



ADAPTATION FUND

Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

Approval of request for a twelve-month postponement of project inception: International Fund for Agricultural Development (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Weight of request: Minor

Summary of request

On 27 February 2026, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) submitted a request for a twelve-month postponement of project inception for the project “*Increasing Climate Change Resilience in the Agricultural sector of Bosnia and Herzegovina – STAZA*”. The delay in project inception is attributable to delays in the completion of the domestic legal conclusion and effectiveness procedures related to the Financing Agreement between IFAD and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The effectiveness procedures are still under negotiation between IFAD and the Ministry of Finance and Treasury. These procedures follow a legally mandated, sequential, and multi-institutional approval pathway established under the constitutional and administrative framework of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The process requires formal review, clearance, and authorization by multiple competent institutions at both State and Entity levels (Republika Srpska and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina). As such, each step must be completed in sequence and is subject to the formal review timelines and decision calendars of the respective institutions.

The overall process cannot be accelerated unilaterally by IFAD or the executing partners. While the legal conclusion process is progressing, its completion has taken longer than initially anticipated due to the inherent complexity of the domestic approval framework and the requirement for successive institutional clearances.

Secretariat’s review of the request

The Secretariat has reviewed the request and the reasons provided by IFAD and considers the request for a twelve-month postponement of project inception to be justified. It also acknowledges that the Designated Authority has been duly notified, in line with the Policy on Project Post-Approval Requests for Changes in Projects/Programmes.

Conclusion

Following the review of the request for a twelve-month postponement of project inception submitted by IFAD for the project “Increasing Climate Change Resilience in the Agricultural sector of Bosnia and Herzegovina – STAZA” implemented in Bosnia and Herzegovina, this 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.

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