



CAFI Executive Board Decision

Cameroon - No-cost extension of “Sustainable Intensification of Smallholder palm oil production in the Southwest Cameroon”

[[Project ID: 00141291](#)]

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Considering:

- The CAFI-Cameroon Letter of Intent signed on 07 October 2024 in Hamburg, Germany (EB.2024.34), covering the period 2025–2035, which identifies the sustainable intensification of agriculture and the development of deforestation-free value chains as key priorities of the partnership, including in the oil palm sector.
- Decision EB.2023.12 approving the launch of the Regional Private Sector Window.
- Decision EB.2023.24 approving launch of the Call for Expressions of Interest for the Regional Private Sector Facility dated 14 September 2023 (2023/09/private).
- Decision EB.2025.21 inviting KfW Development Bank to submit a preparatory grant request for the "Sustainable intensification of smallholder palm oil production in Southwest Cameroon" project (SIS-POP), to conduct a feasibility study and develop a full Project Document for submission to the CAFI Executive Board.
- The approval by the CAFI Secretariat, on behalf of the Executive Board, of the preparatory grant for the "Sustainable intensification of smallholder palm oil production in Southwest Cameroon" (SIS-POP) project, implemented by KfW Development Bank, for an amount of USD 400,000 and duration of 10 months.
- The letter from KfW Development Bank, dated 18 June 2026, requesting a no-cost extension of the project of 9 months, until 31 March 2027, in order to allow the completion of the feasibility study and the finalisation of the Project Document.

Executive Board:

1. Thanks, KfW Development Bank (referred to here as “implementing organization”) for their progress assessment and justification provided to demand a non-cost extension.
2. Approves the no-cost extension of the preparatory grant “Sustainable intensification of smallholder palm oil production in Southwest Cameroon” (SIS-POP, Project ID [00141291](#))

implemented by KfW Development Bank, for a period of 8 months, from 05 August 2026 to 31 March 2027, with no change to the approved budget of USD 400,000, following the UNDG budget distribution approved in the original PRODOC.

3. Recalls that, while respecting its rules and regulations, the implementing organization commits to apply zero tolerance towards fraud, corruption, sexual exploitation and abuse; to protect whistleblowers; to inform the public; to promote gender equality and social inclusion; and to use appropriate complaint mechanisms. In addition, the implementing organization commits to carefully managing all other contextual and programmatic risks identified by the Board and should act proactively in reporting these risks to CAFI's Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of CAFI's Trust Fund.
4. Recalls that feasibility studies and the design of projects and programmes should place strong emphasis on (i) gender inclusion, including in terms of sex-disaggregated data, (ii) human rights and non-discrimination, (iii) conflict prevention and resolution, in particular with regard to land tenure, (iv) monitoring and learning, while ensuring strong alignment with the CAFI results framework, (v) analysis of the link with forest conservation, (vi) analysis of opportunities for scale-up and means to achieve them, (vii) analysis of risks of corruption and conflicts of interest, as well as the stakeholders likely to gain or lose as a result of the initiative, (viii) the use – to the extent possible – of local references and analysis with respect to potential beneficiaries, market opportunities and income opportunities for smallholders and economic viability, limitations and risks; (ix) clear integration and interlinkages between the various interventions proposed; (x) a clear exit/sustainability strategy; (xi) a robust analysis and management of risks (incl. land tenure and fire).
5. Recalls that the implementing organization will have to report on progress toward both the objectives and milestones of (as relevant) the Letter of Intent as well as on indicators of CAFI's results framework in accordance with CAFI guidelines and templates. In addition, it will have to provide CAFI with all reports and data (raw and analysed) from household surveys and other field studies including spatial information (i.e. GPS coordinates) and information on how their activities are addressing and respecting CAFI social and environmental safeguards.
6. Reminds the implementing organization of its reporting obligations under the current CAFI Operations Manual, in terms of both narrative and financial reports.