



ADAPTATION FUND

AFB/B.42-43/1
23 April 2024

Adaptation Fund Board

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PROJECT COMPLETION
DATE: THE PARTNERSHIP FOR GOVERNANCE
REFORM (INDONESIA)**

Background

1. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) at its thirty-seventh meeting, approved an eighteenth-month long project titled “EMBRACING THE SUN: Redefining Public Space as a Solution for the Effects of Global Climate Change in Indonesia's Urban Areas” submitted by the Partnership for Governance Reform (Kemitraan) for a total amount of US\$ 824,835 (Decision B. 37/45).
2. The overall objective of the project is to prepare Indonesian communities in Samarinda, to cope with the effect of climate change as well as mitigate the causes of the current environmental crisis. This will be achieved through the following outcomes: (i) Research and development on city-wide adaptation to climate change through public spaces; (ii) Awareness raising and local resilience strengthening through the design and implementation of a new public space typology; (iii) Capacity building, knowledge management and communication; and (iv) Monitoring and evaluation.
3. As mandated by the decision, an agreement was prepared and signed between the Board and Kemitraan in March 2022 and the project started implementation on 21 November 2022.
4. The project implementing entity submitted one project performance report (PPR), which is currently under review by the secretariat, and as of March 2024, an amount of US\$ 549,890 including the project fees, has been disbursed by the trustee, which corresponds to 67 per cent of the approved grant.
5. On 11 February 2024, Kemitraan submitted a request for a regular six-months no-cost extension of the project completion date from 21 May 2024 to 21 November 2024 (see annex 1). The reasons for such a request are multi-faceted and include: (i) Lengthy administrative arrangements to formalize the partnership between the Centre of Climate Urban Resilience and the Queensland University of Technology; (ii) Delays in obtaining a “location determination letter” from the Samarinda city government; and (iii) A ban on mass gatherings enforced from November 2023 to February 2024 ahead of the February 2024 national election, among others, as outlined in the memo shared by Kemitraan.

Secretariat's review of the request

6. Following a review of the request by the secretariat and considering the explanation provided by Kemitraan, the secretariat is of the view that this six-month extension request is justified. As evidenced by the memo provided by Kemitraan (Annex 1), it is noted that this request should allow sufficient time to deliver all remaining activities.
7. Finally, the secretariat acknowledges that this no-cost project extension request has been agreed with the Executing Entities and that the Designated Authority has been notified, in accordance with the Adaptation Fund Policy for Project/Programme Delays, as specified in Annex I.

Recommendation

8. The Board may consider and decide to approve the request for a six-months no-cost extension of the project completion date from 21 May 2024 to 21 November 2024, for the project “EMBRACING THE SUN: Redefining Public Space as a Solution for the Effects of Global Climate Change in Indonesia's Urban Areas” as requested by Kemitraan.

Annex 1: Request for an extension of the project completion date from Kemitraan

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ANNEX A: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONCRETE ADAPTATION PROJECT/PROGRAMME*Request for extension of project/programme completion date*

Implementing Entity Name: KEMITRAAN (PARTNERSHIP)			
AF Project/ programme ID: IDN/NIE/Multi/2017/1			
Project/ programme Title: Embracing the Sun: Redefining Public Space as a Solution for the Effects of Global Climate Change in Indonesia's Urban Areas			
Country: Indonesia			
Project/Programme Approval (date)	21 February 2020		
Expected Project/programme Completion (date)	21/05/2024	Proposed Revised Completion (date):	21/11/2024

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

<p>Several reasons related to the submission of the extension are described below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- After the project kick-off on November 21, 2022, an administrative process between the Centre of Climate Urban Resilience (CeCUR) and Queensland University of Technology (QUT) had to be finalized in December 2022. At that time, QUT Faculty had a long break, so further administrative arrangements were made at the end of January, and the signing was carried out in the week of February 2, 2023. 2- There is a delay in obtaining the Location Determination Letter for the project by the Samarinda City Government, which due to bureaucracy and different procedural stages. Currently the Municipal of Asset and Treasury Agency (<i>Badan Pengelolaan Keuangan dan Aset Daerah/BPKAD</i>) Samarinda has finalized the measurement of the target site. 3- Shifting core intervention issues from flood adaptation to clean water crisis adaptation had an impact on project strategies and activities. 4- The project implementation evaluation showed that the new public space construction could only start in March 2024, so the construction completion time would exceed the contract deadline agreed upon by AF. 5. A political campaign period prior to the national election (scheduled for February 14, 2024) from November 28, 2023, to February 10, 2024, prohibits activities requiring mass gatherings. Therefore, planned FGDs and Workshops need to be postponed.

Implementing Entity certification

<p>Based on the above circumstances, the project needs to be extended with no further cost until 21 November, 2024. This request has been prepared in accordance with Adaptation Fund policies and procedures, that has been agreed by participating executing entities, and the designated authority (DA) has been notified.</p>



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