



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PROJECT COMPLETION  
DATE: WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (EGYPT)**

## Background

1. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) at its eighteenth meeting, approved a four-year project titled “Building Resilient Food Security Systems to Benefit the Southern Egypt Region”, submitted by the World Food Programme (WFP) for total amount of US\$ 6,904,318 (decision B.18/14).

2. The overall objective of the project is to achieve an increase in the resilience of agriculture in Southern Egypt to climate change and build institutional capacity within government and communities to enable climate change adaptation replication and sustainability. It aims to do so by 1) applying adaptation technologies that will assist the southern region of Egypt to cope with rising temperature and low water availability, 2) generating knowledge, document lessons learned and best practices on climate-proofing of agricultural production, and 3) enhancing food security in the face of climate threats.

3. As mandated by the decision, an agreement was prepared and signed between the Board and WFP on 22 October 2012.

4. Due to recurrent political challenges, which resulted in delaying some project activities, an 18-month no-cost extension was requested by WFP in June 2016 and approved by the Board in September 2016 (decision B.27-28/26), extending the completion date from March 2017 to October 2018. A second extension request was submitted to the secretariat in 2018 and approved by the Board through decision B.30-31/16, setting the project expected completion date to 30 April 2020.

5. On April 2020, WFP submitted a third request for an extension of the project completion date from 30 April to 30 June 2020 (see Annex 1). As outlined in the Adaptation Fund Project/Programme Delay Policy (AFB/B.29-30/3/Rev.1; Decision B.29-30/15 and Decision B.34-35/12), 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, due to late processing of the request at the implementing entity level, this request was received only two months before the deadline aforementioned.

6. The project implementing entity submitted six project performance reports (PPR) to the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat (the secretariat). The project went through a mid-term evaluation (MTE) process, with an MTE report finalized in September 2015. As of 24 April 2020, the project amount of US\$ 6,904,318 had been fully disbursed by the trustee including the implementing entity fees.

7. The reason for an additional request for project completion date extension, as outlined in the memo shared by WFP, include the fact that the project is facing delays due to progressive lock down and limitation of group gatherings as a result of the COVID-19. the additional two months period would ensure the completion of all planned activities in the five remaining villages.

## Secretariat’s review of the request

8. Following a review of the request by the secretariat and considering the explanation provided by WFP, the secretariat believes that this request of a further two-month extension is justified. As evidenced by the memo provided by WFP (Annex 1), it is noted that this request for extension will ensure that remaining activities in five villages will be finalized by the local NGO partner. Is it important to highlight that this project has been able to expand the project activities to 29 new neighboring villages increasing climate change resilience in Southern Egypt.

9. Finally, the secretariat acknowledges that this no-cost project 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**

10. The Board may consider and decide to approve the request for an additional two-month extension of the project completion date from 30 April 2020 to 30 June 2020 for the project “Building Resilient Food Security Systems to Benefit the Southern Egypt Region” as requested by WFP.

### **Annex**

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

**Annex 1: Request for an Extension of the Project Completion Date***Request for extension of project/programme completion date*

<b>Implementing Entity Name: World Food Programme</b>			
<b>AF Project/programme ID: EGY/MIE/Food/2011/1</b>			
<b>Project/programme Title: Building Resilient Food Security Systems to Benefit the Southern Egypt Region</b>			
<b>Country: Egypt</b>			
<b>Project/Programme Approval (date)</b>	28 June, 2012 (Inception 31 March, 2013)		
<b>Expected Project/programme Completion (date)</b>	April 2020	<b>Proposed Revised Completion (date):</b>	30 June 2020

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

The 'Building Resilient Food Security Systems to Benefit the Southern Egypt Region' Project started implementation in March 2013. In January 2018, a no-cost extension to April 2020 was approved by the Adaptation Fund Board.

The project is implemented in 49 villages in Southern Egypt. Although field activities have now been completed in 44 villages, the completion of a few activities in 5 villages is facing delays due to progressive lock down and limitation of group gatherings as a result of COVID-19.

The no-cost extension would allow for a two months additional period to compensate for the delays incurred. This period would ensure the completion-by the local partner NGOs in the villages- of all workplan activities in all 49 villages of the project.

With the 2 months extension, the new project end date would be 30 June 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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Date: (Month, Day, Year)  
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