

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION

A. Major Development Partners: Strategic Foci and Key Activities

1. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has supported Fiji's transport sector through the Second and Third Road Upgrading (Sector) Projects and the Emergency Flood Recovery (Sector) Project. ADB is providing grant-financed technical assistance to support the government in formulating its land and maritime transport policies and updating the 20-year Fiji National Transport Sector Plan. These documents will guide the government's future direction and investment in the sector.

2. The governments of the People's Republic of China and Malaysia have also emerged as major new sources of finance for roads. As of 2013, the China Export-Import Bank provided loans totaling F\$126 million or about \$68 million equivalent, and the Malaysia Export-Import Bank provided loans totaling F\$70 million or about \$38 million equivalent.

3. ADB and the World Bank are expected to approve new projects in the transport sector after the September 2014 elections. It is envisaged that both organizations will jointly finance the Transport Infrastructure Investment Sector Project, which will focus on (i) rehabilitation of roads, bridges, and rural jetties; and (ii) efficient project management and institutional strengthening.

Major Development Partners

Development Partner	Project Name	Duration	Amount (\$ million)
Transport			
ADB	Third Road Upgrading (Sector) Project	1997–2012	76.1
	Emergency Flood Recovery (Sector) Project	2009–2014	17.6
	Proposed Transport Infrastructure Investment Sector Project	2015–2020	100.0
World Bank	Proposed Transport Infrastructure Investment Project	2015–2020	50.0
China EXIM Bank	Sigatoka/Sera Road Improvement Project	2010–2013	48.2
	Buca Bay/Moto Road Improvement Project	2010–2013	53.8
	Nabouwalu-Dreketi Upgrading Project	2012–2015	123.9
Malaysia EXIM Bank	Queens Highway Upgrade	2010–2014	26.8

ADB = Asian Development Bank, EXIM = Export-Import.

Sources: Asian Development Bank estimates, World Bank estimates, and Fiji's Ministry of Finance.

4. External assistance is expected to increase sharply after the elections. Australia and New Zealand, the European Union, and the United Nations development agencies have played a critical role in supporting health and education services, and development of small and medium-sized enterprises. The European Union expects to provide significant support for the sugar industry, and to encourage alternative livelihoods through agriculture. United Nations agencies have previously provided environmental, gender, governance, and human rights support as well as capacity building in various sectors. The Government of Japan has provided financing for water supply, agriculture, rural transport, education, and disaster relief.

B. Institutional Arrangements and Processes for Development Coordination

5. Institutional arrangements for development coordination in Fiji are well established. The Ministry of Strategic Planning, National Development, and Statistics, and the Ministry of Finance are the focal points for development coordination across development partners. Development

partner assistance is guided by the Green Growth Framework,¹ Roadmap for Democracy and Sustainable Socio-Economic Development, 2010–2014,² and Public Sector Investment Plan. The update to the 20-year National Transport Sector Plan³ will be informed by these national plans and guide future development in the sector.

6. In preparing a jointly financed project, ADB and the World Bank are preparing common approach to conducting due diligence, and implementing and monitoring compliance with environmental and social safeguards. To facilitate, World Bank will seek a waiver to use ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2013, as amended from time to time) for the project. The project will be implemented by the Fiji Road Authority; guided by agreed common subproject selection criteria; and supported by project management, design, and supervision consultants with agreed terms of reference and expected outputs. ADB and the World Bank will jointly review consultant outputs, monitor project implementation, and carry out joint review missions throughout project implementation.

C. Achievements and Issues

7. The Government of Fiji has successfully held elections on 17 September 2014 and is prepared to reengage with its multilateral and bilateral partners. It has the national policies and plans in place to ensure that development partners prioritize and coordinate investments. ADB has worked closely with the government and the World Bank to ensure that significant collaboration and coordination exist in the transport sector. The updated 20-year National Transport Sector Plan will guide investments and appropriately prioritize and administer development partner finance.

¹ Ministry of Strategic Planning, National Development, and Statistics. 2014. *Green Growth Framework*. Suva.

² Ministry of National Planning. 2009. *Roadmap for Democracy and Sustainable Socio-Economic Development*. Suva.

³ The 20-Year National Transport Infrastructure Plan will be an output of the ongoing policy and advisory technical assistance ADB. 2013. *Technical Assistance Grant to Fiji for Transport Sector Planning and Management*. Manila.