

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

- In June 2018, the project was granted a no-cost extension until December 2019 to extend selected, successful interventions – namely construction of small-scale water supply infrastructure (wells) and introduction of multi-use trees into home gardens – beyond its agreed targets to reduce the vulnerability of an additional 20 communities (CPA's). In addition, the extension would allow the project to complete institutional strengthening and awareness-raising activities planned under Component 3, which would ensure that the benefits of the projects approach are reflected in national policy documents that will promote upscaling of eco-agriculture across Cambodia.
- While the project has been able to extend many of its interventions, it has unfortunately experienced a few administrative delays during the course of 2019 that have caused the project to fall behind on its revised workplan and spending targets. In particular, a minor discrepancy (<\$30) between the annual audit and expenditure reports has delayed disbursement of the final tranche of money to the project, which has slowed the implementation of final on-the-ground activities. Furthermore, delays in procurement of two consultants to i) develop an upscaling and ii) propose policy revisions, has meant that they have yet to complete their assignments.
- A no-cost extension until 31 May 2020 is therefore requested to enable the project to complete all of its planned activities. The extension will also ensure that the project is able to finalise all of its terminal monitoring and reporting.
- Evidenced by its ratings in the PPRs, MTR and during the visit by AF staff, the project has achieved multiple successes and has been able to exceed many of its initial targets. Therefore, we think it will be valuable to allow the project additional time to conduct final monitoring, generate reports on lessons learned/best practice, and convert these into policy briefs and knowledge products. This further supports the request for a 6-month no-cost extension.

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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Annex 2: Revised project workplan

Kingdom of Cambodia

**Enhancing climate change resilience of rural community living in protected areas to adapt to climate change
Year 2019/20 Work Plan**

No	Activities	Month												Budget line	Budget 19/20	On completion of reporting	Responsibility	CPA			
		2019						2020													
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5								
Component 1: Protocols for Ecoagriculture Interventions																					
Output 1.1: Information generated on climate change impacts and preferred ecoagriculture interventions																					
1	Assist MSc students to conclude their research projects.															1209	11,232		PMU, MSc students		
2	Collect all MSc research dissertations/theses supported by the project.																			PMU, MSc students, International research and monitoring specialist	
3	Produce summary document of all MSc research conducted.																			PMU, International research and monitoring specialist	
Output 1.2: Economic assessments undertaken to identify appropriate ecoagriculture interventions																					
4	Identify assessments undertaken through the project that should be translated and disseminated.																			CTA, TM, PMU.	
5	Translate summaries of relevant assessments into Khmer																1250	800		National English Expert	

Output 1.3: Forest restoration and conservation agriculture protocols developed														
6	Translate summaries of protocols into Khmer												National English Expert	
7	Continue providing technical support to all project activities to ensure adherence with technical protocols									1216	22,500	15,000	CTA	
8	Site visits by project management unit and community planting liaison officers to monitor project activities									1601	6,710		PMU, CTA	
Component 2: Concrete Ecoagriculture Adaptation Interventions														
Output 2.1: Capacity of local community to plan implement and maintain ecoagriculture interventions increased														
9	Training for provincial government on CPA facilitation									3201 - 3207	8,000		PMU, all teams	
10	Training for local communities in CPAs on livestock-raising and animal health.									3201 - 3207	20,000		PMU, all teams	
Output 2.2: Forest restoration and ecoagriculture protocols implemented														
11	Support the CPA patrolling activities									1219	8,000		PMU, all teams	5 CPAs
12	Prepare an exit strategy for continued patrolling activities once the project support is completed.									1219	17,071		PMU, all teams	
13	Follow up on nursery activities									4101	505		All teams	Chiok, Chup Tasok and Ronouk Khneng
14	Construct pond in Chom Thlok									4106	10,000		Boeungper team, PMU	Skor Krouch

15	Construction of wells for water supply in target (20%) and other (80%) CPAs																		4106		15,000	Boeungper team, PMU	5 CPAs and other areas	
16	Construct water supply infrastructure for alternative livelihood activities (orchid farm) in Mount Kulen																		4106		9,000	Kulen team and PMU	Chup Tasok	
17	Finish road rest area awareness-raising centre in Skor Krouch																		4106	3,000				
18	Support to homegarden activities and livestock raising																		4104	775	10,000	All 5 CPA teams ,PMU	5 CPAs and other areas	
19	Indigenous tree plantation activities (150,000)																		4102	147,373		All 5 CPA teams ,PMU	5 CPAs and other areas	
20	40% planted within target CPAs																					All 5 CPA teams ,PMU	5 CPAs	
21	60% in non-target CPAs in Kompong Tom, Siem Riep, Pursat, Sihanoukville, Kep, Takeo, Preah Vihear, Odormeanchey, Banteaymeanchey																					All 5 CPA teams ,PMU	Other CPAs	
22	Fruit tree distribution (100,000)																		4102	80,000		All 5 CPA teams ,PMU	5 CPAs and other areas	
23	40% planted within target CPAs																					All 5 CPA teams ,PMU	5 CPAs	
24	60% in non-target CPAs in Kompong Tom, Siem Riep, Pursat, Sihanoukville, Kep, Takeo, Preah Vihear, Odormeanchey, Banteaymeanchey																					All 5 CPA teams ,PMU	Other CPAs	
25	Fire break construction around planted areas																					All 5 CPA teams ,PMU	5 CPAs and other areas	
26	Maintain project vehicle																		4108	4,012				
Output 2.3: Socio-economic and ecosystem monitoring of project impacts																								
27	Continue to support communities on alternative livelihoods																			1221 3204	19,088	12,725	LEG	
28	Prepare an exit strategy for continued village savings																						LEG	5 CPAs

38	Procure national policy expert																			PMU
39	Conduct a policy/strategy gap analysis and propose revisions to relevant national policies, strategies and legislation to incorporate the ecoagriculture approach and promote ecosystem restoration.										1240	12,000								Policy expert
40	Prepare policy briefs detailing proposed revisions										1240		8,000							Policy expert
41	Conduct workshop with relevant national government officials to present proposed policy revisions																			Policy expert, PMU
42	Print and distribute report and briefs																			PMU
Output 3.3: Upscaling strategy developed and institutionalized																				
43	Develop ToR for upscaling strategy expert																			CTA, TM and PMU
44	Procure upscaling strategy expert																			PMU
45	Develop an upscaling strategy for the ecoagriculture approach										1243 - 1247	24,600								Upscaling strategy expert
46	Conduct workshop with relevant national government officials to present upscaling strategy																			Upscaling strategy expert, PMU
47	Print and distribute report																			PMU
48	Prepare a final project report										1243 - 1247		16,400							Upscaling strategy expert, CTA, TM, PMU
Project management and project finalization																				
49	Conduct 2018 audit										5503	3,000								Expert, PMU
50	Conduct final project audit										5503	4,625								Expert, PMU

51	Update stakeholder analysis and engagement plan																							CTA, PMU																									
52	Monitoring mission by Task Manager and CTA																																																
53	Host final project workshop																																											3201 - 3207	7,912		PMU, CTA, TM		
54	PSC meetings																																											3301	4,565		PMU, CTA, TM, PSC		
55	Terminal Evaluation																																											5502	UNEP-administered		PMU, CTA, TM, PSC		
56	Develop exit strategy for the project																																											1101	16,750	3,000	PMU, CTA, TM		
57	Develop and distribute short project summaries (based on project final report) that highlight successful aspects of the project, including lessons learned																																												4109	9,029		PMU, CTA, TM	
58	Finance Manager																																												1102	8,375	1,500	FM	
59	Administrative Officer																																												1301	6,700	1,200	AO	
60	Driver																																												1302	2,200		Driver	
61	Cleaner																																												1303	900		Cleaner	
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