



ADAPTATION FUND

Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

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

Weight of request: Minor

Summary of request

On 27 April 2026, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) submitted a notification for a postponement of project inception for the project “Climate Change Resilience and Ecosystem Connectivity (CC-REC)” implemented in Lebanon. According to the notification provided by IFAD, the project was initially expected to be launched in April 2026, but the ongoing war in Lebanon and the escalation of military action in the region prevented the launch as planned. The crisis is directly affecting several target areas, particularly in the Bekaa region, and is constraining the participation of national counterparts and implementing partners in the inception workshop and official launch. IFAD has therefore requested a 12-month extension of the inception deadline, with the revised expected start date set for May 2027 once conditions are conducive. No change is proposed to the project completion date.

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. The Secretariat also notes the mitigation measures described by IFAD and the Executing Entity, including continued preparatory activities for project launch, establishment of the Project Steering Committee, coordination with national institutions, and operational planning so that implementation can begin rapidly once the security and operational context permits. It also acknowledges that the Designated Authority has been 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 by 12 months submitted by IFAD for the project “Climate Change Resilience and Ecosystem Connectivity (CC-REC)” implemented in Lebanon, the request has been cleared by the Secretariat as per Decision B.44/44 and the Policy for Project/Programme Delays. The revised expected project start date is May 2027, with no change to the completion date.

The revised date of May 2027 remains tentative in light of the ongoing war. The actual inception date will be determined based on the evolving security situation and the extent to which enabling conditions are in place. IFAD will continue to monitor the situation and will communicate the exact date of the inception workshop once conditions are conducive for it to proceed.

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