



## ADAPTATION FUND

26 July 2021

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Adaptation Fund Board

### **Proposal for Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thailand and Viet Nam (UNESCO)**

Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thailand, Viet Nam: Groundwater Resources in the Greater Mekong Subregion: Collaborative Management to Increase Climate Change Resilience (Fully-developed project; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); ASI/MIE/Water/2015/1; US\$ 4,898,775).

Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to:

- (a) Not approve the fully-developed project proposal, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) Suggest that UNESCO reformulate the proposal taking into account the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
  - (i) The proposal should provide a comparative assessment of the cost-effectiveness of the proposed measures with alternative measures, which includes an assessment of both the costs and the effectiveness of the proposed measures in treating the scale of the highlighted impacts, compared to other alternative measures;
  - (ii) The proposal should provide details of the estimated costs for operation and maintenance of the proposed Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) solutions, including details of the involvement of water user associations and groundwater user organizations in the maintenance of MAR pilots;
  - (iii) The proponent should provide a clear and comprehensive justification for the Unidentified Sub-Projects approach in line with the Fund's Environmental and Social Policy;
- (c) Request UNESCO to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Governments of Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

**Decision B.36-37/8**