



ADAPTATION FUND

AFB/B. 40-41/6
28 June 2023

Adaptation Fund Board

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PROJECT COMPLETION
DATE: SAHARA AND SAHEL OBSERVATORY (OSS)**

Background

1. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) during its intersessional period between the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth meeting, approved a four-year project titled “Enhancing resilience of communities to climate change through catchment-based integrated management of water and related resources in Uganda”, submitted by the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) for a requested amount of US\$ 7,751,000 (decision B.27-28/17).
2. The overall goal of the project is to increase the resilience of communities to the risk of floods and landslides in Awoja, Maziba and Aswa catchments through promoting catchment based integrated, equitable and sustainable management of water and related resources. This is enabled through implementing a suite of interventions that focus on establishing frameworks for climate resilient catchment management in Awoja, Aswa and Maziba catchments; implementing concrete adaptation actions for resilient and sustained ecosystems, control of floods and landslides across agricultural landscapes and diversification of livelihood strategies; and building capacities of extensions services and institutions at sub-catchment, catchment, water management zone and nation level to support local communities and managing knowledge.
3. As mandated by the decision, an agreement was prepared and signed between the Board and OSS on 8 October and the programme started implementation on 7 May 2017.
4. The project Implementing Entity submitted four project performance reports (PPRs), all have been cleared by the secretariat. As of 18 November 2021, the total project funding for an amount of US\$ 7,751,000 including the programme fees, has been disbursed by the trustee, which corresponds to 100% of the approved grant.
5. On May 3, 2023 OSS submitted a request for a regular two-month no-cost extension of the project completion date, from 30 April 2023 to 30 June 2023. 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 project completion date must be submitted by the implementing entity at least six months prior to the official completion date. The submission date of this request is, therefore, not in compliance with the aforementioned deadline.
6. The reasons for this request, as outlined in the memo shared by OSS, are multi-faceted, including: i) the constitution of the revolving funds took a while longer than expected due to the heavy administrative procedures and the initial movement of the populations due to changing climate conditions; ii) the finalization of the development strategy for disseminating and communicating project activities and lessons learned to National and sub-National stakeholders, through different approaches; and iii) finalization of final project deliverables from external consultants.

Secretariat’s review of the request

7. Following a review of the request by the secretariat and considering the explanation provided by OSS, the secretariat is of the view that this last two-month extension request is justified. As evidenced by the memo provided by OSS (Annex 1), it is noted that this request would allow sufficient time for the constitution of the revolving funds, finalization of the development strategy for disseminating and communicating project activities and finalization of

project deliverables from external consultants. In addition, OSS confirms that this extension will not entail a budget revision, nor new activities.

8. 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

9. The Board may consider and decide to approve the request for a two-month extension of the project completion date from 30 April 2023 to 30 June 2023, for the project “Enhancing resilience of communities to climate change through catchment-based integrated management of water and related resources in Uganda” as requested by OSS.

Annex

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

Annex 1: Request for an extension of the programme completion date

Annex A: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONCRETE ADAPTATION PROJECT/PRORAMME

Request for extention of project/programme completion date

Implementing Entity Name: Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)			
AF Project/programme ID: UGA/RIE/Water/2015/1			
Project/programme Title: Enhancing resilience of communities to climate change through catchment-based integrated management of water and related resources in Uganda			
Country(ies): Uganda			
Project/Programme Approval (date)	07/05/2016		
Expected Project/programme Completion (date)	04/30/2023	Proposed Revised Completion (date)	06/30/2023

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

<p>Below are the reasons for extension of the projects</p> <p>1. EURECCCA Revolving fund schemes</p> <p>One of the main activities of the project is the implementation of revolving fund scheme through the establishment of the Water and Environment Cooperatives (WECS). These WECS will facilitate the local communities adapt to climate change impacts by improving their livelihoods through Income Generating Activities (IGAs). During this last period of project implementation, within the framework of the establishment of a reliable and operational legal status of WECS, the constitution of the revolving funds took a while longer than expected due to the heavy administrative procedures and the initial movement of the populations due to changing climate conditions, therefore it is recommended to extend the project period by two months in order to finalize the process of installation and functioning of revolving funds.</p> <p>2. Communication Product</p> <p>OSS in partnership with GWP is finalizing the development a strategy for dissemination and communication of the project activities and lessons learned to National and sub-National stakeholders, through different approaches. This process will display, in a concise manner, information from the project outcomes that will allow primary and secondary audiences to easily access lessons learned and gain experiences related to the thematic of the project. The valorization of communication products, as described above, requires an extension period so as to enable finalization.</p> <p>3. Receipt of deliverables</p> <p>MWE as the executing entity is following up and engaging with the external consultants for the delivery of the final deliverables. Furthermore, the deliverables will require review and validation as well as quality control and assurance prior to project closure. This step could take an additional time to be finalized.</p>

Implementing Entity Certification

<p>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.</p>	
<p>Mr. Nabil BEN KHATRA, Executive Secretary of the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) as the Project contact person</p>	
<p>Signature</p> 	
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