



Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

Approval of request for change in implementation arrangements: International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (Pakistan)

Type of request: Minor

Summary of request

On 25 February 2026, the International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) submitted a request for a change in implementation arrangements for the project “*Sustainable Actions For Ecosystems Restoration in Pakistan (SAFER Pakistan)*” implemented in Pakistan. According to the letter submitted by ICIMOD, the request arose when finalizing its partnership agreements with the Executing Entities (UNICEF and UN Women). While the fully developed proposal approved by the Board stipulated that both Executing Entities would apply ICIMOD’s financial policies and procedures, both Executing Entities are unable to do so as United Nations organizations, which are bound by their own regulatory framework, as recognized through Board Decision B.44/3. The request therefore consists in replacing the current text by explicit references to each Executing Entity’s respective regulatory frameworks in the project document, while reaffirming ICIMOD’s overarching responsibility for ensuring project implementation in accordance with the Fund’s Operational Policies and Guidelines, as outlined in the Project Agreement.

Secretariat’s review of the request

The secretariat has reviewed the request submitted by ICIMOD, including the supporting documentation and rationale provided, and considers the proposed request for change in implementation arrangements to be justified. The proposed request for change in implementation arrangements does not require the replacement of the Executing Entities or the addition of a new one. It is therefore considered a minor change.

The secretariat acknowledges that the Implementing Entity has submitted a revised fully developed project document in track changes, reflecting all changes induced by the proposed revisions, a letter providing background information and an explanation on the proposed changes in implementation arrangements, and a letter from the Designated Authority endorsing the change, 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 a change in implementation arrangements submitted by ICIMOD for the project “Sustainable Actions For Ecosystems Restoration in Pakistan (SAFER Pakistan)” implemented in Pakistan, the request has been cleared by the Secretariat as per Decision B.44/44 and the Policy on Project for Changes (Amended, 2025).

Clearance: AFBSEC-2026-14