# Van-KIRAP Project Sixth Steering Committee Meeting Paper

## MEETING INFORMATION

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| **Meeting Number** | SC-06 / 2023 | **Meeting Title** | Van KIRAP Project SC Meeting |
| **Agenda Item #4** | Update on the project no-cost extension 2024-2025 |
| **Purpose** | 1. To update the meeting on the submission of the project no-cost extension for 2024-2025, and status of this request.
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## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The meeting is to **NOTE** the submission of the project no-cost extension for 2024-2025 and relevant implications
2. The meeting is to **NOTE** the status of the request.

## BACKGROUND

The Climate Information Services for Resilient Development Planning in Vanuatu (Van-CIS-RDP) project (GCF reference FP035) also referred to as the VANKirap project, was initially scheduled to close on 10 January 2022 according to the original Funded Activity Agreement signed upon project approval. Following an initial no-cost extension, the closing date was revised to 10 December 2023 with a completion date[[1]](#endnote-1) of 10 March 2024.

In October 2023, the Accredited Entity (SPREP) submitted to the Green Climate Fund; a simple no-cost extension request to extend project closing and completion dates respectively, by a period of 24 months. The revised dates are as follows:

* Closing Date from 10 December 2023 to 10 December 2025; and
* Completion Date from 10 March 2024 to 10 March 2026.

As the project will not be undergoing a restructure, the no-cost extension request is a ‘simple no-cost extension’ and will not require submission to the GCF board. The consideration of the request will be processed by the GCF Secretariat. The Government of Vanuatu through its GCF National Designated Authority (NDA) provided no objection to the request for no-cost extension and relevant annexes.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

The project implementation plan has been reviewed extensively by both of the Project Management Units (PMUs), in consultation with the Accredited Entity and with guidance from GCF’s Division of Portfolio Management. While most activities have progressed to over 60-70% completion rate under implementation, the extension period will allow finalisation and phasing down/phasing out of necessary activities under the project’s exit strategy and in line with project sustainability.

The project budget has been reviewed, with sufficient budget to ensure continuation of existing project personnel and to allow absorption of necessary staff under the VMGD PMU back into the public service. Due to project budget constraints, several consultancy packages which end in December 2023 will be discontinued. Additionally, the revised budget will ensure successful procurement and installation of the weather band radar which has completed procurement evaluation following a successful request for tenders.

## NEXT STEPS/ STATUS OF EXTENSION REQUEST

As of 3 November, 2023; GCF’s Division of Portfolio Management hasd indicated clearance from their division of the no-cost extension request for official approval by the GCF Secretariat. On 7 November, 2023; GCF notified the Implementing Entity that the **no-cost extension has been approved**. The National Designated Authority (NDA) will be advised accordingly, as the paperwork for the amendment to the Funded Activity Agreement is updated.

ANNEXES

1. Letter of Request (Accredited Entity) – No Cost Extension
2. Updated Project Implementation Plan (2024-2025)
3. Updated Project Budget (2024-2025)
4. Letter of No Objection – GCF National Designated Authority

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1. Three month period following project closing date. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)