



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board

**REQUEST FOR NO COST EXTENSION OF PROJECT  
COMPLETION DATE: MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND  
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (JORDAN)**

## Background

1. At its 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) approved a four-year project titled “*Increasing the resilience of poor and vulnerable communities to climate change*” implemented in Jordan and submitted by the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC) for a total amount of US\$ 9,226,000, through decision B. 25/12
2. The overall objective of the project is to adapt the agricultural sector in Jordan to climate change induced water shortages and stresses on food security through piloting innovative technology transfer, policy support linked to community livelihoods and resilience. This will be achieved through the following components: (i) Climate Change Adaptation of Agricultural and Water Sector Through Technology Transfer (the Use of Non-Conventional Water Resources (Reuse of Wastewater, Rainwater Harvesting & Permaculture); and (ii) Capacity Building at Both the National and Local/ Community Levels Respectively, Knowledge Dissemination, Policy and Legislation Mainstreaming.
3. As mandated by the decision, an agreement was prepared and signed between the Board and MOPIC in May 2015 and the project started implementation on 13 July 2016.
4. The project implementing entity submitted seven project performance reports (PPR), which have been cleared by the secretariat, and as of 16 July 2025, a total amount of US\$ 9,226,000 including the project fees, has been disbursed by the trustee, which corresponds to 100% of the approved grant.
5. On 17 March 2020, MOPIC submitted a first request for a regular eighteen-month no-cost extension of the project completion date, from 13 July 2020 to 13 January 2022, which was approved by the Board (Decision B.35.a-35.b/1). In June 2021, MOPIC submitted a second request for a twelve-month no-cost extension due to the COVID-19 pandemic, extending the completion date from 13 January 2022 to 13 January 2023. This was approved by the secretariat in line with Board Decision B.35b/16 (Ref: 2021/074). In January 2023, MOPIC submitted a third request for a further twelve-month no-cost extension, also citing COVID-19-related delays, extending the project to 13 January 2024. This was again approved by the secretariat in line with Board Decision B.35b/16 (Ref: 2023/011).
6. On 20 September 2023, MOPIC submitted a fourth request for a regular twelve-month no-cost extension from 13 January 2024 to 13 January 2025, which was approved by the Board (Decision B.41/23). On 10 October 2024, MOPIC submitted a fifth request for a regular six-month no-cost extension from 13 January 2025 to 17 July 2025. This was approved by the secretariat in accordance with Board Decision B.35b/16 (Ref: B.43-44/9). The project experienced a significant initial delay, primarily due to late completion of preparatory activities, including challenges related to procurement processes and the establishment of the Project Implementation Unit. Throughout the implementation period, the project has faced a range of additional difficulties, such as the delayed procurement of goods and services, the need to revise site-specific interventions, and the significant impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
7. Further delays were caused by several factors, including the time required to draft terms of reference, finalize the environmental impact assessment, and carry out additional consultations with beneficiary communities for certain community-based adaptation activities. These consultations, while essential for ensuring local ownership and alignment with community needs, contributed to the extended timelines for implementation.

8. Finally, on 16 July 2025, MOPIC submitted a sixth request for a regular six-month no-cost extension of project completion date from 17 July 2025 to 17 January 2026 (see Annex 1). The reason for raising this final request is related to delays in land acquisition procedures and unexpected delays in implementing some activities, including some pertaining to the maintenance of a heritage mill in the Wadi Musa area.

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

9. Following a thorough review of the request and in light of the justification provided by MOPIC, the secretariat is of the view that this final six-month no-cost extension is warranted. As outlined in the documentation submitted by MOPIC (Annex 1), the extension is expected to provide sufficient time to complete the remaining activities and to finalize the development and submission of all outstanding project reporting requirements. Additionally, the secretariat notes that the Designated Authority has formally endorsed this extension request (Annex 2).

#### **Recommendation**

10. The Board may consider and decide to approve the request for a six-month no-cost extension of the project completion date from 17 July 2025 to 17 January 2026, for the project "Increasing the resilience of poor and vulnerable communities to climate change" as requested by MOPIC.

#### **Annexes**

1. Request for an extension of the project completion date from MOPIC.
2. Letter of endorsement from the Designated Authority.

## Annex 1: Request for a no-cost extension of the project completion date from MOPIC

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

<b>Implementing Entity Name:</b> Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC)			
<b>AF Project/programme ID:</b> JOR/NIE/Multi/2012/1			
<b>Project/programme Title:</b> "Increasing the Resilience of Poor and Vulnerable Communities to Climate Change Impacts in Jordan through Implementing Innovative Projects in Water and Agriculture in Support			
<b>Country:</b> Jordan			
<b>Project/Programme Approval (date)</b>		10 April 2015	
<b>Expected Project/programme Completion (date)</b>		<b>Proposed Revised Completion (date):</b>	17 January 2026

In light of the ongoing and prolonged challenges imposed by the surrounding circumstances due to unforeseen delays affecting the implementation of some projects under the program, which have significantly affected the progress of some project/programme activities, including delays and price increases due to disruptions in the global supply chain and significant increases in the prices of goods and services. The Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation remains fully committed to continuing its work to implement the remaining activities of the Climate Change Adaptation Programme/ Project in a safe, accurate, and reasonable manner under the current circumstances. Therefore, we have encountered numerous delays in completing activities because of these force majeure circumstances, due to significant delays in the delivery dates of activities, or delays in the referral of some of them. Program performance tracking table A and B show that the remaining Budget for all activities is around (448,689) USD. This amount of budget related to rehabilitation activity of the agricultural research station in the Tal al-Mantah/Deir Alla area, with a total value of (282) thousand US dollars, which needs an additional six months to implement the rehabilitation project of the agricultural research station in the Tal al-Mantah area/Deir Alla. This is due to delay Land acquisition procedures with an area of (30) dunums from the Water Authority after agreement between NCAR and Water Authority to establish the project on it. The purpose of this project (using reclaimed water, coming out of the Tal al-Mantah purification station), in order to achieve the objectives and outputs of the program document, noting that the technical specifications have been prepared and are ready for tender and implementation, and this requires a period of 6 months (including 45 days for appointment one of the contractors to implement the project) and the rest of the period for implementing the project on the ground and purchasing the necessary equipment with specifying the specifications for the supply bids. Regarding the remaining private bids for Project (1.6) Building Resilient Food Security Systems and Sustainable Agricultural Technologies, with a total value of (76490) US dollars, implemented by the National Center for Agricultural Research, a period of six months is required to tender the remaining activities and disburse financial dues to contractors. Regarding the disbursement of the financial claim for Tender No. (11); the final claim for Tender No. EPP-CCP-11/2018, amounting to \$43,919.05, implemented by the Jordan Valley Authority, related to the construction of a "hafira" in Wadi Khanzira in the Ghor Al-Safi area/Jordan Valley, it will done during the six months as the matter is pending before the court. Similarly, completing the maintenance activity of a heritage mill in the Wadi Musa area, from the Petra Development Region Authority's allocations, amounting to \$6,594.36, requires four months to complete the activity, in order to secure some of the necessary spare parts.

#### Implementing Entity certification

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.

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Annex A: Performance tracking table for the program.

Code	Project	PROJECTED COST \$	Estimated Completion Date
1.1.1	Reuse of Treated Wastewater for on-farm Agricultural Adaptation as a Tool for Integrated Water Resources Management at Wadi Mousa.	PDTRA	6,594
1.5	Community Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change Through Water Harvesting Technologies in Poverty Pockets	JVA	43,919
1.6	Climate Change Adaptation, Building Resilient Food Security Systems through Extending Permaculture Design and Technologies in The Jordan Valley and Beyond.	NARC	282,008
	MOPIC/PMU	PMU	116,168
<b>Total</b>	<b>Balance at 16/7/2025</b>		<b>448,689</b>

Annex B: Performance tracking table for the program.

Code	Project	Entity	New Budget	New adm.cost	New Budget with 8.5%	Actual Expenditure	Remaining Amount
1.1.1	Reuse of Treated Wastewater for on-	PDTRA	1,200,388	79,334	1,279,722	1,273,128	6,594

1.1.2	farm Agricultural Adaptation as a Tool for Integrated Water Resources Management at Wadi Mousa	Hashemite Fund	561,951	0	561,951	561,951	0
1.2	The Northern Jordan Valley Wastewater Reuse Project	JVA	681,440	57,922	739,362	739,362	0
1.3	Tal El Mantah Wastewater Treatment Plant Wastewater Reuse Project	WAJ	892,781	19,076	911,857	911,857	0
1.4	Wastewater Reuse at North Shouneh WWTP	JVA	287,167	38,492	325,660	325,660	0
1.5	Community Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change Through Water Harvesting Technologies in Poverty Pockets	JVA	1,036,706	29,184	1,065,890	1,021,971	43,919
1.6	Climate Change Adaptation, Building Resilient Food Security Systems through Extending Permaculture Design and Technologies in The Jordan Valley and Beyond.	Ncare	1,282,088	85,000	1,367,088	1,008,617	282,008
2.1	Strengthening the Capacities of Poor & Remote Communities to Better Adapt to Climate Change Adverse Impacts (At the Four Geographical Zones of the Jordan Valley and Wadi Mousa).	MoEN/RSS	200,000	0	200,000	200,000	0
2.2	Using ICT as an enabling tool for more effective climate change adaptation and development programmes	MoEN/RSS	550,000	0	550,000	550,000	0
2.3	Jordan Valley Water Sustainability and Agribusiness Competitiveness	Ncare	1,104,250	31,341	1,135,591	1,135,591	0
	MOPIC/PMU	PMU	1,118,380	0	1,118,380	1,078,594	116,168
Total	At 16/7/2025		8,915,151	340,350	9,255,500	8,806,729	448,689

Annex 2: Letter of endorsement from the Designated Authority



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**-Urgent-**

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**Subject: Designated Authority Letter of Endorsement  
for  
Project No-Cost Extension Request**

**Dear Mr. Ollikainen,**

In my capacity as the Designated Authority for the Adaptation Fund in Jordan, I confirm that the project titled *“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”* aligns with the Government of Jordan’s national priorities for implementing adaptation activities aimed at reducing the adverse impacts and risks posed by climate change.

As you may be aware, this project was initially scheduled for completion by 17 July 2025. However, due to a delay in completing one remaining activity related to land acquisition procedures, as well as the need to finalize the reporting requirements, the independent final evaluation, and the project audit statement, we kindly request your approval for a no-cost extension of the project completion date to 17 January 2026.

This request is submitted in endorsement of the official letter from the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation (Ref. No. 12/3/3/6194, dated 15 July 2025).

We look forward to hearing back your positive response. Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

**Dr. Muawieh Khalid Radaideh**

  
**Minister of Environment**

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