



Solomon Islands: Supporting Good Governance through Safeguards

Project Name	Supporting Good Governance through Safeguards				
Project Number	48148-001				
Country	Solomon Islands				
Project Status	Closed				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">TA 8737-SOL: Supporting Good Governance through Safeguards</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 300,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	TA 8737-SOL: Supporting Good Governance through Safeguards		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 300,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions				
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Road transport (non-urban) - Urban roads and traffic management - Water transport (non-urban)				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements				
Description	<p>The context of the TA stems from ADB' transport sector work since the early 2000s and recognition that the government struggles with understanding and applying safeguards systems. With Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR) assistance, ADB has been supporting the Solomon Islands government to strengthen its environment and social safeguards through TA 8217-SOL, which is an 18-month TA that commenced in April 2013. The core participants are: (i) the Environment and Conservation Department (ECD) within the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management, and Meteorology (MECDM); (ii) the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Survey (MLHS); and (iii) the Ministry of Infrastructure Development (MID). Using diagnostic tools that were developed under the RSES Technical Assistance for Strengthening and Use of Country Safeguard Systems (RETA 7566-REG) which includes legal inventory review and equivalence assessment and institutional capacity assessment, TA 8217 was able to delve in great detail into the legal and institutional framework.</p> <p>The government has requested additional technical assistance based on the findings and recommendations of TA 8127-SOL and has asked for support to implement some of the key priority actions identified during TA 8217-SOL. The new TA focuses on addressing (i) the existing flaws in the land acquisition and development consent (and environmental assessment) processes, and (ii) improving and strengthening the development consent and environmental assessment process.</p>				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	One of the major challenges and implementation of infrastructure projects in the Solomon Islands is to successfully address land and environmental issues, and to be able to effectively implement land acquisition. Projects that require land, most of the time, also require development consent and this requires working with the ministries of Lands and Environment, both of which, suffer from poor governance and a lack of systematic and formalized procedures. The results have identified a number of inconsistencies in the main laws i.e. Lands and Titles Act and Environment Act and also identified a number of constraints and blockages in the institutions.				
Impact	Smoother and more timely implementation of infrastructure projects				

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Increased government capacity for applying strengthened land acquisition and development consent procedures in the transport sector.
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	Strengthened systems and fully constitutional safeguards framework developed Established institutional arrangements for land acquisition/ development consent process

Status of Implementation Progress
(Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Draft amendments to Land and Titles Act and Environment Act (and Environment Regulations) and a number of proposed enabling regulations are being discussed with stakeholders. A draft land acquisition policy for MID has been prepared and is under review and discussion. The projects to pilot the proposed modified procedures are under way.

Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	MID will be the executing agency and MID, MLHS and MECDM will be the implementing agencies. Coordination is assisted through the Infrastructure Advisor and Development Coordination Officer. Workshops and formal sessions will supplement smaller consultations and discussions. The Pacific Department's Transport, Energy and Natural Resources Division will manage the TA with support from Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office in Sydney, and the Development Coordination Office and ADB Infrastructure Advisor in Solomon Islands.
During Project Implementation	The TA will be implemented over 12 months from April 2015 to April 2016. A team of individual international (three) and national (two) consultants will be recruited for a total of 21 person-months (in accordance with ADB Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). Disbursements will conform to ADB Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time). Procurement of equipment, if any, will follow ADB Procurement Guidelines (2010, as amended from time to time). The consultants will hand over any equipment purchased under the TA to the participating government agencies upon completion of the TA.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	04 Jul 2014
Fact Finding	24 Feb 2014 to 28 Feb 2014
MRM	-
Approval	08 Oct 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	31 Mar 2016

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
08 Oct 2014	26 Nov 2014	26 Nov 2014	31 Dec 2015	30 Apr 2016	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
300,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300,000.00	08 Oct 2014	282,524.05

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