



ADAPTATION FUND

Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

Approval of Request for Budget Re-Allocation (Non-Material Changes to Budget at Output Level): Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)

Type of request: Minor

Summary of request

On 29 January 2026, the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) submitted a request for non-material budget reallocation at output level for the regional project “Strengthening Drought Resilience for Smallholder Farmers and Pastoralists in the IGAD Region (Djibouti, Kenya, Sudan, and Uganda)”. The request arises from implementation-driven needs identified by the Executing Entities and reflects adjustments needed to realign resources with evolving contextual and technical priorities, as detailed in the letter provided by OSS.

The key changes are as follows:

- Djibouti, reallocating a cumulative USD 98,702 (4.10%) to strengthen early warning systems, improve drought preparedness, and realign budgets for water and soil conservation activities.
- Sudan, reallocating USD 151,559 (5.87%) to reinforce urgent priorities related to water access and soil conservation amid acute food insecurity and conflict-related disruptions.
- Uganda, reallocating USD 122,225 (4.97%) to consolidate resources toward water infrastructure and livelihood-enhancing Income Generating Activities (IGAs)
- Global Water Partnership regional coordination, reallocating USD 35,351 (1.67%) to strengthen regional technical backstopping and coordination.

Secretariat’s review of the request

The Secretariat has reviewed the justification and confirms that the cumulative reallocation per country - Djibouti (4.10%), Sudan (5.87%), Uganda (4.97%), and the regional executing entity (1.67%) remains below the 20% threshold defined for non-material changes. The project framework, objectives, and outputs remain unchanged, and the Designated Authorities have been duly notified.

Conclusion

Following the review of the request for non-material changes to the budget at output level submitted by OSS regarding the project titled “Strengthening Drought Resilience for Smallholder Farmers and Pastoralists in the IGAD Region (Djibouti, Kenya, Sudan, and Uganda)”, the request has been cleared by the Secretariat as per Decision B.44/44 and the Policy on Project Post-Approval Requests for Changes in Projects/Programmes.

Clearance: AFBSEC-2026-04