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Extension of time for initial steps

GCF Project: FP034

Case [C-0010-Uganda](#)

Date 3 July 2024

IRM Extension of Time Decision – Initial Steps

GCF Project **FP034 - Building Resilient Communities, Wetland Ecosystems and Associated Catchments in Uganda**

Date **3 July 2024**

1. In April 2024, the IRM received and acknowledged a complaint alleging adverse impacts related to the implementation of GCF funded project FP034 "Building Resilient Communities, Wetland Ecosystems and Associated Catchments in Uganda." Complainant(s) raised several concerns related to the implementation of the project, including restrictions on access to wetlands, lack of compensation and/or adequate consultation, increased food insecurity and impoverishment of wetland-dependent communities and increased threats to community health, security and safety, among others. The IRM declared the case eligible on 8 May 2024.¹
2. According to the IRM's Procedures and Guidelines (PGs),² the IRM has 60 calendar days from declaring a complaint eligible to conduct the initial steps phase, which includes consulting with the complainant(s) and other potential parties to:
 - a) understand the issues in the complaint;
 - b) provide further information regarding problem solving and compliance review;
 - c) ascertain whether the complainant would like to pursue problem solving and/or compliance review; and
 - d) ensure that the complainant is able to make an informed decision.
3. In accordance with the PGs, the IRM's 60 calendar days to complete the initial steps phase will come to an end on 7 July 2024. The initial steps phase of this case is taking longer than anticipated to complete because of the following reasons:
 - a) the scope of the project area and the areas pertaining to this complaint are expansive;
 - b) the project involves numerous stakeholders who provide a wide range of perspectives;
 - c) virtual communication is extremely difficult in this case; and
 - d) for the reasons above, it takes more time to sufficiently explain the IRM's procedures and help the potential parties make an informed process decision. Thus, this initial steps phase inevitably requires more than one mission travel.
4. In order to ensure that the parties' views are sufficiently reflected and considered, the IRM, acting in terms of paragraph 95 of the PGs, has decided to extend the time period for completing the initial steps phase from 7 July 2024 to 10 November 2024.

[Signed]

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¹ The eligibility determination for is available at:

<https://irm.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/case/determination-eligibility-c0010-uganda.pdf>

² <https://irm.greenclimate.fund/document/2019-procedures-and-guidelines-irm>