



ADAPTATION FUND

Approval of request for extension of project inception date: International Fund for Agricultural Development (Grenada)

Weight of request: Minor

Summary of request

On 25 May 2026, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) submitted a request for of project inception date for the project “Enhancing the Resilience of Vulnerable Small Island Communities to Climate Change Hazards (ENRICH)” implemented in Grenada.

The request is primarily due to a combination of factors that together require additional time to ensure a well-prepared project launch. These include the administrative demands placed on key national counterparts arising from the ongoing closure of a previous IFAD-financed programme in Grenada (SAEP), whose final audit has required significant engagement from Rural Development Unit staff also critical for ENRICH's initiation; the pending finalization of the subsidiary agreement between IFAD and the executing entity; the need to develop the Project Implementation Manual (PIM) prior to the inception workshop; the alignment of roles and responsibilities under Grenada's new government financial systems; and the transition to a new IFAD Country Director, which makes it necessary to ensure a clean handover environment before commencing implementation.

Secretariat's review of the request

The Secretariat has reviewed the request and the reasons provided by IFAD and considers the request for extension of project inception date to be justified. It also acknowledges that the Designated Authority has been duly notified, in line with the Policy for Project/Programme Delays.

The Secretariat notes that the delay is largely due to the need to finalize administrative and audit processes linked to a previous programme, which requires significant engagement from key national counterparts involved in the new project. The Secretariat further notes the need to complete key preparatory steps for project inception, including the finalization of the subsidiary agreement, the development of the Project Implementation Manual, and the alignment of roles and responsibilities under national financial systems. In addition, the Secretariat acknowledges the mitigation measures outlined by IFAD, including enhanced coordination with national stakeholders, consolidation of key project documentation, and continued preparatory activities to ensure that the inception workshop can be conducted effectively within the revised timeline.

Conclusion

Following the review of the request for extension of project inception date from 22 June 2026 to 22 December 2026 submitted by IFAD for the project “Enhancing the Resilience of Vulnerable Small Island Communities to Climate Change Hazards (ENRICH)” implemented in Grenada, the request has been cleared by the Secretariat as per Decision B.44/44 and the Policy for Project/Programme Delays.

Clearance: AFBSEC-2026-20