



ADAPTATION FUND

Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

Approval of request for no-cost extension of project completion date: United Nations Human Settlements Programme (Syria)

Type of request: Minor

Summary of request

On 5 April 2025, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) submitted its first request for a 5-month no-cost extension of the project, “Increasing the Climate Change Resilience of Communities in Eastern Ghouta in Rural Damascus to Water Scarcity Challenges through Integrated Natural Resource Management and Immediate Adaptation Interventions” implemented in Syria. The request stems from cumulative delays due to several factors such as: i) Land use-related delays given that construction of the water treatment plans was only able to start after crops were harvested; ii) Contract commencement delays; iii) Winter work conditions which delayed the start of the civil works; and iv) Security-related works suspension due to the situation in the country in late 2024/early 2025.

Secretariat’s review of the request

The Secretariat has reviewed the request and the reasons provided by UN-Habitat and considers the request for a 5-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 a 5-month no cost extension of the project completion date from 23 April 2025 to 30 September 2025 submitted by UN-Habitat, regarding the project “Increasing the Climate Change Resilience of Communities in Eastern Ghouta in Rural Damascus to Water Scarcity Challenges through Integrated Natural Resource Management and Immediate Adaptation Interventions” implemented in Syria, this has been cleared by the Secretariat as per Decision B.44/44 and the Policy for Project/Programme Delays (Amended, 2025).

Clearance: AFBSEC-2025-08