

ANNEX D: NOTIFICATION OF DELAY OF PROJECT OR PROGRAMME INCEPTION

Implementing Entity Name: IFAD

AF Project/Programme ID: N/A

Project/Programme Title: Increasing Rural Communities' Adaptive Capacity and Resilience to Climate Change in Bandama Basin in Cote d'Ivoire

Country(ies): Cote d'Ivoire Republic

Project/Programme Approval Date: 23/02/2022

Expected Project/Programme Start (date): 01/07/2023

Proposed Revised Completion (date): N/A

1. Reasons/ justification for delay in the project's/programme's inception and the number of months of delay from the project approval date.

The delay is mainly due to the fact that: (i) The cost table developed at the time of the project design was not adapted to that of IFAD, which favours the distribution of costs by categories and not by the activities. This delayed the preparation of the financing agreement between IFAD (implementing entity) and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, in particular Annex 2 of the financing agreement relating to the table of allocation of funds; (ii) The absence of a French version of the project design report which, according to the Government, would be a limitation to a proper negotiation of the financing agreement and implementation of the project. The project effectiveness is expected at the end of June 2023 and the first disbursement conditions prior to the first advance payment are likely to be fulfilled before in July, and the inception workshop should probably take place in August 2023.

2. Approaches/ mitigation measures to ensure the start of implementation

The Country Director and team worked quickly to mitigate this delay by recruiting an expert Costab software consultant to reconstruct the project's cost tables, ensuring a breakdown by categories of expenses. In parallel, the country team translated the project design document into French. All this done, the draft financing agreement (FA) is now finalized and the letter to inform the beneficiary's representative and set the date for negotiations by June 15 is about to be sent. Once the negotiations are completed, the signing ceremony of the financing agreement could take place before the end of June 2023 for a start of the project in early July 2023. The country team also has also been in continuous communication with the Government to speed the first disbursement and the project start-up.

3. Challenges (in addition to those mentioned in section 1) that may extend the project/programme completion date)

Once the project starts, no further challenges are expected apart from the risks already identified in the project document.

Implementing Entity certification

This notification for delay on project/programme inception has been prepared in accordance with Adaptation Fund policies and procedures, and delay in project/programme start has been agreed by participating executing entities and has been notified to the designated authority(ies) (DA).

Name & Signature

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