



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board

**REQUEST FOR A NO-COST EXTENSION OF THE PROJECT
COMPLETION DATE:
PLANNING INSTITUTE OF JAMAICA
(JAMAICA)**

Background

1. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) during its eighteenth meeting, approved a three-and-a-half-year project titled “Enhancing the Resilience of the Agricultural Sector and Coastal Areas to Protect Livelihoods and Improve Food Security” in Jamaica, by Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) for a requested amount of US\$ 9,965,000.00 (Decision B.18/9).
2. The programme objective is to protect livelihoods and food security in vulnerable communities by improving land and water management for the agricultural sector, strengthening coastal protection and building institutional and local capacity for climate change adaptation. To that end, the proposal presents three components: Component 1: Increasing climate resilience of the Negril coastline; Component 2: Enhancing climate resilience of the agricultural sector by improving water and land management in select communities; Component 3: Improving institutional and local level capacity for sustainable management of natural resources and in disaster risk reduction in the targeted vulnerable areas; and raising awareness for behavior modification.
3. As mandated by the decision, an agreement was prepared and signed between the Board and PIOJ on 14 July 2011 and the project started implementation on 2 November 2012.
4. The project’s Implementing Entity has submitted eleven Project Performance Reports (PPRs), all of them cleared by the secretariat. As of the date of the issuance of this document, an amount of US\$ 9,965,000.00 including the project fees, has been disbursed by the trustee, which corresponds to 100 per cent of the approved grant.
5. The project has previously received six extensions approved by the Board. The official expected completion date of the programme was March 2016. As outlined in the Adaptation Fund project delay policy, a request for an extension of programme completion date must be submitted by the implementing entity at least six months prior to the official completion date. PIOJ submitted the first request through the Secretariat in January 2016, hence in compliance with the policy, for an extension of the completion date until September 2017.
6. In 2018, the Board approved a major project restructuring, which involved revising the project outcome, outputs, and related indicators. This adjustment was necessary due to the prolonged suspension of Component 1, following opposition from certain members of the Negril community, which had caused significant implementation delays.
7. Over the course of implementation, the project has received six extensions:
 - Decision B.29-30/11 extended the completion date from September 2017 to 31 March 2019 (18 months).
 - Decision B.32-33/10 extended it further to 30 September 2020 (18 months).
 - Decision B.35.a-35.b/31 granted a no-cost extension until 30 September 2021 (12 months).
 - Decision B.40-41/9 extended the date to 31 March 2024 (18 months).
 - Decision B.41-42/13 extended the completion date to 30 June 2025 (15 months).
 - Finally, decision B.44-45/22 extended the project completion date to 31 December 2025 (6 months).

8. In total, the project's completion date has received an overall extension of more than eight extra years of implementation.

9. PIOJ is requesting a final exceptional no-cost extension of the project completion date, from 31 December 2025 to 31 March 2026 (an additional 3 months).

10. According to the NIE, the request is primarily driven by the severe impact of Hurricane Melissa, which struck Jamaica between October 29 and 30, 2025. The hurricane caused extensive disruptions across several parishes, limiting physical access to key project sites and interrupting critical services such as electricity, water, and Internet connectivity. These extraordinary circumstances significantly hindered field operations, delayed stakeholder consultations, and slowed implementation activities during a crucial period, preventing the project from finalizing as planned.

11. In addition to the hurricane's impacts, some remaining programme components were already experiencing delays prior to the event. Two coastal sub-projects in the parish of St. Mary have not progressed at the same pace as the twelve already completed, requiring additional time to finalize the necessary works. Forestry-related activities overseen by the Forestry Department—particularly reforestation and the provision of livelihood inputs to small farmers—also remain incomplete and need further implementation time. Together, these pending activities cannot be concluded adequately before the existing project deadline.

12. Considering these combined challenges, the Implementing Entity requests a no-cost extension from 31 December 2025 to 31 March 2026. This additional period is essential to complete the remaining works, finalize consultations and monitoring requirements, and ensure thorough and orderly closure of the programme.

Secretariat's review of the request

13. Following a review of the request by the secretariat and considering the explanation provided PIOJ, the secretariat is of the view that this three-month no-cost extension request is justified. As evidenced by the memo provided by PIOJ (Annex 1), it is noted that this request would allow sufficient time for the project to compensate for accumulated delays faced in the project implementation; and ensure the fulfillment of the project outcomes.

14. Finally, the secretariat acknowledges that this no-cost project extension request has been agreed with the Executing Entity, and the Designated Authority has been notified, in accordance with the Adaptation Fund Policy for Project/Programme Delays, as specified in Annex 1.

Recommendation

15. The Board may consider and decide to approve the request for a three-month no-cost extension of the project completion date from 31 December 2025 to 31 March 2026, for the project "Enhancing the Resilience of the Agricultural Sector and Coastal Areas to Protect Livelihoods and Improve Food Security" in Jamaica, as requested by PIOJ.

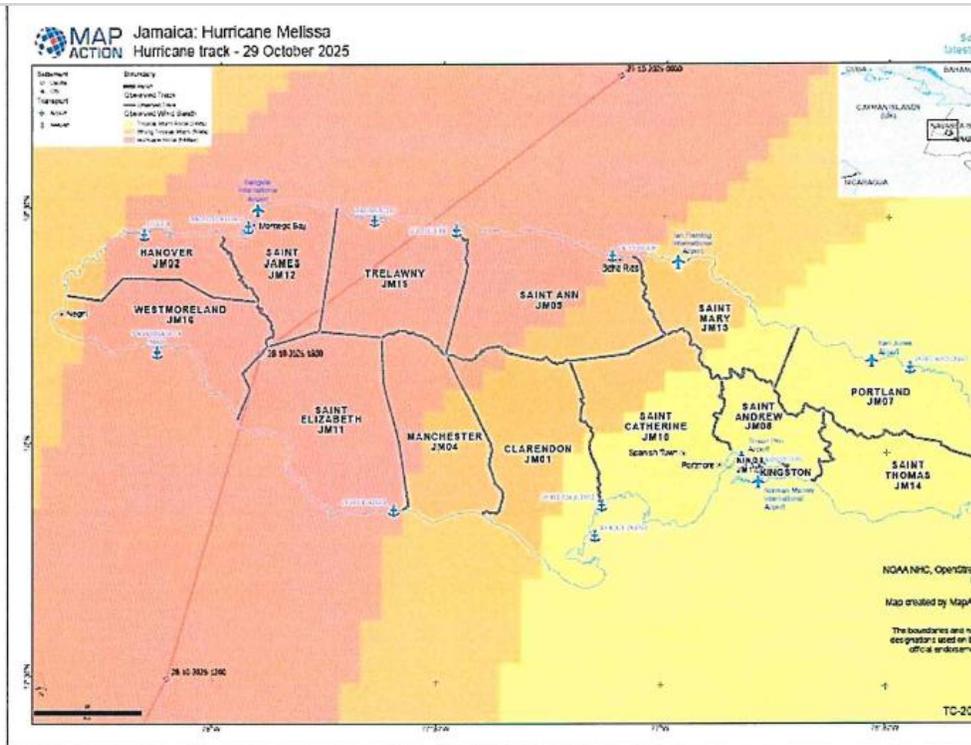
Annex 1: Request for an extension of the programme completion date

Request for extension of project/programme completion date

AF Project/programme ID:JAM/NIE/Multi/2011/1			
Project/programme Title:			
Enhancing the Resilience of the Agricultural Sector and Coastal Areas to Protect Livelihoods and Enhance Food Security			
Country: Jamaica, W. I.			
Project/Programme Approval (date)	July 2012		
Expected Project/programme Completion (date)	December 31, 2025	Proposed Revised Completion (date):	March 31, 2026

Reasons/justifications for the extension of project/programme completion:

<p>The Adaptation Fund Board, by its decision B. 44-45/22, approved an extension to Jamaica's revised Programme "Enhancing the Resilience of the Agricultural Sector and Coastal Areas to Protect Livelihoods and Enhance Food Security"(referred to as the Government of Jamaica/Adaptation Fund Programme (GOJ/AFP). This extension will expire on December 31, 2025.</p> <p>The majority of the programme activities have been completed to date. The remaining activities currently underway relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (a) Coastal works in the parish of St. Mary, where 2 sub-projects are ongoing. It is to be noted that 2 sub-projects had already been completed in St. Mary – one since the start of the year, bringing to 5 the number of coastal infrastructure sub-projects completed under Component 1 the GOJ/AFP to date; - (b) Extension/increase of reforestation in denuded areas by the Forestry Department - (c) Provision of inputs to small farmers towards livelihoods protection; and - (d) Development of a National Disaster Recovery Plan to support the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management. <p>Activities were generally progressing well up to late October 2025, when Hurricane Melissa struck causing widespread devastation across the island. Preliminary estimates of damage reached over US\$8.8 billion, equivalent to approximately 41% of Jamaica's 2024 GDP (GFDRR 2025), making this Jamaica's costliest and most destructive hurricane on record. While the most severe/greatest impacts were experienced in western parishes, the damage, loss and dislocation as well as the secondary impacts have extended to most parts of the island including areas in which the project is operating (see Figure 1 below).</p> <p>With respect to the GOJ/AFP, delays were occasioned by the need to prepare for (demobilization/removal of equipment, discontinuation of works due to changes in the marine environment; relocation to ensure safety of staff etc.) and eventual passage of hurricane Melissa. Resulting from these related disruptions, the respective contractors and consultants have, understandably, requested additional time (ranging between 6 and 10 weeks beyond the December 31 project closing date) to facilitate their recovery efforts and completion of outstanding deliverables.</p> <p>Considering the significant impact of the Category 5 hurricane on the operations of our partners and stakeholders, it is therefore not realistic for us to complete remaining activities by the December 31, 2025 timeline. For example, efforts to restart the shoreline protection works a week after the passage of the storm were stymied by the need to clear roads and debris in the project vicinity, high levels of turbidity and wave actions, coupled with the necessity to re-excavate and reset previously prepared project areas.</p>



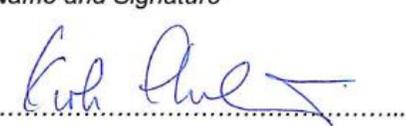
Similarly, stakeholder consultations have been delayed due to the inaccessibility of some areas and the effect of the loss of critical amenities such as water, internet and electricity on key groups.

In light of the foregoing extraordinary and exceptional circumstances, the NIE hereby submits a request for a no-cost extension to March 31, 2026. It is our hope that favourable consideration will be given to this absolutely last request for an extension from January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026 to facilitate the finalization of the remaining activities of the GOJ/AFP.

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. YES

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