

CAFI Executive Board Decision

Republic of Congo

No-Cost Extension of the Coordination project in support of the Prime Minister Office (00129481)

Adopted by e-mail on 20 January 2025

EB.2025.03

Considering:

- Decision <u>EB.2021.10</u> of 25 June 2021 approving the Coordination project in support of the Prime Minister Office:
- Decision <u>EB.2023.30</u> of 06 November 2023 approving a no cost extension until 31 December 2024 and requesting several elements for the 2024 Annual workplan and budget;
- Decision <u>EB.2023.26</u> reminding Implementing organizations that no extension, at or without cost, will be granted to projects that have repeatedly failed to comply to the reporting deadlines and format set out in the CAFI Manual of Operations;
- The mixed record by UNDP on respecting reporting requirements, with half of reports submitted past the deadline over the last 4 reporting cycles; and conformity generally estimated at fair, although with noted efforts to improve the latter in the last reporting cycle;
- The recommendations of the independent evaluation of the programme initiated by United Kingdom/FCDO and presented to the RoC Working Group on 11 December 2025;
- The letter from UNDP dated 19 December 2024 requesting a no-cost extension.

The Executive Board:

- 1. <u>Thanks</u> the UNDP referred here as "implementing organization" for the justification provided to request a no-cost extension.
- 2. <u>Decides</u> to grant and exception from the CAFI Operations Manual and its decision EB.2023.26, and to approve a 2nd and last no-cost extension of the current support project until March 31, 2025.

- 3. Requests the Project to list and inform the CAFI Secretariat the assets currently in use by the project, regardless if the asset is fully depreciated or not. The list of assets must include items such as but not limited to furniture, laptop and/or other types of office equipment, vehicles, etc.
- 4. Requests the Project to proceed with donation/transfer of the identified list of assets to the CAFI-funded project 00140486 Regional Technical Assistance Facility managed by UNOPS, to donation/transfer to be completed upon operational closure of the project.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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's 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.
- 7. Reminds the implementing organization of its reporting obligations under the current CAFI Operations Manual, in terms of both narrative and financial reports.