



**Global Environment Facility, United Nations Development Programme and
Conservation and Environment Protection Authority**

Project Extension Request:

Papua New Guinea's Cross-Cutting Capacity Development Project

PROJECT EXTENSION REQUEST FORM	
Project title, country and PIMS #:	PIMS ID: 4930; Project Award: 00080825; Project ID: 00090935 Country Name: Papua New Guinea Project Title: Strengthening Capacities to Measure, Report and Verify Indicators of Global Environment Benefits
The reason(s) for the extension: <i>Include all that apply; delete the options that do not apply</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <u>Late project start up and delays with recruitment of project staff</u> ✓ <u>Change in project context which further delayed project implementation</u> ✓ <u>Institutional reform within the Implementing Partner to include move to a new office</u>
Length of the requested extension in months. For GEF-3 and GEF-4 projects, extensions may be granted up to 24 months only. For GEF-5 and GEF-6 projects, extensions may be granted up to 12 to 18 months only, depending on the circumstances	18 months, September 2017-April 2019
Original planned closing date Original planned closing date can be calculated by adding the project duration in months noted in the CEO endorsement request to the project document signature date.	31 August 2017
If the extension is granted, what will be the new closing date? Please note that operational closure must be completed by the closing date; the terminal evaluation should be completed <u>before</u> the project is operationally closed (no further commitments can be raised in Atlas, all POs must be fully received before operational closure; non-PO Vouchers can still be created, but no ASL will be allocated to the project after the project completion deadline).	30 April, 2019

Please complete the following questions:

1. Explain why the project should be extended and how the extension will lead to the successful completion of the project and greater impact (no more than 500 words).

The project experienced significant setbacks that affected timely implementation of activities since its inception in December 2015. **Firstly**, the challenges with the recruitment of project staff, specifically a project manager with an appropriate skill set to manage this project and there was no budget allocation for a project assistant. **Secondly**, the development context has changed wherein there are several foreign assisted projects with Climate Change Development Authority (CCDA) and the PNG Forest Authority (PNGFA) that are building national meta database on climate change, land use and forest degradation with significant resources (<http://png-nfms.org/portal/> (<http://forest.pngsdf.com/>) including “Geonode” funded by the World Bank as a web-based application and platform for deploying GIS on hazard and climate change affecting the transport sector.

Thirdly, the implementing partner’s institutional reform from Department of Environment and Conservation to a full statutory authority known today as the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA). Their transition from 2014-2016 also saw shifts with the delegated official which untowardly further affected the direction of the project from a long circuitous process in the development of the EMIS concept to placing much focus on ICT requirements to match the upgrading of the internal system in CEPA then to rescoping what are the realistic deliverables under this project. **Fourthly**, with the national budgetary shortfalls in the last 3 successive years, government commitment to this project has not eventuated which left the project to locate other sources. This was later resolved through cost-share arrangement with PIMS 5261 with the procurement of 2 servers for GIS and data storage in 2016. **Finally**, CEPA was planning to move to a new office location in June 2017 which again stalled the implementation of project activities.

Overall, these challenges have significantly affected timely implementation towards completion of project deliverables.

2. Provide an overview of the remaining GEF grant:

Remaining Project Funds as of 21 August, 2017

Origin	Approved prodoc budget (US)	Total expenditure as of 21 August, 2017 (US)	Balance (US)
GEF Grants	500,000	179,286	320,714
UNDP	50,000	32,307	17,693

3. Attach the initial request for project extension received from the government partner or implementing partner, as applicable.
4. Attach the workplan for the remaining project funds for the extension period.