



ADAPTATION FUND

Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

Approval of Request for No-Cost Extension of Project Completion Date: World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (Chile, Colombia, Peru)

Type of request: Minor

Summary of request

On July 29, 2024, the Adaptation Fund Board approved the first request submitted by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) for a twelve-month no-cost extension of the project “Enhancing adaptive capacity of Andean communities through climate services” implemented in Chile, Colombia, and Peru. This decision extended the project completion date from 1 February 2025 to 1 February 2026 (Decision B.42-43/15).

On 16 September 2025, WMO submitted a second request for an additional six-month no-cost extension to continue pending activities and ensure the achievement of the project’s objectives. WMO is requesting a second six-month no-cost extension due to external factors:

- COVID-19-related delays: Chile’s Meteorological Directorate resumed full operations only in late 2022, limiting its ability to execute its budget.
- Institutional turnover: Frequent leadership changes in Peru and Colombia slowed decision-making and affected implementation pace.

These issues led to a lower overall execution rate. WMO still has resources to support regional activities and aims to maintain momentum from ENANDES+, a regional expansion involving six countries.

The additional six months, extending the project until 1 August 2026, will be used to:

- Finalize socio-economic benefit studies and document lessons learned.
- Organize a final closure event to disseminate project outcomes.
- Conduct the final evaluation and sustainability assessment in coordination with ENANDES+.

No additional funding is requested, and the project framework remains unchanged.

Secretariat’s review of the request

The Secretariat has reviewed the request and the reasons provided by WMO and considers the request for a six-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 six-month no-cost extension of the project completion date from 01 February 2026 to 01 August 2026 submitted by WMO regarding the project titled “Enhancing adaptive capacity of Andean communities through climate services” in Chile, Colombia, and Peru, this has been cleared by the Secretariat as per Decision B.44/44 and the Policy for Project/Programme Delays.

Clearance: AFBSEC-2025-14