

Project Amendment Proposal

Project Amendment Request	Select changes that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of duration <input type="checkbox"/> Change of project outcome/ scope/log frame <input type="checkbox"/> Change of budget allocation
Project title	"Strengthen Road Safety Management for evidence-based intervention through reliable road crash data, building capacity in research and monitoring evaluation"; Grant No. UNRSTF Project 000125035.
Participating UN Organization(s)	ECA
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Other UN partner(s)	N/A
Other partner(s)	Uganda Road Accident Reduction Network Organization (URRENO)
Beneficiary country(ies)	UGANDA
Country category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low-Income <i>indicate % of total cost: 60%</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Middle-Income <i>indicate % of total cost: _____</i>
Total budget including co- financing (in US\$)	USD 294,536.00

Current budget status (in US\$)	<p>ECA shall provide to the Implementing Partner with funds up to a maximum amount USD 206,240:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First instalment of USD 82,496 equivalent to 40 % of the maximum amount was made • Remaining balance to be disbursed: USD 123,744, equivalent of 42% of total budget of USD 294,536.00 • Project budget status as per MPTFO: 92,858 expenditure equivalent to 35.03% of the total transferred amount of 268,082
Budget to be funded by UNRSF (in US\$)	<i>US\$ 265,082 (United States Dollars two hundred sixty-five thousand, and eighty-two)</i>
Initial start date	01/03/2021
Initial end date	01/12/2022
Duration (in months)	24 Months
Extension	<p>Start date: 01/03/2021. Initial end date: 01/12/2022. Second amendment to: 31/10/2024 New end date: 30/05/2025 Extension duration: (number of months) 07 Months</p>

Justification for the requested project amendment

The previous 10-month extension was intended to give the Implementing Partner (IP) 9 months to finalize the project and the ECA 1 month to carry out closure activities. However, due to challenges faced by the IP in procuring vendors within the planned timelines, caused by lengthy procurement processes, the project could not be completed within this extended period. While the normal procurement process will last many months and could be cancelled in case of unsuccessful bidding, the IP has relayed to an alternative restricted tender process with URRENO as project partner. This approach has been cleared by the Ministry authorities and the IP can currently continue without any procurement concerns.

The following mitigation measures were put in place by ECA:

(1) On 11th June 2024, the ECA team held a successful special virtual follow-up meeting with the Ministry of Works and Transport - Uganda team to track project progress. During the meeting, it was agreed that Uganda would provide a letter indicating the new account and the reasons for the change, along with a letter requesting payment of the second tranche amounting to 50% and USD 103,120. Additionally, Uganda would submit a certified financial statement using the ECA template, provided by Placide from ECA, covering the period from July 2022 to May 2024, as well as a report on the training in research methodology and research concepts.

All the requested documents and reports were submitted as requested. However, the payment of the second installment has not been expedited warranting a request for extension of five months to allow the completion of all activities including the test of the database and the evaluation of the project.

(2) In addition, the schedule of funds disbursement needed a revision to allow on-time procurement of the remaining vendor:- Expert to develop and implement the database.

ECA is then requesting a 08-months extension, for the IP to finalize the project upon 7 months and ECA to proceed with closure activities withing 1 month.

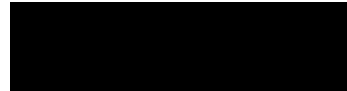
Completion of project activities	<p><i>The implementation of the project has been initiated and the progress to date was made by completing the following main activities on the workplan:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>output 1.1 – completed. Results to date: 21 staff trained in research methodologies</i> - <i>output 1.2 – completed. Results to date: 4 concepts for research topics developed</i> - <i>output 1.3 – ongoing. Results to date: 4 research are being carried out and findings will be disseminated in the workshops to be held soon</i> - <i>output 2.1 - completed. Results to date: ToRs to recruit the Expert to develop the Monitoring and Evaluation framework developed and expert recruited.</i> - <i>Output 2.2 – ongoing. Results to date: the draft frame work is being developed. The inception report submitted and approved</i> - <i>Output 3.1: Road Crash Data base system hosted to Server – ongoing. Results to date: Scoping requirements for server operationalization ongoing including processes to engage an expert .</i> - <i>Output 3.2: System upgraded for interfaces and application of mobile app – Not done: to be done upon completion of output 3.1.</i> - <i>Output 3.3: Traffic Police Officers, Ministry Staff and other stakeholder’s staff trained in data collection, entry, interpretation and analysis - Not done: to be done upon completion of output 3.2.</i> <p><i>By holding monitoring consultations, UNECA and the IP addressed situations that slowed down activities and causing delay in the deployment of experts and the whole project.</i></p> <p><i>The recruitment of the expert for outcome 3 has been initiated and no delay is expected. The Ministry has identified the potential experts that will be requested to submit their quotations. This period has allowed the Ministry to understand and confirm the requirements. This means the recruitment will not take long. As soon as the second disbursement is confirmed the recruitment is expected to take 4 to 7 weeks.</i></p> <p><i>The alternate project focal person has been allowed to interact with ECA in order to fast track processes and allow fast interventions.</i></p> <p><i>A revised workplan (provided in attachment) was developed in consultation with the implementing partner to ensure the delivery of the project activities within the extension period.</i></p>
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Date: Actual date

11/10/2024

Annexes

Annex 1: Revised Workplan attached