



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board

**REQUEST FOR NO-COST EXTENSION OF PROJECT
COMPLETION DATE: THE PARTNERSHIP FOR
GOVERNANCE REFORM IN INDONESIA (INDONESIA)**

Background

1. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) at its thirty-seventh meeting, approved an 18-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 in Indonesia (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 has been reviewed by the secretariat and returned to Kemitraan for revision, and as of 15 October 2024, a total project funding for an amount of US\$ 549,890 including the project fees, has been disbursed by the trustee, which corresponds to 66.7% of the approved grant.
5. On 11 February 2024, Kemitraan submitted a first request for a regular six-months no-cost extension of the project completion date from 21 May 2024 to 21 November 2024, which was approved by the Board through Decision B.42-43/1.
6. On 7 October 2024, Kemitraan submitted a second request for a regular six-months no-cost extension of project completion date from 21 November 2024 to 21 May 2025 (see annex 1). The reasons for such a request are multi-faceted and include regional elections called in the aftermath of the February 2024 national elections which generated decision-making delays at local level in terms of policies and regulations approval; changes in the project approach to capturing and disseminating the project lessons learned and best practices; and unexpected high precipitations in the construction site, among others, as outlined in the memo shared by Kemitraan.

Secretariat's review of the request

7. 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 no-cost 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.
8. Finally, the secretariat acknowledges that this no-cost programme 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 the Annex.

Recommendation

9. The Board may consider and decide to approve the request for a six-months no-cost extension of the project completion date from 21 November 2024 to 21 May 2025, 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.

Annex 1: Request for an extension of the project completion date from Kemitraan**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)	21/11/2024	Proposed Revised Completion (date):	21/05/2025

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

The project **EMBRACING THE SUN: Redefining Public Space as a Solution for the Effects of Global Climate Change In Indonesia's Urban Areas** is currently implemented within the 1st No-cost-extension period that is to be finalized by the end of November 2024. However, the completion of the project currently experiences delays in the implementation of some components. The delay leads to shifting completion date, which is estimated to surpass the current completion date. Therefore, this request of additional no-cost-extension is submitted for the project to be completed in an appropriate manner.

The followings are the reasoning behind the NCE proposal of Embracing the Sun project

1. Regional Election In November 2024

The nationwide simultaneously held regional election that is scheduled in November 2024 poses significant impact on the process of project implementation. It affects both the implementation on the ground and the advocacy process. The attention of local stakeholders and citizens is shifted towards election campaigns leading to the slowing down of the project implementation process. The ongoing advocacy process is also hampered since The Mayor, as local decision maker of the executive body, will not be in office until the end of regional election. The current Mayor of Samarinda runs for the second office this year, so the Mayor has to take leave during the campaign period from September 23, 2024 to December 2, 2024. This causes delays on decision making process of the city's policies and regulations until the end of regional election when The Mayor is back in office. Moreover, during the campaign for the election, community gathering is very limited. As a result, planned activities involving communities need to be postponed.

2. Rearrangement of the dissemination strategy for the project achievement under output 3.2.1

One of the activities under output 1.1.1, Discussion and Workshop with Pratt Institute New York (Master Program of Urban Placemaking and Management) and Project for Public Space, needs to be implemented under a different strategy. Firstly, this activity has been integrated into workshop of participatory design in Indonesia attended by the representative of UN-Habitat. As part of this plan, budget for the mentioned activity will be reallocated to enhance the strategy and activity under output 3.2.1. The title of the activity is **"Lessons learned and best practices on**

climate-resilient Public Space and community adaptive capacity building are captured and disseminated for regional replication".

Based on the development of the project output and advice from various parties, we believe that it is important to disseminate the project outputs as they are considered innovative and should be promoted to encourage replication in other regions. Therefore, we plan to enhance this strategy through additional activities such as participating in city and national expo, producing and publishing international journals and organizing international seminar in order to ensure that the project outputs are widely spread and able to encourage replication in different regions.

3. High precipitation impacts the public space construction completion

Significant rainfall during construction has greatly affected the ability to meet the target completion date. It also requires us to implement different construction methods from the initial plan which in turn requires more experienced workforce. This condition poses significant impact on the project progress leading to delays and the need for adjustment in the implementation aspects. To ensure optimal results and project completion in line with the expected standard, we will need extension time.

The delay in construction completion is also leading to various community-capacity building activities as well as the production of knowledge product that were initially planned. Activities that were planned to be carried out in the public space will have to be rescheduled until the construction is finished. Consequently, efforts to carry out community capacity building in using the climate resilient public space along with the dissemination of lesson learned and best practices through knowledge product are also facing delay.

Implementing Entity certification

Based on the above circumstances, the project needs to be extended with no further cost until 21 May, 2025. 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.



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