



# Regional: Supporting Public Sector Management Reforms

Project Name	Supporting Public Sector Management Reforms	
Project Number	54060-001	
Country	RegionalCook IslandsFijiKiribatiNiueSamoaTongaTuvalu	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9994-REG: Supporting Public Sector Management Reforms	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.50 million
	Government of New Zealand	US\$ 650,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Economic affairs management - Public administration - Public expenditure and fiscal management - Reforms of state owned enterprises	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	<p>The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will improve public sector management (PSM) practices in seven Pacific developing member countries through (i) institutional strengthening of ministries of finance, other central management agencies, and relevant sector ministries; and (ii) supporting tailored policy advice and targeted analysis to promote longer-term fiscal sustainability for improved growth and public service delivery. The seven targeted countries are the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Niue, Samoa, Tonga, and Tuvalu. The TA will also provide policy advice as requested to support the targeted countries during disasters caused by natural hazards, such as cyclones and the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The TA delivers (i) targeted assessments on PSM issues to inform government planning and development partner engagement; (ii) support for capacity development in PSM, with different focus areas depending on the country's need and absorptive capacity; and (iii) policy advice and dialogue to strengthen governance mechanisms and prioritize and implement reforms.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The TA is aligned with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Strategy 2030 operational priority of strengthening governance and institutional capacity, accelerating progress in gender equality, and fostering regional cooperation and integration. ADB's Strategy 2030 also emphasizes a differentiated approach for small island developing states, given their unique structural constraints and vulnerabilities. Common areas for support in these countries are public procurement, tax administration, and state-owned enterprise (SOE) management. However, the approach to delivering support depends on the government's appetite for change, absorptive capacity, accessibility to technology, and platforms for communication. Under its Strategy 2030, ADB supports institutional strengthening in small island developing states to help enhance public service delivery, improve the business environment, and promote private sector-led growth. The TA also reflects the Pacific Approach, 2016 2020 strategic priority of managing risks through PSM operations that support country efforts to manage financial and economic risks. The TA is listed in the Regional Operations Business Plan, 2020 2022.</p> <p>The TA is aligned with the following impact: delivery of public goods and services enhanced. The TA will have the following outcome: efficiency and effectiveness of public resource use improved.</p>	
Impact	Delivery of public goods and services enhanced.	
<b>Project Outcome</b>		
Description of Outcome	Efficiency and effectiveness of public resource use improved	
Progress Toward Outcome		
<b>Implementation Progress</b>		
Description of Project Outputs	<p>Quality PSM assessments supported Capacity of the governments central oversight and planning agencies strengthened PSM reforms prioritized and implemented.</p>	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Cook Islands - Nation-wide; Fiji - Nation-wide; Kiribati - Nation-wide; Niue - Nation-wide; Samoa - Nation-wide; Tonga - Nation-wide; Tuvalu - Nation-wide	
<b>Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects</b>		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
<b>Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation</b>		
During Project Design		

During Project Implementation

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	16 Apr 2020
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	24 Jun 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	25 Jun 2020

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,500,000.00	650,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,150,000.00	-	0.00

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