



Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

Approval of request for budget reallocation, revision of project results framework, change in implementation arrangements and change in project target sites: United Nations Human Settlements Programme (Viet Nam)

Weight of request: Minor

Summary of request

On 26 March 2026, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) submitted a request for budget reallocation, revision of project results framework, change in implementation arrangements and change in project target site for the project “*Enhancing the resilience inclusive and sustainable eco-human settlement development through small scale infrastructure interventions in the coastal regions of the Mekong Delta*” implemented in Viet Nam. According to the letter submitted by UN-Habitat, the request stems from field assessments and consultations with local authorities conducted during implementation, which revealed the need to adjust the original project target sites. Specifically, some target sites were either already equipped with government-funded water treatment systems or lacked sufficient land to install a new facility. Other target sites had experienced severe erosion and could not support the “elastocoast” installation due to significant shoreline loss. Additionally, a major government restructuring in 2024-2025 led to the merger of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (the former Executing Entity) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development into a new Ministry of Agriculture and Environment.

Secretariat’s review of the request

The secretariat has reviewed the request and the reasons provided by UN-Habitat and considers the request to be justified. The proposed budget reallocation does not constitute a material change, as it reflects a variance of 5.33% only between the revised and original budgets. The proposed revision of the project results framework does not constitute a change in scope that would result in a significant deviation from the project’s expected adaptation outcomes and goals and is therefore considered a minor change. Similarly, the proposed change in implementation arrangements does not require the replacement of the Executing Entity or the addition of a new one and is considered a minor change. Finally, the request for change in project target sites is likewise considered a minor change.

The secretariat acknowledges that the Designated Authority has submitted a letter endorsing the proposed revisions, that the Implementing Entity has submitted a letter providing background and explanatory information, together with a revised fully developed project document in track changes reflecting all modifications induced by the proposed revisions, as well as details on updated Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy screenings, a revised Environmental and Social Management Plan, and outcomes of the consultative processes, in line with the Fund’s Policy on Project Post-Approval Requests for Changes in Projects/Programmes.

Conclusion

Following the review of the request for budget reallocation, revision of project results framework, change in implementation arrangements and change in project target site submitted by UN-Habitat for the project “Enhancing the resilience inclusive and sustainable eco-human settlement development through small scale infrastructure interventions in the coastal regions of the Mekong Delta” implemented in Viet Nam, the request has been cleared by the Secretariat as per Decision B.44/44 and the Policy on Project Post-Approval Requests for Changes (Amended, 2025).

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