



CAFI Executive Board Decision

Cameroon -

Extension with additional budget of the Preparatory Grant UNDP-MINEPAT
Coordination Support Project ([00140410](#))

Adopted by email on 15.08.2024

EB.2024.28

Considering :

- The CAFI Declaration and the persisting challenge of forest loss and food security in Cameroon.
- Decision [EB.2023.08](#) approving the Call for Expressions of Interest for the implementation of the start-up phase projects of the CAFI Cameroon Partnership (2023/02/CMR).
- CAFI Secretariat's approval of funding, on behalf of the Executive Board, for the [Preparatory Grant UNDP-MINEPAT Coordination support](#) in Cameroon on 09 October 2023.
- The originally approved timeline of the project, from 01 October 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- Decision [EB.2024.09](#) approving a no-cost extension of the project until 30 June 2024 .
- The important ongoing work of MINEPAT on the finalisation of project documents of the start-up phase of the partnership between CAFI and Cameroon.
- The letter from United Nations Programme Development (UNDP), dated July 12, 2024, requesting an extension of the project of 7 months, until January 31, 2025, with an additional budget of USD 1,498,000, supported by the revised project document and the revised workplan.
- Provisions on CAFI's Manual of Operations in its Chapter 5.4 on "project/programme and budget revisions" which states that the Executive Board's approval is required for budget increase requests.

The Executive Board:

1. Thanks UNDP (referred here as “implementing organization”) for their progress assessment and justification provided to demand an extension with additional budget.
2. Approves the extension of the project for 7 months, until March 14, 2025.
3. Approves an additional budget allocation of USD 1,458,000 (see point 8 under this decision) and instructs MPTF to transfer this amount to the implementing organization.
4. 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.
5. Recalls that the implementing organization will have to report on progress towards on the indicators of CAFI’s Results Framework in accordance with CAFI’s guidelines and templates. In addition, the implementing organization will have to provide CAFI with all reports and data (raw and analyzed) from household’s surveys and other field studies including spatial information (i.e. GPS coordinates), as well as information on how its activities address and respect CAFI’s social and environmental safeguards requirements.
6. 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).
7. Reminds the implementing organization of its reporting obligations under the current CAFI Operations Manual, in terms of both narrative and financial reports.
8. Instructs the CAFI Secretariat to sign the project document for the extension with additional budget on its behalf, as soon as a revised request is submitted by UNDP which integrates the following recommendations:
 - a) Add an annex with the list of potential measures 2024-2025 to be reached under a future partnership agreement (work in progress) with CAFI and their respective funding sources, to clarify which milestone could be met and/or supported through this preparatory grant and how this funding will relate to the IMF RSF loan and its required reforms.

- b) Add tables to provide explanations on the equipment and “staff” costs budget lines and reduce the budget line of equipment by 40,000 USD.
- 9. Instructs the CAFI secretariat to report to the Board on point 8.
- 10. Encourage the Government of Cameroon to approach the GEF and the NDC partnership to mobilize further assistance on the establishment of the NDC and meet the requirements under UNFCCC.
- 11. Recommends UNDP to provide cutting-edge policy and technical advice to the Government of Cameroon on the financial and technical support it could request to meet its commitments under the UNFCCC through the relevant channels (eg through the GEF, NDC partnership, etc)