ADAPTATION FUND

Approval of request for no-cost extension of project completion date: World Food Programme (Republic of Congo)

Weight of request: Minor

Summary of request

On 1 October 2026, the World Food Programme (WFP) submitted a first request for a no-cost extension of the project completion date for the project "Strengthening the Climate Change Adaptation Capacities of Vulnerable Communities Living in the Congo River Basin" implemented in the Republic of Congo. The project was originally expected to be completed on 22 February 2027.

The request is primarily due to delays caused by institutional and governance challenges that affected the timely establishment of the National Project Management Unit (PMU), as highlighted by the Mid-Term Review (MTR). The Government and WFP have initiated a Management Response Action Plan to address the MTR recommendations. Component 1 activities are complete, and substantial progress has been made under Component 2, including delivery of agro-meteorological equipment. The national project team has been recruited, pending Government approval, and WFP is ready to operationalize the PMU. The extension would allow the project to implement priority activities under Component 3, complete equipment handover and climate services under Component 2, consolidate results, and complete the final evaluation, audit and closure. No additional funds are required.

Secretariat's review of the request

The Secretariat has reviewed the request and the reasons provided by WFP and considers the request for a no-cost extension of the project completion date to be justified. The Secretariat notes that the delay is largely due to institutional and governance challenges affecting the timely establishment of the National Project Management Unit, as highlighted by the MTR, and that a Management Response Action Plan has been initiated to address the MTR recommendations. The Secretariat further notes that the extension is needed to complete the outstanding activities under Components 2 and 3, to consolidate the results achieved under Components 1 and 2, and to complete the final evaluation, audit and closure activities, and that no additional funds are required. It also acknowledges that the Designated Authority has been duly notified, in line with the Policy for Project/Programme Delays.

Conclusion

Following the review of the request for no-cost extension of the project completion date submitted by WFP for the project "Strengthening the Climate Change Adaptation Capacities of Vulnerable Communities Living in the Congo River Basin" implemented in the Republic of Congo, the request has been cleared by the Secretariat as per Decision B.44/44 and the Policy for Project/Programme Delays. The revised expected project completion date is 22 February 2028.

Clearance: AFBSEC-2026-32