



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board

**REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE GRACE  
PERIOD FOR ACHIEVING RE-ACCREDITATION:  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION (MOPIC) OF JORDAN**

## Background

1. At its thirty-fourth meeting, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) considered the matter of the ‘implications of an implementing entity’s accreditation expiration on its project implementation and on the Standard Legal Agreement and a revision of the re-accreditation process’ and approved [the revised re-accreditation process](#) as contained in Annex II to [document AFB/B.34/51](#)<sup>1</sup> (Decision B.34/3).
2. The revisions in the re-accreditation process were mainly related to paragraph 7 on the deadlines for submission of re-accreditation applications and acquisition of re-accreditation. It introduced the ‘grace period’ for re-accreditation purposes to allow the implementing entity, which is implementing a project financed by the Adaptation Fund (the Fund), to request an extension of the timeline for achieving re-accreditation to coincide with the date for an entity’s project completion or within three years from its accreditation expiry date. Following the Board’s discussions at the thirty-third meeting, the grace period was introduced in the revised re-accreditation process to reduce the gap between the implementing entity’s accreditation expiration date and its re-accreditation and to minimize the adverse impact of the accreditation expiration on the ongoing project implementation.
3. The section related to the ‘grace period for re-accreditation’ is excerpted from the revised re-accreditation process approved by the Board at the thirty-third meeting, as follows:

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### **Deadlines**

7. *The implementing entities are strongly recommended to meet the suggested deadlines to facilitate the re-accreditation process and avoid a major gap between accreditation expiration and achievement of re-accreditation.*

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*(2) Submission of re-accreditation application: The implementing entity (the IE) is strongly recommended to submit its re-accreditation application and supporting documentation through the online accreditation system maintained by the secretariat 12 months prior to its accreditation expiry date. If the entity does not submit the application by its accreditation expiry date, the Panel will make a recommendation to the Board to change the status of the entity from “Accredited” to “Not-Accredited” at the accreditation expiry date, considering the following:*

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*(ii) If the IE is implementing the project financed by the Fund and has not submitted the re-accreditation application by the date of accreditation expiration, in order to **obtain a grace period for achieving re-accreditation** before the completion of the project or within three years from its accreditation expiry date, it shall submit to the Board, through its secretariat, an official request for a grace period with an official letter from IE to confirm its commitment to achieve re-accreditation during the grace period. Official letter(s) from the DA(s) related to re-accreditation of the IE and the Fund’s ongoing project implemented by the IE would be considered by*

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<sup>1</sup> Re-accreditation process, Available at: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/re-accreditation-process/>

*the Board: if the IE is an NIE, such letter from the DA of the NIE's country to be considered; and if the IE is an RIE, such official letters from the DAs of the RIE member countries that originally endorsed the application of accreditation of the RIE to the Fund and, if the RIE has accessed the Fund's financial resources, additional official letters from the DAs of the countries where the Fund's project is implemented would also be considered.*

*(3) Acquisition of re-accreditation: The implementing entity is strongly recommended to achieve re-accreditation within three years from its accreditation expiry date. If the entity does not achieve re-accreditation within three years from its accreditation expiry date, the Panel will make a recommendation to the Board to change the status of the entity to "Not Accredited." Paragraph 7 (2) (i) and (ii) apply mutatis mutandis to this section [emphasis added].<sup>2</sup>*

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### **Secretariat's review of the request**

4. The Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC) of Jordan (the entity) was accredited as a national implementing entity of Jordan with the Fund on 14 December 2011, and its accreditation expired on 14 December 2016. The entity submitted its re-accreditation application on 23 August 2016. As of the date of this document, the entity has not yet achieved re-accreditation and is implementing the project financed by the Adaptation Fund, "[Increasing the resilience of poor and vulnerable communities to climate change](#)" (the Project).

5. As per the 'grandfather policy' indicated in paragraph 11 of the [re-accreditation process](#), the entity was allowed to achieve re-accreditation by 23 March 2020. The grandfather policy applies to implementing entities that had submitted a complete re-accreditation before 23 March 2018, when the Board approved the updated re-accreditation process, allowing those implementing entities to achieve re-accreditation within two years from such date of the Board decision. However, the entity was not able to achieve re-accreditation by 23 March 2020.

6. As per the 'grace-period' policy indicated in paragraphs 7(2) (ii) and 7(3) of the re-accreditation process and explained above, the implementing entity, which has yet to achieve re-accreditation before its accreditation expiration and which has been implementing a project financed by the Fund, is eligible to submit an official request for a grace period for achieving its re-accreditation before the completion of the project or within three years from its accreditation expiry date.

7. As per Board [Decision B.35.b/16](#)<sup>3</sup>, the latest request by MoPIC for a temporary no-cost extension of the completion of the project, which has been delayed due to COVID-19, was approved by the Board, and the completion of the project was further extended from 13 January 2023 to 13 January 2024. The official notification from the secretariat, which is available in Annex I of this document, was transmitted to the entity on 14 February 2023.

8. Accordingly, and as per paragraph 6 above, the secretariat, on 4 June 2023, received an official request from the entity for the extension of the deadline for achieving re-accreditation to coincide with the project completion deadline, which was extended from 13 January 2023 to 13

<sup>2</sup> Re-accreditation process, paragraph 7.

<sup>3</sup> Board Decision related to the Fund's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

January 2024 in line with Decision B.35.b/16. The official letter from the entity is attached in Annex II of this document. The secretariat's review of the letter, as per paragraphs 7(2) (ii) and 7(3) of the re-accreditation process, found that the request for an extension of grace period for achieving re-accreditation till 13 January 2024 can be justified and would contribute to minimizing the adverse impact of the entity's accreditation expiry on the ongoing project implementation. As of the date of this document, the entity's accreditation status is "In Re-accreditation Process."

9. It is important to note that if the Board approves the request from the entity in Annex II of this document, the new grace period for the entity to achieve re-accreditation would be the third as prior requests from the entity were approved by the Board through Decisions [B.37-38/6](#) and [B.35.a-35.b/32](#) on 28 January 2022 and 22 June 2020 respectively.

### **Recommendation**

10. Considering the official request from the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC) of Jordan for an extension of the grace period for achieving its re-accreditation attached in Annex II of this document and the secretariat's review as contained in Document AFB/B.40-41/4 and the re-accreditation process, the Adaptation Fund Board may consider and approve MoPIC's official request for an extension of grace period for achieving re-accreditation until the date for the completion of its project "*Increasing the resilience of poor and vulnerable communities to climate change*," 13 January 2024.

## **ANNEX I**

Secretariat's letter of notification on the approval of an extension of project completion for MoPIC



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*Re: Request for extension of project completion date due to COVID-19 – Increasing the Resilience of Poor and Vulnerable Communities to Climate Change Impacts in Jordan through Implementing Innovative Projects in Water and Agriculture in Support of Adaptation to Climate Change – Jordan*

Dear Ms. Toukan,

I am writing with regard to the request for an extension of the project completion date due to COVID-19, submitted by the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC).

The Adaptation Fund Board during the second session of its thirty-fifth meeting, considered and approved the Fund's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and adaptive measures to mitigate its impact on the Fund's portfolio. Please find in annex 2 the text of the Board Decision B.35.b/16 including a provision for temporary no-cost extension of the project completion date up to 12 months for projects/programmes which have been delayed due to COVID-19 and which are set to be completed within 24 months from the date of the extension request, and provided that the implementing entity's request of such extension meets the criteria as described in paragraph 33 of document AFB/EFC.26.b/4.

In line with the Board Decision B.35b/16, the secretariat has reviewed the request and found it to meet the criteria referred to in that decision. Therefore, I am pleased to inform you that the request for an additional twelve-months no-cost extension of the project completion date from 13 January 2023 to 13 January 2024 is deemed approved, and 13 January 2024 is recorded by the secretariat as the new project completion date.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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 Manager  
 Adaptation Fund Board secretariat

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## Annex 2: Decision B.35.b/16



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18 November 2020

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 Adaptation Fund Board
***The Fund's response to the COVID-19 pandemic***

Having considered the recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided to:

- a) Take note of the Report on the Adaptation Fund's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and adaptive measures to mitigate its impact on the Fund's Portfolio, which highlights the importance of taking immediate actions to enable the projects and programmes supported by the Fund to continue delivering on their objectives;
- b) Temporarily approve a blanket no-cost extension of the project completion date up to 12 months for eligible projects/programmes which have been delayed due to COVID-19 and were set to be completed within 24 months from the date of the extension request provided that an implementing entity's request of such extension meets the criteria as described in paragraph 33 of document AFB/EFC.26.b/4;
- c) Temporarily allow, in the context of paragraph 6 of Annex 7 of the Fund's Operational Policies and Guidelines (Project/Programme Implementation) on project material change, an implementing entity (IE) to implement reallocations in budget at the output-level between the original budget and the revised budget, up to a maximum of 20 per cent of the total project budget, without seeking prior approval of the Board, provided that:
  - (i) The concerned reallocations in budget are justified to be related to COVID-19 and to enable the project or programme to achieve its originally set goals and objectives;
  - (ii) The IE must report to the Board on the project budget reallocations as part of its annual project performance report;
  - (iii) Project budget reallocations not related to COVID-19 and changes exceeding 20 per cent of total project budget related to COVID-19 shall be subject to the requirements as described under paragraphs 6-8 of Annex 7 of the Fund's Operational Policies and Guidelines (Project/Programme Implementation); and
- d) Encourage countries to consider matters related to COVID-19 within the mandate of the Adaptation Fund in their future programming of funding by the Adaptation Fund, in order to achieve a broader resilience by reflecting, as appropriate, the objectives of government recovery plans in future programming.

**(Decision B.35.b/16)**

## **ANNEX II**

Official letter from the Management of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC) Jordan requesting for an extension of grace-period for re-accreditation dated 4 June 2023





MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



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Date : 15/1/4/4772

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**Dear Sir/Madam,**

In reference to project/programme entitled "Increasing the Resilience of Poor and Vulnerable Communities to Climate Change Impacts in Jordan through Implementing Innovative Projects in Water and Agriculture in Support of Adaptation to Climate Change", AF Project/programme ID: JOR/NIE/Multi/2012/1 , and given that the deadline for MOPIC's re-accreditation process is due on 13 July 2023.

In this context, and given the exceptional circumstances resulted from COVID-19, which affected the timely completion of MOPIC's re-accreditation process, I would highly appreciate your approval for an extension of the deadline of the re-accreditation to coincide with the Project/programme closing of 13 January 2024. MOPIC is committed to the re-accreditation process, and this extension would allow MOPIC to continue with efforts to achieve the re-accreditation.

Accordingly, I would highly appreciate your kind assistance in considering the abovementioned request, and I look forward to receiving your positive response in this regard.

Please accept my high esteem and consideration.

Zeina Toukan  
 Minister of Planning and  
 International Cooperation

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cc: Ministry of Environment

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