



Regional: Pacific Information and Communication Technology Investment Planning and Capacity Development Facility

Project Name	Pacific Information and Communication Technology Investment Planning and Capacity Development Facility								
Project Number	47114-001								
Country	Regional								
Project Status	Active								
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance								
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">TA 8540-REG: Pacific Information and Communication Technology Investment Planning and Capacity Development Facility</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 1.10 million</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">TA 8540-REG: Pacific Information and Communication Technology Investment Planning and Capacity Development Facility (Supplementary)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 750,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	TA 8540-REG: Pacific Information and Communication Technology Investment Planning and Capacity Development Facility		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.10 million	TA 8540-REG: Pacific Information and Communication Technology Investment Planning and Capacity Development Facility (Supplementary)		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 750,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth								
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Private sector development								
Sector / Subsector	Information and communication technology - ICT industries and ICT-enabled services - ICT strategy and policy, and capacity development								
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements								
Description	<p>There is a high potential for Pacific island countries to take full advantage of information and communication technology (ICT) in addressing their unique development challenges. Their geographic isolation and associated high transport and communication costs have left most Pacific island countries economically isolated from regional and international markets. These factors also limit the provision of basic services to remote areas and outer islands.</p> <p>Recognizing the potential of ICT, there is growing interest among the Pacific island countries to invest in ICT infrastructure. Several fiber optic submarine cable backbones have been installed in the region and more opportunities are being explored. Regional initiatives have been created to strengthen national capacity and promote regional cooperation on ICT growth. In 2010, the Framework for Action on ICT for Development in the Pacific was formulated to guide future actions in key areas such as policy, legislation, and regulatory frameworks; human capacity building; and infrastructure and access.</p>								
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The TA is consistent with ADB's Pacific Approach 2010 to 2014, which specifies ICT application for better social services as one of the priorities. ADB has positioned itself as a leading supporter of improved regional ICT connectivity in the Pacific through submarine fiber optic cable connections, regional provision of regulatory services and ICT application for service provision. Close collaboration will be undertaken with key stakeholders and development partners such as the World Bank to ensure synergy.</p> <p>All Pacific DMCs will be eligible for assistance under the TA upon request. The initial focus will be on Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, and Tonga, all of which have requested ADB's support for their ICT development.</p>								
Impact	Increased economic opportunities and improved service delivery through ICT in the Pacific								

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Enhanced government capacity and leadership in ICT development in selected Pacific DMCs
Progress Toward Outcome	Activities for planned outcome and outputs are ongoing.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	1. Demand-driven ICT technical advice, assessment, and capacity development 2. Knowledge production and management on ICT development experience
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	1. Consultants have been engaged for Solomon Islands, Tonga, Samoa, Palau, FSM, Cook Islands, Kiribati and Nauru and support is provided in all the investment projects in the said countries. 2. An mHealth demonstration project is being prepared in Tonga. The TA will assist the government implement an mHealth demonstration project focusing on diabetes as one of the highly prevalent non-communicable diseases in the country. Initial baseline assessment referred to remote patient management for gestational diabetic pregnant women as the most ideal mHealth intervention with higher impact on diabetic management and care and expandable to other types of diseases in Tonga. The intervention will be finalized following stakeholder consultation. An eHealth Specialist (international) and mHealth Coordinator (local) has been engaged to help implement the demonstration project.
Geographical Location	

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	The ADB Mission held initial consultation meetings with participating governments regarding the design of the concept paper. Close collaboration will be undertaken with key stakeholders and development partners such as the World Bank and Pacific Island Forum Secretariat to ensure synergy.
During Project Implementation	Consultation with the government focal agencies, ministries, development partners and other relevant stakeholders is ongoing and will be an integral part of project implementation.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	The proposed TA will require 30 person-months of international consultants and 18 person-months of national consultants. The consultants will be engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2010 as amended from time to time). Disbursements under the TA will be made in accordance with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook. The TA will be implemented over 48 months.
Procurement	No procurement is envisaged in the TA.

Responsible Staff

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	28 Oct 2013
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	09 Dec 2013
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	30 Mar 2017

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Milestones			Closing		
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Original	Revised	Actual

09 Dec 2013

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09 Dec 2013

13 Jan 2018

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,850,000.00	0.00	300,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,150,000.00	09 Dec 2013	1,291,535.21

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