



## ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

***Approval of request for postponement of project inception date: International Fund for Agricultural Development (Mongolia)***

***Weight of request:*** Minor

***Summary of request***

On 13 February 2026, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) submitted its first notification of delay regarding the inception of the project “*Sustainable Pasture Management and Adaptation with Resilient Technologies for Herders in Mongolia (SMART-Herders)*”.

According to IFAD’s memo, the delay is primarily due to government changes within the Office of the President (OP) of Mongolia, which serves as the project’s executing entity. As a result, there have also been delays in establishing the Project Management Unit (PMU) under the OP to oversee project operations.

IFAD will continue supporting its government counterparts in recruiting PMU staff and facilitating a smooth start-up. IFAD and the Executing Entity will be ready to launch the project once the PMU team is in place, with the aim of organizing an inception workshop in Q2 2026.

***Secretariat’s review of the request***

The Secretariat has reviewed the request and the reasons provided by IFAD 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 10 March 2026 to 30 September 2026 submitted by IFAD for the project “Sustainable Pasture Management and Adaptation with Resilient Technologies for Herders in Mongolia (SMART-Herders)”, this has been cleared by the Secretariat as per Decision B.44/44 and the Policy for Project/Programme delays.*

**Clearance: AFBSEC-2026-05**