



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](#)¹ (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.*

...

(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:

...

*(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*

¹ 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].²

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Secretariat's review of the requests from MOPIC for re-accreditation deadline extension

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. The latest request by MOPIC for project completion extension was approved by the Board at its forty-first meeting through Decision B.41/23 which further extends the completion of the project from 13 January 2024 to 13 January 2025. The official notification from the secretariat, which is available in Annex I of this document, was transmitted to the entity on 8 November 2023.

8. Accordingly, and as per paragraph 6 above, the secretariat, on 15 November 2023, received an official request from the entity for the extension of the deadline for achieving re-accreditation to coincide with the new project completion deadline (13 January 2025) in line with Decision B.41/23. The official letter from the entity is attached in Annex II of this document. The secretariat's

² Re-accreditation process, paragraph 7.

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 2025 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 fourth as prior requests from the entity were approved by the Board through Decisions [B.40-41/8](#), [B.37-38/6](#), and [B.35.a-35.b/32](#) on 8 July 2023, 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.41-42/7 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 2025.

ANNEX I

Secretariat's letter of notification on the approval of an extension of project completion for MoPIC [8 November 2023]



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8 November 2023

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Re: Request for project changes "Increasing the resilience of poor and vulnerable communities to climate change"

Excellency,

I am writing with regard to the request for an extension of the completion date submitted for "Increasing the resilience of poor and vulnerable communities to climate change" for Jordan by the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC).

The Adaptation Fund Board during its forty-first meeting, has decided to approve the requested project changes for the subject project, as requested by MOPIC in its letter Ref. 15/1/4/8487 dated September 19, 2023.

Please refer to Decision B.41/23 contained in the Annex of this letter, for the text of this decision.

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



Sincerely,

Mikko Ollikainen
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Adaptation Fund Board secretariat

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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-accréditation dated 15 November 2023



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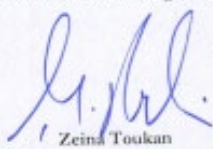
Subject: Increasing the Resilience of Poor and Vulnerable Communities to Climate Change Impact in Jordan through Implementing Innovative Projects in Water and Agriculture in Support of Adaptation to Climate Change Program", AF Project/Programme, ID: JOR/NIE/Multi/2012/1.

Dear Sir/Madam,

In reference to your letter number Ref 2023/212 dated 8 November 2023 concerning your approval to extend the subject program until 13 January 2025 (attached), I would highly appreciate your kind approval for an additional grace period for achieving the re-accréditation to coincide with the program completion extension.

In this context, kindly be advised that MoPIC gives a great priority to achieving re-accréditation with Adaptation Fund and has mobilized Technical Assistance through the World Bank to facilitate the re-accréditation process.

Please accept my high esteem and consideration.


Zeina Toukan
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