



Regional: Higher Education Assessment

Project Name	Higher Education Assessment
Project Number	47308-001
Country	Regional
Project Status	Closed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 8511-REG: Higher Education Assessment Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 225,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development
Sector / Subsector	Education - Tertiary
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Gender equity
Description	The Small Scale Capacity Development Technical Assistance (S-CDTA) supports capacity development of the University of the South Pacific (USP) to assess and plan higher education sector development in the Solomon Islands.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The ADB's engagement with the education sector in the Pacific and the USP identified a critical importance for USP to optimize complementarity between programs offered by USP and national higher education institutions. By building capacity to objectively assess demand for higher education in each country and to develop a country specific strategy and plan for higher education development, it is anticipated that USP will be able to engage in future such assessments and plans when considering regional campus programs and expansion.
Impact	Enhanced capacity of USP to assess investment priorities and plan for higher education development in the region

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	USP makes an informed decision on campus programs and expansion in Solomon Islands
Progress Toward Outcome	The TA is making good progress toward informing USP decisions and plans on a new campus in Solomon Islands.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	1. Supply and demand assessment of higher education in Solomon Islands 2. Financing of higher education assessment 3. Case studies of cost-benefit analysis on investing in new campuses of higher education
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	1. The supply and demand assessment of higher education is completed and a high quality report was produced which together with an initial economic and financial assessment have influenced a major decision to change in campus location. An update on the higher education assessment has been finalized. 2&3. SSTA consultants to conduct an economic/financial assessment, an environmental assessment and engineering technical assessments to comprise a costed master campus development plan have been completed. All reports have been submitted to ADB.
Geographical Location	

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation The USP will be the executing agency and will be responsible for guiding and supervising the TA activities, and coordinating with other relevant government agencies and development partners. All consultants will work closely with USP and relevant national and provincial government agencies, local communities, and other stakeholders in Solomon Islands.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services The TA will require a total of 13 person-months of consulting services (10 person-months of international and 3 person-month of national consultant) . ADB will engage individual consultants in accordance with its Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). The proceeds of the TA will be disbursed in accordance with the TA Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time). Five international consultants will be required with expertise in (i) higher education, (ii) civil engineering, (iii) environmental specialist, (iv) social specialist, and (v) economic/financial specialist.

Procurement Procurement under the TA will follow ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2013, as amended from time to time).

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	15 Nov 2013
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	15 Nov 2013
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	29 Sep 2016

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
15 Nov 2013	-	15 Nov 2013	15 Dec 2014	30 Jun 2016	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
225,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225,000.00	15 Nov 2013	183,446.45

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