



ADAPTATION FUND

Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

Approval of request for budget reallocation, results framework revisions, and changes to the disbursement schedule: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) – Liberia

Type of request: Minor

Summary of request

On 17 March 2026¹, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) submitted a complete package of documents to support its request for a minor budget reallocation, revisions to the results framework, and adjustments to the disbursement schedule for the project *“Building Climate Resilience on Liberia’s Rice and Cocoa Sectors (BCRP)”*. The request follows implementation issues identified during an IFAD-led project monitoring mission and a formal request from the Ministry of Agriculture and the Designated Authority, the Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia.

The proposed changes include the cancellation of road and farm track activities under Sub-Component 2.1 (outputs 2.1.3–2.1.6) due to rising costs, technical specification gaps, and limited implementation experience. Resources will be reallocated to higher-impact interventions, notably increasing Inland Valley Swamp (IVS) development for rice production from 1,000 ha to approximately 1,500 ha, with greater emphasis on lowland systems. Road infrastructure needs are being addressed through a complementary IFAD-financed project constructing 60 km of roads in the project area. Poultry activities will be cancelled, with funds redirected to vegetable intensification. Project Execution Costs are proposed to increase from 4% to 9.5%, and the disbursement schedule revised to align with the updated implementation timeline, without changing the total approved grant amount

The request does not alter the project’s total approved budget, overall objective, or core outcomes, but aims to optimize resource use and ensure the effective completion and consolidation of project activities. The Designated Authority for Liberia has been duly notified and has formally endorsed the proposed changes.

Secretariat’s review of the request

The Secretariat has reviewed the restructured project document and supporting documentation submitted by IFAD and confirms that the cumulative percentage of budget reallocation at output level is 9.13 per cent constituting a minor request.

The Secretariat notes that the requested changes are consistent with the Policy on Project Post-Approval Requests for Changes in Projects/Programmes and meet the criteria for a minor request, as they do not result in an increase in the approved grant amount, nor do they materially alter the project’s scope, objective, or risk profile.

¹ The request was initially submitted on 5 January 2026 but required further revisions. The Secretariat subsequently worked closely with IFAD to address the identified limitations, and the final set of documents was submitted on 17 March 2026.

The Secretariat further notes that the reallocation reflects adaptive management in response to implementation realities and incorporates recommendations from the field supervision to enhance efficiency, feasibility, and impact.

Conclusion

Following its review, the Secretariat confirms that the request for minor budget reallocation, associated revisions to the results framework and changes to disbursement schedule for the “Building Climate Resilience on Liberia’s Rice and Cocoa Sectors (BCRP)” is cleared, in accordance with Decision B.44/44 and the Policy on Project Post-Approval Requests for Changes in Projects/Programmes.

Clearance: AFBSEC-2026-12