

Project Amendment Proposal

Project Amendment Request	Select changes that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of duration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change of project outcome/ scope/log frame <input type="checkbox"/> Change of budget allocation
Project title	Strengthening evidence-based interventions for road safety in the Arab region through effective and reliable data recording, processing,
Participating UN Organization(s)	UN-ESCWA
Implementation organization(s)	NA
Other UN partner(s)	NA
Other partner(s)	Ministries of Transport, Ministries of Interior, National Road Safety Entities, Internal Security Forces (ISF) in the pilot countries.
Beneficiary country(ies)	Tunisia, Lebanon, and Qatar (as self-financing),
Country category	<input type="checkbox"/> Low-Income <i>indicate % of total cost: _____</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle-Income <i>indicate % of total cost: <u>100%</u></i>
Total budget including co-financing (in US\$)	377 875
Current budget status (in US\$) and Percentage of budget spent	<i>Please provide the total budget disbursed or allocated and the remaining balance.</i> Total budget : \$ 280,875 Budget spent: \$ 248,180; Percentage of budget spent: 88.4% Remaining balance: \$ 32,695
Budget to be funded by UNRSF (in US\$)	280 875
Initial start date	01/10/2021
Initial end date	31/07/2023
Duration (in months)	22
Extension	First extension end date: 31/01/2024 Second extension end date: 31/01/2025 Third Extension end date: 31/01/2026 Fourth extension end date: 31/07/2026 Extension duration: 6 months

<p>Justification for the requested project amendment</p>	<p><i>The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) is requesting a 6-month extension at no additional cost for the project to finalize the implementation of the project activities, particularly:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Organize a ToT program for Palestinian police officers in February 2026</i> - <i>Deploy the application and test it for a period of 3 months between February-April 2026 in the pilot country (Palestine) after we received a formal request to host the MAHDAR application for road crashes in November 2025.</i> - <i>Review the results of the pilot country application in May 2026 and deliver the second training for Palestinian police officers on data processing and analysis.</i> - <i>Conduct a virtual regional workshop in June 2026 for member countries to officially announce the application usable for those countries who wish to use it independently from ESCWA.</i> - <i>Conduct the external evaluation of the project during June-July 2026.</i> <p><i>The requested extension will ensure that the project's goals are fully achieved while remaining within the original budget.</i></p>
<p>Completion of project activities</p>	<p><i>The prototype of the harmonized digital form for handheld devices, "MAHDAR," has been successfully customized, alongside the completion of two key guidelines: one for using the digital form on handheld devices (available in both English and Arabic), and another detailing the process for retrieving and transferring data from handheld devices to a local or server-based database (in English).</i></p> <p><i>A regional workshop on Road Safety Data Collection and Analysis was held on 13 May 2025, bringing together representatives from eight Arab countries. The workshop provided an opportunity to test the application, evaluate its functionality, and gather feedback on its potential for national-level deployment.</i></p> <p><i>Based on feedback from the workshop, the MAHDAR application's main features, both on paper and in the web form, were modified. Additionally, all related manuals were updated and finalized. A document detailing the data elements, definitions, and the rationale for data collection was also prepared, as recommended by focal points during the workshop. This document will support the future development of the regional road safety observatory, "AIRSO," which ESCWA is advocating for. Some of the data collected through MAHDAR will be transferred to AIRSO, and therefore, the data needs to be harmonized.</i></p> <p><i>A virtual regional consultative meeting was held on 11 November 2025, where focal points from several Arab countries were updated on the improvements made to the application and revised guidelines. During the meeting, several countries expressed verbal interest in testing the application.</i></p> <p><i>As of now, an official letter from the State of Palestine has been</i></p>

	<p><i>received, confirming their participation in the training sessions and a three-month testing period for the application. Work is currently underway on the training materials and guidelines for using the desktop application to analyze data for formulating road safety policies, strategies, and action plans. Two Training of Trainers (ToT) will be delivered, and the first one is scheduled to begin in February 2026.</i></p> <p><i>The revised project work plan, attached, outlines the timeline for completing the postponed activities and finalizing the project.</i></p>
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Annexes

Annex 1: Revised Workplan

[Please provide a revised workplan including activities completed, ongoing and postponed. The workplan results chain column should reflect the project logframe's results chain. Please see the suggested template below and attached.]