



ADAPTATION FUND

Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

Approval of request for no-cost extension of project completion date: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (Bangladesh)

Type of request: Minor

Summary of request

On 9 December 2024, UNDP submitted a request for an 18-month no-cost extension of the project completion date for the project “Adaptation Initiative for Climate Vulnerable Offshore Small Islands and Riverine Charland in Bangladesh”. The reasons for the extension request, as outlined in the memo shared by UNDP, are due to the following reasons: i) Delay in the project inception, which did not take place until 29 June 2021, as the government had not yet approved the project; ii) The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) of the Government of Bangladesh approved the project on 17 January 2023, including a condition to extend activities until 31 December 2027; iii) The parallel Technical Assistance Project Proposal (TAPP) approval process by the National Executing Agency was finalized on 25 April 2023, after which the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) appointed the National Project Director and Deputy Project Director on 7 June 2023; iv) The signing of Letters of Agreement (LoAs) with Responsible Parties took significant time, requiring approval from heads of government agencies after an extensive consultation process; vi) Finally, in March 2024, the Steering Committee decided to align the project completion date with the TAPP approval.

Although progress was made in establishing key partnerships and agreements with several entities, these initial delays resulted in low delivery of activities and disruptions to the project milestones.

Secretariat’s review of the request

The Secretariat has reviewed the request and the reasons provided by UNDP and considers the request for an 18-month project no-cost extension to be justified. It also acknowledges that the Designated Authority has been duly notified, in line with the Policy for Project/Programme Delays (Amended, 2025).

Conclusion

Following the review of the request for an 18 month no-cost extension of the project completion date from 29 June 2026 to 29 December 2027 submitted by UNDP regarding the project “Adaptation Initiative for Climate Vulnerable Offshore Small Islands and Riverine Charland in Bangladesh,” the request has been cleared by the Secretariat per Decision B.44/44 and the Policy for Project/Programme delays.

Clearance: AFBSEC-2025-05