



GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

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**RE: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA PROJECT
“AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO PHYSICAL ADAPTATION AND COMMUNITY
RESILIENCE IN ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA’S NORTHWEST
MCKINNON’S WATERSHED”**

TABLE 1: ADAPTATION FUND TEMPLATE FOR PROJECT EXTENSION

Implementing Entity Name: Department of Environment, Ministry of Health, Wellness, Social Transformation and the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda		
AF Project/Programme ID: ATG/NIE/Multi/2016/1		
Project/Programme Title: An Integrated Approach to Physical Adaptation and Community Resilience in Antigua and Barbuda’s northwest McKinnon’s Watershed		
Country: Antigua and Barbuda		
Project/Programme Approval (date)	27/03/2017	
Expected Project/programme Completion (date)	01/08/2023	Proposed Revised Completion (date) 01/02/2024

Reasons/justifications for the extension of project/programme completion

The Department of Environment (DOE) began implementation of the AF Project in August 2017 and was expected to complete implementation by August 2022 following the approval of a No Cost Extension. On July 29th, 2022, the DOE requested a further No Cost Extension because of the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic (attached). This extension was requested until 1st August 2023. Further to this extension request, the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic has continued to cause delays to Project Implementation. Although the situation in the country is beginning to normalize, there are still residual impacts of the pandemic on the supply chain. These are discussed further below:

COVID-19 PANDEMIC IMPACT ON SUPPLY CHAIN

As reported in the previous request for extension, the COVID-19 Pandemic continues to cause delays in the implementation of the Project, primarily due to supply chain issues. Since



the COVID-19 Pandemic, costs have also been rising almost weekly, and have more than doubled, in some cases, causing the need for co-financing.

For Component 1, the increased cost of materials has caused the budgeted amounts to be exceeded for the implementation of interventions along the waterway. Material shortages on the island has resulted in further delays. The Department of Environment has been working closely with the Ministry of Works to complete these activities by Quarter 3 of 2023.

Component 3 follows similar challenges as Component 1, with Community Groups which applied for grants to increase the resilience of their facilities to serve as shelters, facing the same issues with the lack of available materials, resulting in implementation delays. It was expected that demonstrations of the shelters would have occurred within the first quarter of 2023, however, at this time, it appears that this may only be possible by the fourth quarter of this year.

As a result of the delays caused by material availability stemming from the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the DOE is requesting a six-month No-Cost Extension to allow for the following:

- Assuming there are no further delays in material availability and no further increases in the cost of materials, the completion of the physical interventions to the waterway.
- An extension of the project should also provide additional time for community groups to complete their physical interventions under the Project. This will allow the Project, on completion, to demonstrate evidence of the physical resilience of the community shelters.

Implementing Entity Certification

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

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