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 11 November 2026, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) submitted a second request for extension of project inception date for the project "Enhancing the Resilience of Vulnerable Small Island Communities to Climate Change Hazards (ENRICH)" implemented in Grenada.

IFAD is requesting an additional six-month extension of the inception date, from 22 December 2026 to 22 June 2027, to allow sufficient time to finalize the legal and operational arrangements required for project start-up. According to IFAD, the financing agreement with the executing entity is close to signature, with completion expected by the end of November 2026, subject to receipt of the original signed document and completion of remaining formalities. IFAD also noted that preparatory activities are underway, including development of the Project Implementation Manual (PIM), staff recruitment, establishment of internal project-monitoring arrangements and coordination with the executing entity. In addition, IFAD indicated that the evolving institutional context following recent elections may require additional flexibility to complete administrative and decision-making processes before project inception.

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 progress has been made towards project start-up, including advancement of the financing agreement, preparation of the Project Implementation Manual, staffing arrangements and project-monitoring systems. The Secretariat further notes that completion of the financing agreement remains a prerequisite for project inception and that additional time may be required to complete national administrative procedures and decision-making processes in the context of the recent elections. However, it also notes that substantive preparatory actions are underway, including the near-finalization of the financing agreement and implementation readiness activities, which support the expectation that project inception can take place within the revised timeline. The Secretariat also acknowledges the mitigation measures outlined by IFAD, including continued coordination with the executing entity, parallel advancement of operational preparations and efforts to convene the inception workshop as early as feasible within the revised timeline.

Conclusion

Following the review of the request for extension of project inception date from 22 December 2026 to 22 June 2027 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-2026-33