



ADAPTATION FUND

Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

Approval of request for postponement of project inception date: International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (Pakistan)

Weight of request: Minor

Summary of request

On 9 December 2025, the International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) submitted the second notification of delay of project inception for the project “Sustainable Actions for Ecosystems Restoration in Pakistan (SAFER Pakistan)” implemented in Pakistan. According to the memo provided by ICIMOD, the delay is due to a structural legal and policy misalignment between the Adaptation Fund’s compliance framework and the Executing Entities regulatory frameworks, which prevents the Implementing Entity to sign Letters of Agreements with the Executing Entities. The first postponement of project inception from 28 September 2025 to 29 December 2025, was due to an extraordinary flood emergency in the country (AFBSEC-2025-17).

Secretariat’s review of the request

The Secretariat has reviewed the request and the reasons provided by ICIMOD and considers the request for a postponement of the project inception date to be justified. It also acknowledges that the DA has been duly notified, in line with the Policy for Project/Programme Delays (Amended, 2025).

Conclusion

Following the review of the request for a postponement of the project inception date from 29 December 2025 to 30 June 2026 submitted by ICIMOD for the project “Sustainable Actions for Ecosystems Restoration in Pakistan (SAFER Pakistan)” implemented in Pakistan, the request has been cleared by the Secretariat as per Decision B.44/44 and the Policy for Project/Programme delays.

Clearance: AFBSEC-2025-19