# Solomon Islands: Strengthening the Implementation of the National Development Strategy

Project Number	47359-001					
Country	Solomon Islands					
Project Status	Active					
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance					
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 8761-SOL: Strengthening the Implementation of the National Development Strategy					
	Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 600,00	0.00				
	TA 8761-SOL: Strengthening the Implementation of the National Development Strategy (Supplementary)					
	Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 120,00	0.00				
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth					
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development					
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Public expenditure and fiscal management					
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements					
Description	The TA supports the further implementation of the National Development Strategy (NDS) 2010-20 which is the first long term development strategy adopted by Solomon Islands. The NDS was the product of nationwide consultations and has enjoyed the support of successive government since adoption in 2010. The expected impact of the proposed TA is effective policy and strategy implementation. The expected outcome is improved public expenditure management, planning, and reporting. The main TA activities are grouped into four outputs as follows: (i) Implementation of development planning improved. (ii) Integration of the recurrent and development budgets is improved. (iii) Multi-year budget projections are strengthened. (iv) Development partner assistance is better reported and aligned with the NDS.					
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	A key aspect of effective development management is the formulation and implementation of a national development strategy. For Solomon Islands, this is particularly important, because development challenges are daunting, and priorities must be set. ADB previously provided TA for development of the national development strategy, 2010-2020. ADB followed up this with further for NDS implementation which included support for monitoring and evaluation (including an M&E framework), capacity building for planning and line ministry staff, a medium term development plat (MTDP, a rolling 5 year implementation plan for the NDS) and the development of a medium term expenditure framework. On 1st January 2014 the new Public Financial Management Act became effective as a major step in the reform process and to which previous ADB TA had provided inputs Despite progress in improving development planning and budget processes, this work remains at early stage and further assistance is required to maintain the reform momentum. The PFM Act reconfurther regulation to support the MTDP and its implementation. Coordination between the recurrent and development budgets remain largely separate and the recurrent costs of development projects are rarely included in the recurrent budget which affects sustainability. Multi-year budget estimates are at an early stage and there is limited capacity to produce the medium term expenditure framework and link it to the budget documents. Alignment reporting of donor assistance within the NDS remains poor. There is a need for more regular, standardized reporting of donor activities and for their compilation into a database so the government has the information it requires to effectively manage its own development agenda.	TA an Juires nt eport their : and				
Impact	Improved policy and strategy implementation					

### **Project Outcome**

Description of Outcome

Improved public expenditure management, planning, and reporting

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Progress Toward Outcome	The National Development Strategy (NDS) was launched by the government on 29th April 2016 by the Prime Minister. The NDS launch was widely reported . The key next step is preparation of the 2017 annual development budget and the new Medium Term Development Plan (MTDP) 2017-2021. The two key processes and documents for implementing the NDS are the Medium Term Development Plan (MTDP), a rolling 5 year plan covering development projects, and the NDS Program Performance Framework.
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	<ol> <li>Regulations giving effect to planning provisions of the new PFM Act developed and implemented</li> <li>Integration of recurrent and development budgets improved</li> <li>Multi-year budget projections strengthened</li> <li>Coordination between aid management, M&amp;E, and development planning in MDPAC improved</li> </ol>
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	The preparation of the 2017 annual development budget and the new Medium Term Development Plan (MTDP) 2017-2021 are still ongoing. ADB approved a minor change on 23 March 2017 to amend Output 1, reflecting the government's request to have the central focus on improving implementation of development planning, rather than developing and implementing new planning regulations.
Geographical Location	

# Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation During Project Design	Honiara, Solomon Islands
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## Timetable

Concept Clearance	09 Sep 2014
Fact Finding	31 Aug 2014 to 03 Sep 2014
MRM	-
Approval	18 Nov 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	31 Mar 2017

### TA 8761-SOL

Milestones						
Approval	Signing Data	Effectivity Date	Closing			
Approval	Signing Date		Original	Revised	Actual	
18 Nov 2014	31 Dec 2014	31 Dec 2014	28 Feb 2017	30 Jun 2018	-	

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbu	rsements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Count	Counterpart				Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			

720,000.00         0.00         0.00         0.00         0.00         720,000.00         18 Nov 2014         547,467
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