



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PROGRAMME COMPLETION
DATE: NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY (KENYA)**

Background

1. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) at its twenty-fourth meeting, approved a three-year programme titled “Integrated programme to build resilience to climate change and adaptive capacity of vulnerable communities in Kenya” submitted by the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) for a requested amount of US\$ 9,998,302 (decision B.24/12).
2. The overall objective of the programme is to enhance resilience and adaptive capacity to climate change for selected communities in various Counties in Kenya, in order to increase food security and environmental management. Hence, the programme develops and implements integrated adaptive mechanisms to increase community livelihood resilience to climate change. It aims to do so through the following programme’s components: i) Enhancing Climate Change resilience for improved food security in selected Counties; ii) Improving climate resilient water management systems to enhance food security in selected Counties in Kenya; iii) Increasing resilience to the effects of rise in sea level and shoreline changes through Integrated Shoreline and Mangrove Ecosystem Management in the Coastal region of Kenya; iv) Disaster risk reduction and increasing preparedness among targeted vulnerable communities; and v) Strengthening institutional capacity and knowledge management on climate change adaptation.
3. As mandated by the decision, an agreement was prepared and signed between the Board and NEMA on 4 November 2014.
4. NEMA submitted the first no-cost extension request in August 2019 which was approved by the Board through decision B.33-34/35, postponing the programme completion date from 31 January 2019 to 30 June 2020.
5. On 10 May 2020, NEMA submitted a second request for extension of the programme completion date from 30 June 2020 to 31 December 2021 (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 entity level and the COVID-19 outbreak, the request was received only after the deadline aforementioned.
6. The implementing entity submitted two project performance reports (PPR) to the secretariat, the second one is currently under review by the secretariat. As of 12 May 2020, an amount of US\$ 8,911,082 had been disbursed by the trustee, including the implementing entity fees, this corresponds to 89% of the total project amount.
7. The reason for an additional request for programme completion date extension, as outlined in the memo shared by NEMA, includes the fact that the programme is facing delays due to the national health emergency in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is hindering the normal execution of the programme. The Government has announced number of measures geared towards limiting the spread of the virus, such as daily curfews and a restriction for inner country travels. It is noted that the implementing entity has put in place adaptive management measures, trying to prioritize all the processes that can be executed within the framework of the COVID-19 restrictions, and allow a fast track implementation when the restrictions will be lifted.

Secretariat's review of the request

8. Following a review of the request by the secretariat and considering the explanation provided by NEMA related to COVID19 outbreak, the secretariat believes that this request of a further eighteenth-months extension is justified. As evidenced by the memo provided by NEMA (Annex 1), it is noted that this request for extension will ensure the completion of all planned activities taking into account the current restrictions posed by the Government to contain the spread of the virus. In addition, as confirmed by NEMA, the project fees will be covered by the Implementing Entity for the extended period.

9. 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

10. The Board may consider and decide to approve the request for an additional eighteenth-months extension of the programme completion date from 30 June 2020 to 31 December 2021 for the project "Integrated programme to build resilience to climate change and adaptive capacity of vulnerable communities in Kenya" as requested by NEMA.

Annex

1. Request for an extension of the programme completion date from NEMA.

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*

Implementing Entity Name: NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY			
AF Project/Programme ID:NIE022			
Project/Programme Title: THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME TO BUILD RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND ADAPTIVE CAPACITY TO VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN KENYA			
Country: KENYA			
Project/Programme Approval (date)	November 2014		
Expected Project/programme Completion (date)	June 2020	Proposed Revised Completion (date):	December 2021

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

The reason for the requested extension is as follows;

1. COVID-19 has been declared a national disaster in Kenya and the Programme implementation has been affected by the stipulated lockdown requirements. The Government of Kenya has announced policy measures and behavioral protocols, geared towards limiting the spread of this disease that include mandatory leave and/ or working from home for State and Public Officers and a daily curfew from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. in effect in the territory of the Republic of Kenya. Inter county travel has also been restricted in selected counties in Kenya.

The pandemic which is unprecedented in scale has necessitated halting the programme implementation in our usual Programme operations due to the uncertainty surrounding the crisis. However, the measures put in place are as follows:

- a) All planning processes that can be executed within the framework of COVID restrictions, to proceed to allow for fast tracked implementation, when Covid 19 related curfews end. However, it is not known when these restrictions shall end.

NEMA remains firmly committed to successful delivery of the Programme, with 'no cost' extension approval.

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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