



# Regional: Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility Coordination Office - Leveraging Infrastructure for Sustainable Development

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| Project Name   | Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility Coordination Office - Leveraging Infrastructure for Sustainable Development  |                   |
| Project Number   | 53103-001   |                   |
| Country  | RegionalCook IslandsFijiMicronesia, Federated States ofKiribatiNauruNiuePalauMarshall IslandsSamoaSolomon IslandsTongaTuvaluVanuatu   |                   |
| Project Status   | Proposed  |                   |
| Project Type / Modality of Assistance                      | Technical Assistance  |                   |
| Source of Funding / Amount                                 | TA: Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility Coordination Office - Leveraging Infrastructure for Sustainable Development  |                   |
|  | Technical Assistance Special Fund   | US\$ 2.00 million |
| Strategic Agendas  | Environmentally sustainable growth<br>Inclusive economic growth<br>Regional integration   |                   |
| Drivers of Change  | Governance and capacity development<br>Knowledge solutions<br>Partnerships<br>Private sector development  |                   |
| Sector / Subsector   | Energy - Energy sector development and institutional reform<br>Information and communication technology - ICT strategy and policy, and capacity development<br>Transport - Air transport - Road transport (non-urban) - Water transport (non-urban)<br>Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development - Urban sanitation - Urban solid waste management - Urban water supply  |                   |
| Gender Equity and Mainstreaming                            | Some gender elements  |                   |
| Description  | <p>The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support the implementation of the Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility (PRIF) through operation of the PRIF coordination office (PCO) for four years. The PRIF is a multi-partner investment coordination and technical facility, which supports infrastructure planning, prioritization, coordination and management in the Pacific, and is cofinanced by multiple PRIF partners. The proposed TA design is based on review of the current phase of PRIF and extensive consultation with PRIF partners. The purpose of PRIF is to improve development effectiveness and the sustainability of infrastructure investments in 13 Pacific Island Countries (PICs) by (i) strengthening coordination among PRIF partners, (ii) improving policies and regulations, and (iii) improving infrastructure planning and management. The proposed TA is consistent with Strategy 2030's focus on infrastructure as a key development priority in its aim to tackle climate change, build disaster resilience, make cities more livable, strengthen capacity, and foster regional cooperation and integration. The TA is also consistent with ADB's Pacific Approach 2016-2020, with its focus on reducing costs, managing risk, and enabling value creation. The proposed TA is included in the Pacific Regional Operations Business Plan, 2019-2021, as a 2019 nonlending activity.</p> |                   |
| Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy | <p>Infrastructure development and management in PICs faces several challenges. PICs are remote and have small populations, precluding economies of scale in infrastructure delivery and management. Given their narrow economic base, development aid and remittances continue to remain critical sources of financing for most PICs. They also face frequent natural disasters and climate change, resulting in additional unplanned costs. Policy, institutional and capacity issues also negatively affect the performance and sustainability of investments. Infrastructure investment and service delivery in the PICs lag well behind global and Asian averages. ADB estimates that the Pacific region requires \$3.1 billion annually to address fully its infrastructure needs. Development partners active in the Pacific region responded to this challenge over the past 10 years by (i) establishing the PRIF in 2008, to provide better-coordinated support to PICs, (ii) significantly increasing available finance to PICs, and (iii) focusing on long-term capacity development. While the coordination effort of development partners has significantly improved over the past 10 years, the recent and proposed scaling up of financial resources by development partners will require ongoing, long-term and regionally focused coordination and support.</p>  |                   |
| Impact   | The quality of infrastructure investments and service delivery in PICs is improved.   |                   |
| Outcome  | Pacific island countries (PICs) receive comprehensive and coordinated support and TA on infrastructure investments  |                   |
| Outputs  | 1. Further enhance coordination of PRIF partner infrastructure investments in the Pacific   |                   |
| Geographical Location                                      | Cook Islands - Nation-wide; Fiji - Nation-wide; Kiribati - Nation-wide; Marshall Islands - Nation-wide; Micronesia, Federated States of - Nation-wide; Nauru - Nation-wide; Niue - Nation-wide; Palau - Nation-wide; Samoa - Nation-wide; Solomon Islands - Nation-wide; Tonga - Nation-wide; Tuvalu - Nation-wide; Vanuatu - Nation-wide   |                   |

## Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

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| Responsible ADB Division   | Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office in Sydney, Australia                  |
| Executing Agencies         | Asian Development Bank<br>6 ADB Avenue,<br>Mandaluyong City 1550, Philippines |

| Timetable           |             |
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| Concept Clearance   | 09 Apr 2019 |
| Fact Finding        | -           |
| MRM                 | -           |
| Approval            | -           |
| Last Review Mission | -           |
| Last PDS Update     | 18 Jul 2019 |

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