



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board
Project and Programme Review Committee
Thirty seventh Meeting
Bonn, Germany, 7-8 April 2026

Agenda Item 6 (h)

PROJECT FORMULATION GRANT FOR JORDAN, LEBANON

I. Background

1. The Board at its eleventh meeting discussed the document "Funding for Project Formulation Costs" (AFB/11/6) and agreed, in its Decision B.11/18, that:

- i. project formulation grants (PFG) should be given once a project concept has been approved
- ii. consideration should be given in terms of differentiating between NIEs and MIEs, since some NIEs might have financial difficulties in trying to formulate project or programme proposals;
- iii. a flat rate should be given for project formulation costs;
- iv. a list of eligible activities and items still needed to be prepared; v. the grant should be additional to the project cost; and
- v. the fate of funds if the final project document was rejected should be determined.

2. There was consensus that a three-tiered system should be considered for project formulation grants: endorse a project concept with a PFG amount, endorse a project concept without a PFG amount, or reject the project concept.

3. Following the discussion, the Board decided:

To request the secretariat to reformulate the document, to include a comparison of eligible activities provided by other funds for project formulation grants, to take into account guidance provided by the Board at the present meeting, and to submit the document to the Board at its twelfth meeting, through the EFC. The EFC should review and finalize the process and policy of the project formulation grant focusing, in particular, on: the issue of unspent project funds; the procedures followed by other funds in that regard; and the determination of a flat-rate.

4. A document was prepared by the secretariat in response to the above mandate and presented at the third EFC meeting, which made specific recommendations to the Board at its twelfth meeting. Having considered the recommendation of the Ethics and Finance Committee, the Board, in its Decision B.12/28, decided that:

(a) Project Formulation Grants (PFGs) will only be made available for projects submitted through NIEs. The Board would continue reviewing the question of PFGs for projects submitted through MIEs and would solicit comments from members and alternate members by February 14, 2011; the views would be compiled by the secretariat for presentation to the Board at its March 2011 meeting;

(b) If a country required a project formulation grant, a request should be made at the same time as the submission of a project concept to the secretariat. The secretariat will review and forward it to the PPRC for a final recommendation to the Board. A PFG could only be awarded when a project concept was presented and endorsed;

(c) A PFG form, reproduced in Annex V, should be submitted;

- (d) Only activities related to country costs would be eligible for PFG funding;*
- (e) A flat rate of up to US\$30,000 shall be provided, inclusive of the management fee, which cannot exceed 8.5 per cent of the grant amount. The flat fee would be reviewed by the Board at its thirteenth and all subsequent meetings;*
- (f) If the final project document is rejected, any unused funds shall be returned to the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund;*
- (g) Once a project/programme formulation grant is disbursed, a fully developed project document should come to the Board for approval within 12 months. No additional grants for project preparation can be received by a country until the fully developed project/programme document has been submitted to the Board; and*
- (h) The Trustee was instructed to remove the set-aside of US\$100,000 for project preparation that had been decided at the June 2010 meeting, as project preparation would be approved on a project-by-project basis.*

5. In its twenty-fourth meeting, the Board had initiated steps to launch a pilot programme on regional projects and programmes, not to exceed US\$ 30 million and had requested the secretariat to prepare for the consideration of the Board a proposal for such a pilot programme (Decision B.24/30). In its twenty-fifth meeting, the secretariat submitted such document and the Board decided to:

- (a) Approve the pilot programme on regional projects and programmes, as contained in document AFB/B.25/6/Rev.2;*
- (b) Set a cap of US\$ 30 million for the programme;*
- (c) Request the secretariat to issue a call for regional project and programme proposals for consideration by the Board in its twenty-sixth meeting; and*
- (d) Request the secretariat to continue discussions with the Climate Technology Center and Network (CTCN) towards operationalizing, during the implementation of the pilot programme on regional projects and programmes, the Synergy Option 2 on knowledge management proposed by CTCN and included in Annex III of the document AFB/B.25/6/Rev.2.*

(Decision B.25/28)

6. The approved document AFB/B.25/6/Rev.2 contained provisions for the approval of project formulated grants for regional project and programme proposals, at different development stages, as follows:

“It is proposed that the Board open a structured call for MIEs and RIEs to submit pre-concepts for regional projects and programmes. The optional pre-concepts would be very brief proposals of maximum 5 pages that would explain the proposed regional adaptation project/programme. The pre-concepts would be screened and technically reviewed by the

secretariat, and subsequently reviewed by the PPRC. Together with the pre-concept, the proponent could submit a Phase I PFG request, up to the maximum level of US\$ 20,000. While endorsing the pre-concept, the Board could also approve the Phase I PFG request. The endorsement of the pre-concept would not create an obligation for the Board for later funding. As the next step, the proponent would submit a concept, and with it the proponent could submit a Phase II PFG request. The maximum AFB/PPRC.18/25/Add.1 level of the Phase II PFG would be US\$ 80,000 for proposals that had been previously granted Phase I PFG, and US\$ 100,000 for proposals that bypassed the optional pre-concept stage. While endorsing the concept, the Board could also approve the Phase II PFG request. The endorsement of the concept would not create an obligation for the Board for later funding, as it is the case for the national projects. The final stage of the proposal process would be the submission of the fully-developed regional project document”.

II. The Project Formulation Grant Request

7. This addendum to the document AFB/PPRC.37/30 “Proposal for Jordan, Lebanon” includes a request for a Project Formulation Grant, requesting a budget of US\$ 30,000, which was received by the secretariat along with the concept for the regional programme AF00000503 “Transboundary Adaptation for Watershed Sustainability and Livelihoods (TAWASUL)”. This proposal was submitted by United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat), which is a Multilateral Implementing Entity of the Adaptation Fund, in time for consideration by the Adaptation Fund Board at its forty-sixth Board meeting.

8. In accordance with Decision B.12/28, paragraph (b), the secretariat carried out an initial review of the PFG request and found that the document provided detailed information on the use of the requested funds. The proposed activities were aligned with the goal of the project and would support: Inception, Scoping, and Stakeholder/initiatives mapping; Baseline Review and Problem Definition and concept note development.

9. Therefore, the PPRC may want to consider and recommend to the Board to approve the PFG Request, provided that the related pre-concept proposal is endorsed.



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ADAPTATION FUND BOARD SECRETARIAT TECHNICAL REVIEW OF PROJECT/PROGRAMME PROPOSAL

PROJECT/PROGRAMME CATEGORY: Pre-Concept for a Regional Project

Countries/Region: Jordan, Lebanon
Project Title: Transboundary Adaptation for Watershed Sustainability and Livelihoods"– A Regional Initiative in Lebanon and Jordan (Project acronym: TAWASUL)
Thematic focal area: Transboundary water management
Implementing Entity: UN-Habitat
Executing Entities: National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS-L), Saida Zahrani Union of Municipalities, Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon (SPNL), Royal Scientific Society (RSS), the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature Jordan, Wadi NGO
AF Project ID: AF00000503
IE Project ID: **Requested Financing from Adaptation Fund (US Dollars):** 16,438,888
Reviewer and contact person: Estefanía Jiménez **Co-reviewer(s):**
IE Contact Person(s):

<p>Technical Summary</p>	<p>The project "Transboundary Adaptation for Watershed Sustainability and Livelihoods (TAWASUL): A regional initiative that promotes gender-responsive governance, sustainable financing schemes for local authorities, and Nature-Based solutions in Lebanon and Jordan" aims to strengthen urban climate resilience and adaptive capacity in the Awwali River Watershed (Lebanon) and Wadi Al-Karak (Jordan) by advancing ecosystem restoration, post-crisis recovery, gender-responsive governance, and sustainable financing. This will be done through the three components below:</p> <p><u>Component 1:</u> Multi-Layered Vulnerability Assessments, Restoration Frameworks and Financing Models (USD 2,300,000).</p> <p><u>Component 2:</u> Implementation of Adaption and Restoration Interventions with a focus on Nature-Based Solutions and Post-Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery (USD 9,650,000)</p> <p><u>Component 3:</u> Regional Cooperation and Knowledge Exchange (USD 1,500,000)</p> <p><u>Requested financing overview:</u> Project/Programme Execution Cost: USD 1,494,444</p>
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	<p>Total Project/Programme Cost: USD 14,944,444 Implementing Fee: USD 1,494,444 Financing Requested: USD 16,438,888</p> <p>The proposal includes a request for a project formulation grant of USD 30,000.</p> <p>The initial technical review raises several issues, such as coherence between the background and context and the objectives, elaboration of the project components and Expected Outcomes and outputs, sustainability, and Total Project/Program costs, among others, as is discussed in the number of Clarification Requests (CRs) and Corrective Action Request (CAR) raised in the review.</p> <p>The second technical review found that most of the issues raised have been addressed with the exception of the CRs related to cost effectiveness and complementarity and duplication of other projects, as discussed in the Corrective Requests (CRs) raised in the review.</p> <p>The third technical review found that most of the issues raised have been addressed with the exception of the CRs related to PFG form, cost effectiveness and complementarity and duplication of other projects, as discussed in the Corrective Requests (CRs) raised in the review.</p> <p>The fourth technical review found that all issues raised have been addressed.</p> <p><i>Please be advised that the findings of the AFB Secretariat's review of the funding proposal(s) do not reflect, indicate, or prejudge the outcome of the reaccreditation process currently underway. The Implementing Entity (IE) shall acknowledge that the funding proposal will not be approved by the Board if the IE's accreditation has expired, and reaccreditation has not been achieved at the time of the Board's decision. Notwithstanding this potential risk, the IE has elected to proceed with the development of the funding proposal.</i></p>
Date	March 9, 2026

Review Criteria	Questions	First Technical Review Comments January 7, 2026	Second Technical Review Comments February 24, 2026	Third Technical Review Comments March 4, 2026	Fourth Technical Review Comments March 9, 2026
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Country Eligibility	1. Are all of the participating countries party to the Kyoto Protocol and/or the Paris Agreement?	Yes	-	<p>General Comment: When providing a response to a CR or CAR, please indicate the specific location in the proposal where it is addressed, such as the page number or paragraph reference.</p> <p>The proposal would also benefit from another round of proofreading and formatting adjustments to ensure it is easy to read.</p>	<p>CAR1 (NEW): Part IV has to be signed.</p> <p>CAR1 (NEW): Part IV has been signed in the clean version.</p>
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	<p>2. Are all of the participating countries developing countries particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change?</p>	<p>Yes, both Lebanon and Jordan are developing countries which are vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, particularly acute drought and water scarcity. Jordan is also vulnerable to flash floods. These effects are compounded by pollution, deforestation, sand mining, and unregulated territorial development (in Lebanon) as well as soil erosion, pollution and unsafe wastewater discharge (in Jordan).</p>	-	-	-
Project Eligibility	<p>1. Have the designated government authorities for the Adaptation Fund from each of the participating countries endorsed the project/programme?</p>	<p>Yes, as per the Endorsement letter dated August 31, 2025 for Jordan and July 2, 2025 for Lebanon</p> <p>CR1: The pre-concept note is 12 pages excluding the cover page and some blank pages within the document. It should not exceed 5 pages. Please amend.</p>	<p>CR1: Cleared. The pre-concept note has been reduced to 5 pages</p>	-	-

	<p>2. Has the pre-concept provided necessary information on the problem the proposed project/programme is aiming to solve, including both the regional and the country perspective?</p>	<p>Yes, but additional information is required.</p> <p>The Background and Context of the pre-concept (pages 3 – 4) gives a general overview of the broad geographical context of two ecologically significant but highly vulnerable hydrological systems: - the Awwali River Watershed in Lebanon and Wadi Al-Karak in Jordan providing brief descriptions of the hydrology, ecology, culture, livelihoods as well as the climate vulnerabilities due to drought and water scarcity, and the pressures posed by urbanization, pollution, and conflict.</p> <p>It refers to Lebanon and Jordan's NDCs and the emphasis on ecosystem-based adaptation, integrated water resources management, and gender-responsive resilience, showing policy coherence.</p> <p>With respect to regional perspective, the pre-concept note proposes regional cooperation, peer learning, and shared governance on</p>			
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		<p>transboundary challenges, as a means of supporting scaling and regional applicability.</p> <p>However, it does not provide sufficient quantitative information on the target areas in terms of the size, population, contribution to economy, importance of agriculture, neither does it quantify the vulnerabilities of the two countries. For example, the pre-concept states that “per-capita water availability in Jordan already far below the absolute scarcity threshold” but no quantitative information is provided of the value of that per-capita water availability.</p> <p>The overall objective of the project mentions gender-responsive governance, and sustainable financing. However, there is no mention of a preliminary gender analysis or a description of the current financing situation in the countries which would justify the need for such objectives. There is also mention of an on-going Adaptation Fund Project</p>			
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		<p>regional Adaptation Fund initiative in Jordan and Lebanon, titled “Increasing the resilience of displaced persons and host communities to climate change-related water challenges,” which is a foundational project that has successfully mainstreamed climate and gender considerations into urban planning frameworks for Type 2 cities in both countries, established a cutting-edge climate-oriented urban observatory, and deployed a range of practical, water-focused adaptation measures. How is this on-going project different from the one being proposed and how does the current proposal build on the on-going one?</p> <p>CR2: Kindly provide more quantitative information in the Background and Context on the socio-economic context of target areas, and their vulnerabilities as well as the gaps to show how the interventions proposed by project will solve the problems.</p>	<p>CR2: Cleared. The requested information has been included in the</p>	-	-
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		<p>CR3: Please provide some additional information on how the current proposal builds on the on-going AF project mentioned in the pre-concept note.</p> <p>CR4: The Pre-CN document includes guidance document from AF template which is not necessary. Kindly revise the Part II and delete all guiding questions.</p> <p>CR5: Please provide a causal analysis to explain how the proposed interventions will reduce the impacts of drought and water scarcity at both the national and regional levels.</p>	<p>Background and Context (pp 1 – 3)</p> <p>CR3: Cleared. See last paragraph of the Background and Context (page 4).</p> <p>CR4: Cleared. Guiding questions deleted</p> <p>CR5: Cleared. The causal analysis is provided particularly in the Background and Context and Justification</p>	-	-
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	<p>3. Have the project/programme objectives, components and financing been clearly explained?</p>	<p>Yes, but additional information is required.</p> <p>The Project's overall objective and specific objectives are stated on pages 3 – 4. Based on the Background and context, the problem that the project aims to solve is well articulated and the objectives are explained. However, some mention should also be made of reducing the impacts of drought and improved water security which are the main climate vulnerabilities mentioned. In addition, the Components do not provide sufficient information to explain the proposed financing.</p> <p>Conflict related risks are mentioned, however, risk mitigation strategies, especially around displacement dynamics, security, and governance continuity, could be more explicit.</p> <p>What exactly is meant by water and climate diplomacy? What type of information will be shared on the Regional</p>			
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		<p>Platforms? What kind of information will be provided in the “Peace through Water” documentation? How will these documents reduce climate vulnerability? With respect to the component on capacity building, will there be activities to assess the effectiveness of the capacity building activities and adjust them if necessary?</p> <p>CR6: Please provide additional information on the Components, Expected Outcomes and Outputs to take into consideration the responses to the questions above.</p> <p>CR7: Please give examples of the type of on-the-job training which will be provided.</p> <p>CR8: Please consider reducing the number of components by merging some of the proposed activities/components. For</p>	<p>CR6: Cleared. Additional information on the Components, Expected Outcomes and Outputs has been provided.</p> <p>CR7: Cleared. The on-the-job training will be informed by an institutional capacity assessment and a needs assessment. Potential examples have been included, such as training for NbS, adaptation</p>	-	-
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		example, activities under component 1 and 2 related to capacity building and vulnerability assessment can easily be merged to unload unnecessary implementation challenges.	planning, and related topics. CR8: Cleared. The number of components has been reduced to three.	-	-
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	<p>4. Has the project/programme been justified in terms of how:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it supports concrete adaptation actions? - it builds added value through the regional approach? - it promotes new and innovative solutions to climate change adaptation? - it is cost-effective? - it is consistent with applicable strategies and plans? - it incorporates learning and knowledge management? - it will be developed through a consultative process with particular reference to vulnerable groups, including gender considerations, in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund? - it will take into account sustainability? 	<p>Yes, however additional information is required.</p> <p>Part II (pages 6 to 10) provides the justification for the project and mentions several actions for each of the criteria (supporting concrete adaptation actions, added value through the regional approach, new and innovative solutions, cost-effectiveness, consistency with applicable strategies and plans, incorporation of learning and knowledge, consultative process and sustainability. While the justification is robust, innovation claims could be strengthened with more evidence of novelty relative to existing regional projects. Specifics such as benchmarks from similar initiatives, such as the Adaptation Fund's Jordan-Lebanon project which achieved measurable water security gains at lower per-community costs could also be included to support the information on cost savings.</p> <p>A preliminary risk identification process in line</p>			
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		<p>with the Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) of the Adaptation Fund. Risks has been assessed along environmental, social, institutional, and operational lines, and mitigation strategies have been developed accordingly.</p> <p>With respect to cost-effectiveness, an analysis of alternatives where available could also be included.</p> <p>With respect to applicable strategies and plans, there is no mention of sub-sectoral plans such as agriculture, water, which may be relevant to the project.</p> <p>With respect to sustainability, information on how infrastructure will be maintained and operated in the long term is not included.</p> <p>CR9: Please also briefly list the key stakeholders and ensure the national gender machinery/gender remit and women's associations will be included in the project's design.</p>	<p>CR9: Cleared. Although the complete list of key stakeholders</p>	-	-
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		<p>CR10: Please include information on how infrastructure will be maintained and operated in the long term.</p> <p>CR11: Where the information is available, please provide an analysis of alternatives to strengthen the arguments for cost effectiveness.</p> <p>CR12: While the proposed component 4 “Post-Crisis and Conflict-Sensitive Recovery” seems adequate for countries like Jordan and Lebanon, it is</p>	<p>has not been provided, relevant Ministries and farmers organizations have been mentioned in the Project Justification (pp 3 to 5) as well as the Implementation Arrangements (p5). Page 4 of the Preconcept note also states that the project will engage a range of stakeholders identified through stakeholder mapping and analysis. In addition, the list of gender equality bodies has also been provided to ensure the national gender machinery/remit and women’s associations will be included in the project.</p> <p>CR10: Cleared. Page 8 explains that long-term operation and maintenance are ensured through clear institutional responsibilities, integration into existing systems and capacity building to sustain</p>	-	-
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		<p>difficult to see the alignment with the overall project objectives and expected outcomes. Kindly describe briefly how the proposed activities will support adaptation reasoning in the context of post-crisis and conflict. Please substantiate it with relevant data and context specific information.</p> <p>CR13: The proposed regional approach needs more clarification. Please describe how the activities and components will be addressing regional cooperation and build regional climate resilience.</p> <p>CR14: The proposal barely highlights the complementarity and avoided duplication with other projects and initiatives except a reference to AF funded regional project in two countries. Kindly discuss briefly the avoided duplication and complementarity in line with AF guidelines.</p>	<p>project outcomes beyond the project period.</p> <p>CR11: Not cleared. Page 8 notes that cost effectiveness will be strengthened by reducing duplication through shared assessment tools, joint training, and harmonized reporting frameworks. However, the discussion does not adequately provide an analysis of alternatives. Please include a statement about the alternatives and the possible cost implications.</p> <p>CR12: Cleared. Component 4 has been deleted and Component 2 changed to include post disasters risk reduction and recovery to be aligned with the project overall objective.</p>	<p>CR11: Not cleared. The change on page 4 is noted, however the comment remains unaddressed. Please include a statement about the alternatives and the possible cost implications.</p> <p>-</p>	<p>CR11: Cleared as of changes made on page 4.</p> <p>-</p>
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			<p>CR13: Cleared. Further details have been provided under Component 3 as part of the section on components programme and justification (pp 5 – 7).</p> <p>CR14: Not cleared. The revised proposal mentioned two additional projects funded by UNDP and IUCN, and municipalities in addition to the AF funded regional project. However, no details are provided of these additional initiatives. It further states that initiative mapping and coordination will ensure complementarity and avoid duplication (page 9). Please provide brief details of the two additional projects to</p>	-	-
				<p>CR14: Not cleared. The change to the paragraph is noted, however the comment remains unaddressed. Please provide brief details of the two additional projects to show how they avoid duplication and are complementary.</p>	<p>CR14: Cleared based on page 4 changes.</p>

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	<p>5. Does the pre-concept briefly explain which organizations would be involved in the proposed regional project/programme at the regional and national/sub-national level, and how coordination would be arranged? Does it explain how national institutions, and when possible, national implementing entities (NIEs) would be involved as partners in the project?</p>	<p>Yes, but additional information is required.</p> <p>Part III (pages 12 – 13) describes the organizations which will be involved in the proposed programme at national, sub-national and regional levels as well as their roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>Mention is made of civil society organizations such as local cooperatives, and women/youth associations which will play a central role in implementing on-the-ground activities, but the proposal does not indicate who will be responsible for coordinating the work of these groups.</p> <p>CR15: Please include information on the coordination of civil society organizations.</p>	<p>CR15: Cleared. The revised proposal states that the civil society organizations will be led and coordinated by Municipal Project Coordination Units supported by Community Climate Action Committees.</p>	-	-

Resource Availability	6. Is the requested project / programme funding within the funding windows of the programme for regional projects/programmes?	Yes			
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	<p>7. Are the administrative costs (Implementing Entity Management Fee and Project/ Programme Execution Costs) at or below 10 per cent of the project/programme for implementing entity (IE) fees and at or below 10 per cent of the project/programme cost for the execution costs?</p>	<p>Yes, but needs further information.</p> <p>The Implementing Entity Management Fee is 10% of the project cost and the Execution cost is less than 8.5% of the total Project/Programme budget.</p> <p>CR16: In the table in the section on Project/Programme Components and Financing, the Total Project. Programme cost is incorrect. It should be the total of the five components plus the Project/Programme Execution Cost. Please amend.</p> <p>CAR1: If you plan to ask for PFG support, make sure to add the PFG form request in your next submission.</p> <p>CAR2: A PFG of \$150,000 is shown on the cover page, which is appropriate for a project of this scale. However, at the pre-concept note stage, only \$30,000 is allowed. Please refer to the following links and amend:</p>	<p>CR16: Cleared. The correction has been made</p> <p>CAR1: Not Cleared. The PFG form request has been submitted however please clarify the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will Un-Habitat execute the PFG or will that be done through the 	<p>-</p> <p>CAR1: Not cleared.</p> <p>1. If UN-Habitat will execute the PFG, then add UN-Habitat in the <i>Executing Entity/ies</i> space at the top, still</p>	<p>-</p> <p>CAR1: Cleared as per changes made in the PFG form.</p>
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	<p>https://www.adaptation-fund.org/readiness/readiness-grants/project-formulation-grants/</p> <p>https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/pfg-amount-calculator/</p>	<p>executing entities for the fully developed proposal as well? “National Council for Scientific Research (NCRS-L), Saida Zahrani Union of Municipalities, Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon (SPNL), the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature Jordan, Wadi NGO”. If UN-Habitat will execute the PFG please amend the PFG form.</p> <p>2. Please specifically indicate the IE fee as a separate budget line in the PFG form.</p>	<p>reads as: <i>‘National Council for Scientific Research (NCRS-L), Saida Zahrani Union of Municipalities, Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon (SPNL), the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature Jordan, Wadi NGO’.</i> Please amend.</p> <p>2. There is no separate budget line in the PFG form for the IE fee. Please amend. This cannot be more than 3,000 USD as PFG IE fee is capped at 10% of total of PFG amount.</p> <p>3. PFG form needs signature. Please sign.</p>	
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			<p>CAR2: Cleared. The amount has been amended in the revised pre-concept note.</p> <p>CAR3 (NEW): Given the number of executing entities proposed and the scope of coverage of execution costs, it is suggested that the EE fee currently at 7.74%.</p>	-	-
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Eligibility of IE	<p>8. Is the project/programme submitted through an eligible Implementing Entity that has been accredited by the Board?</p>	<p>No</p> <p>UN Habitat is an eligible Multilateral Implementing Entity, however, its accreditation expired on 1 October 2025.</p> <p><i>Please be advised that the findings of the AFB Secretariat's review of the funding proposal(s) do not reflect, indicate, or prejudice the outcome of the reaccreditation process currently underway. The Implementing Entity (IE) shall acknowledge that the funding proposal will not be approved by the Board if the IE's accreditation has expired, and reaccreditation has not been achieved at the time of the Board's decision. Notwithstanding this potential risk, the IE has elected to proceed with the development of the funding proposal.</i></p>	<p>UN Habitat is an eligible Multilateral Implementing Entity, however, its accreditation expired on 1 October 2025.</p> <p><i>Please be advised that the findings of the AFB Secretariat's review of the funding proposal(s) do not reflect, indicate, or prejudice the outcome of the reaccreditation process currently underway. The Implementing Entity (IE) shall acknowledge that the funding proposal will not be approved by the Board if the IE's accreditation has expired, and reaccreditation has not been achieved at the time of the Board's decision. Notwithstanding this potential risk, the IE has elected to proceed with the development of the funding proposal.</i></p>	<p>UN Habitat is an eligible Multilateral Implementing Entity, however, its accreditation expired on 1 October 2025.</p> <p><i>Please be advised that the findings of the AFB Secretariat's review of the funding proposal(s) do not reflect, indicate, or prejudice the outcome of the reaccreditation process currently underway. The Implementing Entity (IE) shall acknowledge that the funding proposal will not be approved by the Board if the IE's accreditation has expired, and reaccreditation has not been</i></p>	<p>UN Habitat is an eligible Multilateral Implementing Entity, however, its accreditation expired on 1 October 2025.</p> <p><i>Please be advised that the findings of the AFB Secretariat's review of the funding proposal(s) do not reflect, indicate, or prejudice the outcome of the reaccreditation process currently underway. The Implementing Entity (IE) shall acknowledge that the funding proposal will not be approved by the Board if the IE's accreditation has expired, and reaccreditation has not been</i></p>
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Ministry of Environment

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Date 31-8-2025

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Subject: Endorsement for "Transboundary Adaptation for Watershed Sustainability and Livelihoods" TAWASUL Project – A regional initiative that promotes gender-responsive governance, sustainable financing schemes for local authorities, and Nature-Based solutions in Lebanon and Jordan

In my capacity as designated authority for the Adaptation Fund in Jordan, I confirm that the above national grant proposal is in accordance with the government's national priorities in implementing adaptation activities to reduce adverse impacts of, and risks, posed by climate change in the Jordan.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the above grant proposal with support from the Adaptation Fund. If approved, the project will be implemented by UN-Habitat and executed by the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature Jordan, Wadi NGO and Karak Municipality.

Sincerely,

Minister of Environment

Dr. Aiman A. Soleiman



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In my capacity as designated authority for the Adaptation Fund in Jordan, I confirm that the above national grant proposal is in accordance with the government's national priorities in implementing adaptation activities to reduce adverse impacts of, and risks, posed by climate change in the Jordan.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the above grant proposal with support from the Adaptation Fund. If approved, the project will be implemented by UN-Habitat and executed by the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature Jordan, Wadi NGO and Karak Municipality.

Sincerely,

Minister of Environment

Dr. Aiman A. Soleiman

Cc: Secretary General

Cc: Director of Climate change directorate



REPUBLIC OF LEBANON
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

THE MINISTER

Beirut, July 2, 2025
Ref.: 2450 B 2025

The Adaptation Fund Board
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Subject: : Endorsement for “Transboundary Adaptation for Watershed Sustainability and Livelihoods” TAWASUL Project – A Regional Nature-Based Solutions Initiative in Lebanon and Jordan

In my capacity as designated authority for the Adaptation Fund in Lebanon, I confirm that the above national grant proposal is in accordance with the government’s national priorities in implementing adaptation activities to reduce adverse impacts of, and risks, posed by climate change in Lebanon.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the above grant proposal with support from the Adaptation Fund. If approved, the project will be implemented by UN-Habitat and executed by National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS-L), Saida Zahrani Union of Municipalities, Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon (SPNL), Royal Scientific Society (RSS), the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature Jordan, and Wadi NGO.

Sincerely,

Minister of Environment
Tamara El-Zein, PhD



Cc: -- United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN House, riad El Solh, +961 1 978398, Beirut, Lebanon)
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معالي وزيرة البيئة في لبنان
الدكتورة تمارا الزين المحترمة،

الموضوع: خطاب دعم رسمي من وزارة البيئة في لبنان للتقدم بمقترح أولي لمشروع إقليمي إلى صندوق التكيف

تحية طيبة وبعد،

يسرنا إعلامكم بأن موئل الأمم المتحدة (UN-Habitat) في لبنان، بالتعاون مع مكتب الموئل في الأردن، بصدد التقدم إلى صندوق التكيف (Adaptation Fund) بمقترح مشروع إقليمي بعنوان: "التكيف العابر للحدود من أجل استدامة الأحواض المائية وسبل العيش" - مبادرة إقليمية قائمة على الحلول الطبيعية في لبنان والأردن.

"Transboundary Adaptation for Watershed Sustainability and Livelihoods" - A Regional Nature-Based Solutions Initiative in Lebanon and Jordan (Project acronym TAWASUL)

يهدف المشروع لتعزيز قدرة المجتمعات المحلية والأنظمة البيئية على التكيف مع التغير المناخي، من خلال تطبيق نهج قائم على الحلول القائمة على الطبيعة (Nature-Based Solutions)، في كل من حوض وادي الكرك في الأردن وحوض نهر الأولي في لبنان. كما يهدف المشروع إلى استعادة النظم البيئية المتدهورة، وتحقيق التعافي بعد الكوارث، وتعزيز الحوكمة البيئية، وإيجاد آليات تمويل مستدامة وشاملة، مع التركيز على الفئات الأكثر عرضة للخطر، بما في ذلك النساء والشباب.

ويأتي هذا المشروع استجابةً لأولويات لبنان والأردن الوطنية بالمساهمات المحددة وطنياً (Nationally Determined Contributions - NDC)، والخطة الوطنية للتكيف (National Adaptation Plan - NAP)، وغيرها من السياسات والاستراتيجيات القطاعية ذات الصلة، لا سيما في قطاعات المياه، والزراعة، والحفاظ على الطبيعة، والسياحة، والتخطيط الحضري، والتنمية المحلية.

وعليه، نرجو من معاليكم بتزويدنا بخطاب دعم رسمي صادر عن وزارة البيئة، بصفتها الجهة الوطنية المعنية، لتأييد التقدم بهذا المقترح إلى صندوق التكيف.

نرفق طياً مقترح المشروع الأولي (Pre-Concept Note) الذي يوضح خلفية المشروع، أهدافه، الجهات المنفذة، ومكوناته الرئيسية، ونبقى على استعداد لتقديم أي معلومات إضافية قد ترونها ضرورية.

كما وقد أرفقنا نموذج "خطاب الدعم" المطلوب من صندوق التكيف.

وتفضلوا معاليكم بقبول فائق الاحترام والتقدير،

رانيا هدية
المدير الإقليمي للدول العربية (بالإنابة)
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Revised PFG Submission Form¹ (additions in red)

Project Formulation Grant (PFG)

Submission Date: 29 of January 2026

Adaptation Fund Project ID:

Country/ies: Lebanon and Jordan

Title of Project/Programme: Transboundary Adaptation for Watershed Sustainability and Livelihoods"– A Regional Nature-Based Solutions Initiative in Lebanon and Jordan (Project acronym: TAWASUL)

Type of IE (NIE/RIE/MIE): UN-Agency

Implementing Entity: UN-Habitat

Executing Entity/ies: UN-Habitat, National Council for Scientific Research (NCRS-L), Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon (SPNL), the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature Jordan, Wadi NGO

A. Project Preparation Timeframe

Start date of PFG	After approval of pre-concept note
Completion date of PFG	After 3 months of pre-concept note approval

B. Proposed Project Preparation Activities (\$)

List of Proposed Project Preparation Activities	Output of the PFG Activities	US\$ Amount	Budget note²
Inception, Scoping, and Stakeholder/initiatives Mapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreed regional project scope and structure. ▪ Defined roles of implementing and executing entities. ▪ Stakeholder and initiative mapping to identify complementarities and avoid duplication 	5,400 USD	Covers coordination meetings, regional scoping discussions, and stakeholder/initiative mapping needed to frame the regional concept and ensure alignment with existing initiatives and will be executed through UN-Habitat in cooperation with local/ international consultants if necessary.

¹ As presented in AFB/PPRC.33/40 Annex 1.

² The proposal should include a detailed budget with budget notes indicating the break- down of costs at the activity level. It should also include a budget on the Implementing Entity management fee use.

Baseline Review and Problem Definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preliminary baseline 	16,200 USD	Supports preliminary technical review of existing data and studies, analytical inputs, and synthesis required to define the adaptation rationale and approach and will be executed through UN-Habitat in cooperation with local/ international consultants if necessary
Drafting, Validation, and Submission of Concept Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft AF-compliant regional concept note. ▪ Stakeholder validation inputs incorporated ▪ Final concept note submitted 	5,400 USD	Covers drafting, coordination with local, national and regional stakeholders and Designated Authorities, validation consultations, and finalization and submission of the concept note, and will be executed through UN-Habitat in cooperation with local/ international consultants if necessary.
IE Fees	Project formulation oversight, technical guidance	3,000	
Total Project Formulation Grant		30, 000 USD	

Please describe below each of the PFG activities and provide justifications for their need and for the amount of funding required:

For LLA Projects only:

If requesting additional funding for LLA projects to enable devolving decision making to the local level, please specify the activities that would directly serve to enable devolving decision making to the lowest appropriate level and enable local actors to make informed decisions on how adaptation actions are defined, prioritized, designed, and implemented:

Please provide justifications for their need and for the amount of additional funding required:

C. Implementing Entity

This request has been prepared in accordance with the Adaptation Fund Board’s procedures and meets the Adaptation Fund’s criteria for project identification and formulation

Implementing Entity Coordinator, IE Name	Signature	Date (Month, day, year)	Project Contact Person	Telephone	Email Address
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