



ADAPTATION FUND

Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

Approval of Request for No-Cost Extension of Project Completion Date: United Nations World Food Programme (Malawi)

Type of request: Minor

Summary of request

On 10 March 2025, WFP submitted its first request for a four-month no-cost extension of the project completion date for the project “Adapting to Climate Change Through Integrated Risk Management Strategies and Enhanced Market Opportunities for Resilient Food Security and Livelihoods” implemented in Malawi. The request stems from cumulative delays due to:

- COVID-19 pandemic restrictions during project inception and early implementation.
- Natural disasters including Cyclones Ana, Gombe, and Freddy.
- El Niño-related dry spells affecting agricultural activities.
- Outstanding activities which require additional time to be finalized, including final audit and evaluation procurement, insurance season closure, and government reconciliation and handover.

Secretariat’s review of the request

The Secretariat has reviewed the request and the reasons provided by WFP and considers the request for a four-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 four-month no-cost extension of the project completion date from 15 June 2025 to 15 October 2025 submitted by WFP regarding the project titled “Adapting to Climate Change Through Integrated Risk Management Strategies and Enhanced Market Opportunities for Resilient Food Security and Livelihoods” in Malawi, the request has been cleared by the Secretariat as per Decision B.44/44 and the Policy for Project/Programme Delays (Amended, 2025).

Clearance: AFBSEC-2025-13