

Request for Extension of Enhancing adaptive capacity of communities to climate change-related floods in the North coast and Island Region of Papua New Guinea

Request for Extension of project / programme completion date:

AF Project / Programme ID: PIMS 4452	
Project / Programme Title: Enhancing adaptive capacity of communities to climate change-related floods in the North coast and Island Region of Papua New Guinea	
Country: Papua New Guinea	
AF Project / Programme Approval (date): 23rd March 2012	
Expected AF Project / Programme End Date: 31st October 2016	Proposed AF Project Completion Date: 31st December 2017

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In accordance with finding and recommendations of the Midterm Review (MTR), the "Enhancing adaptive capacity of communities to climate change-related floods in the North coast and Island Region of Papua New Guinea" requests for extension of the project until 31st December 2017.

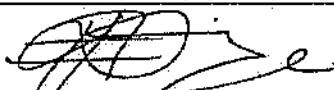
The MTR indicates that "without any time extension, the review found that many project targets won't be achieved by October 2016. This is mostly due to numerous delays since the outset of this project – mostly management delays to establish an effective PMU with a full time Project Manager (PM). One particular indicator is the level of project disbursements whereby only 3% of the AF grant were used during the first 15 months as opposed to 31% of the elapsed time."

As of the end of October 2015, there is a remaining budget of 3,861,400 representing about 64% of the AF grant. If we consider the original timeline with end of September 2016 as the closing date for the project, the assessment indicates that this remaining budget will not be expended during the remaining period of 11 months. Taking as a benchmark the disbursement of the first 10 months of 2015, the project would need 30 additional months to expend the remaining budget. Considering this remaining budget and the overall progress of the project, particularly the fact that October 2016 appears too early for the project to end while ensuring sustainable achievements, it is recommended to extend the project by another year to the end of September 2017.

So far, the project has spent \$2,157,377 or 36% of the AF grant. A large portion of these expenditures were allocated to assessments, studies and strategy such as a communication strategy. A lot of valuable information has been produced so far but little use of this information has been made. In the coming months, this body of knowledge will also be increased with the outputs of the two ongoing assessments: vulnerability assessment in the 5 provinces and information needed to inform the design of a functional EWS. Closing the project in October 2016 would prevent the use of this information for implementing concrete actions to address impacts of coastal and riverine flooding in the 5 provinces, including planning activities but also flooding mitigation activities. A one-year extension would provide an opportunity to value this initial investment on assessment.

The MTR recommends one-year extension of the project until September 2017. In consideration of financial and operational closure and TE, we request for extension until 31st December 2017.

Implementing Entity Certification:

This request has been prepared in accordance with Adaptation Fund policies and procedures, has been agreed by participating entities, and the designated national authority (NDA) has been notified.	
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