

ANNEX A: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONCRETE ADAPTATION
PROJECT/PROGRAMME

Request for extension of project/programme completion date

Implementing Entity Name: Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (MFEM), Cook Islands			
AF Project/programme ID: COK/NIE/Multi/2017/1			
Project/programme Title: Akamatutu'anga kia Tukatau te Ora'anga i te Pa Enea - Pa Enea Action for Resilient Livelihoods (PEARL)			
Country: Cook Islands			
Project/Programme Approval (date)	22 March 2018		
Expected Project/programme Completion (date)	06 December 2021	Proposed Revised Completion (date):	06 June 2022

Reasons/justifications for the extension of project/programme completion:

The MFEM NIE cordially requests for a six (6) months no-cost extension of the AF PEARL Project completion date to allow adjustments to the delivery of outstanding project activities that were delayed and/or suspended due to restrictions imposed nationally and by countries worldwide in response to the unprecedented impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

Reprogramming of Project delivery

Exacerbating the already limited logistical and supply chain services to the Pa Enea (the outer islands of the Cook Islands) who are the key beneficiaries of this Project, temporary restrictions on domestic flights and shipping were imposed in March 2020 and remain fluid and dependent on viable local demand for services and Government assurance (to the Pa Enea Councils) of maintaining the Cook Islands' COVID-19 free status. (www.covid19.gov.ck)

From October 2020 the Project **Component 2** has resumed with the procurement of water makers and storage tanks from international and domestic suppliers for the drought prone and remote pa enua of the northern Cook Islands. Impending delivery, planned installation and maintenance work for rain and ground water harvesting are expected to extend beyond the Project's completion date due to the above mentioned fluidity of supply chain and logistics to the pa enua.

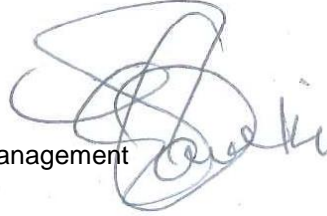
The updating of household surveys for the Pa Enea Disaster Risk Management Plans and training of contacts are underway for **Component 1**. Plans to run preparedness table top exercises for each of the islands are also in progress.

International border lockdowns continue to impact access to the larger pool of consultancy expertise overseas. Experts locally are limited and have been inundated with back to back engagements. Availability to engage consultancy services for the Project's overall monitoring and evaluation requirements have been delayed to accommodate availability and also the reprogramming of project activities to later dates.

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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