



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PROGRAMME COMPLETION  
DATE: FUNDECOOPERACIÓN PARA EL DESARROLLO  
SOSTENIBLE (COSTA RICA)**

## Background

1. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) at its twenty-fourth meeting, approved a five-year programme titled “Reducing the Vulnerability by Focusing on Critical Sectors (Agriculture, Water Resources and Coastlines) in order to Reduce the Negative Impacts of Climate Change and Improve the Resilience of these Sectors”, submitted by the Fundecooperación para el Desarrollo Sostenible (Fundecooperación) for a requested amount of US\$ 9,970,000 (decision B.24/8).
2. The overall objective of the programme is to reduce climate vulnerability by focusing on critical sectors (agriculture, water resources, and coastal zones) in order to reduce the negative impacts of climate change and improve the resilience of those populations. This programme will seek to increase climate resilience by working directly with local stakeholders and anticipated beneficiaries through the implementation of adaptation projects in each of the geographical areas selected.
3. On 28 January 2020, Fundecooperación submitted a request for an extension of the programme completion date from 7 October 2020 to 7 April 2022 (see Annex 1), hence in accordance with the timeframe set by the Adaptation Fund policy for Project/Programme Delays (AFB/B.29-30/3/Rev.1).
4. As of February 2020, a total amount of UDS 8,572,034 had been disbursed to the programme by the trustee, corresponding to 86% of the programme funding. The programme went through a mid-term evaluation (MTE) process which report was finalized and submitted to the Adaptation Fund Board secretariat (the secretariat) in November 2018. In addition, the implementing entity submitted its third project performance report (PPR) in July 2019 which was cleared by the secretariat in November 2019.

## Secretariat’s review of the request

5. Following a review of the request and considering the explanation provided by Fundecooperación, the secretariat believes that this request of an eighteenth-month extension is justified. As evidenced by the memo provided by Fundecooperación (Annex 1), it is noted that the reasons for this request include: i) the need to strengthen the Executing Entities alignment with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund as a continuous capacity building process; ii) the impact of climate phenomenon (such as hurricanes Otto and Nate tropical storm) affecting some of the programme sites; and iii) the need for technical and financial coordination among many organizations who provided co-financing has caused some delays in the budget execution, but is key to ensure that some of the programme activities will be upscaled and replicated.
6. In addition, given the advanced stage of programme implementation and risk of additional implementation and execution fees occurred during the extended period, the secretariat has confirmed with Fundecooperación that any additional cost will be funded by the implementing entity from its own resources.
7. Finally, the secretariat acknowledges that this no-cost programme extension request has been agreed with the Executing Entity and endorsed by the Designated Authority, in accordance with the Adaptation Fund Policy for Project/Programme Delays, as specified in Annex 1.

## Recommendation

8. The Board may consider and decide to approve the request for an eighteenth-month extension of the programme completion date from 7 October 2020 to 7 April 2022 for the programme “Reducing the Vulnerability by Focusing on Critical Sectors (Agriculture, Water Resources and Coastlines) in order to Reduce the Negative Impacts of Climate Change and Improve the Resilience of these Sectors” as requested by Fundecooperación.

**Annex 1: Request for an Extension of the Programme Completion Date**

## ANNEX A: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONCRETE ADAPTATION PROJECT/PROGRAMME

*Request for extension of project/programme completion date.*

<b>Implementing Entity Name:</b> Fundecooperación para el Desarrollo Sostenible.	
<b>AF Project/programme ID:</b>	
<b>Project/programme Title:</b> Reducing the Vulnerability by Focusing on Critical Sectors (Agriculture, Water Resources and Coastlines) in order to Reduce the Negative Impacts of Climate Change and Improve the Resilience of these Sectors.	
<b>Country:</b> Costa Rica	
<b>Project/Programme Approval</b> 10/10/2014	
<b>Expected Project/programme Completion (date) :</b> Oct-07-2020	<b>Proposed Revised Completion (date):</b> Apr-07-22

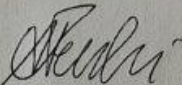
*Reasons/justifications for the extension of project/programme completion:*

Costa Rica's Programme has achieved important results during its first 4 years of implementation, however some of the results are still pending and will be impossible to complete them in 2020. For this reason, we would like to kindly request a no-cost extension of the project. The main reasons for this request:

1. Some of the EE's needed to be strengthened in adaptation, and also in Environmental -Social and Gender policies, during the first part of the Programme, but this has been a continuous process.
2. Although we work with many EE's, Fundecooperación has been working in identifying EE for improving specific results expected in some vulnerable sites. The activities have recently started and will be going on during 2020.
3. The project had some delays because of climate issues that affected directly some of the implementation sites (hurricanes Otto and Nate tropical storm)
4. Also, it is important to mention that the programme has been catalyzing the support of many other organizations, in order to jointly implement the activities and replicate the impact of the programme. With this in mind, it has been important to coordinate financially and technically with many organizations, which has caused some delays in the budget execution (the programme has reached a counterpart of more than \$5 million). However, we consider important to continue the coordination among the different sectors, because this allows us to confirm that the actions are important at local and national level, and that they have greater chances to replicate and upscale some of the initiatives. More time, will allow us to increase the impact we are having in some communities in the future.

*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.

Name &amp; Signature



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