



Vanuatu: Transport Sector Project Readiness Financing

Project Name	Transport Sector Project Readiness Financing								
Project Number	54073-001								
Country	Vanuatu								
Project Status	Proposed								
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant Loan								
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Grant: Transport Sector Project Readiness Financing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund</td> <td>US\$ 1.75 million</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Loan: Transport Sector Project Readiness Financing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund</td> <td>US\$ 3.25 million</td> </tr> </table>	Grant: Transport Sector Project Readiness Financing		concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund	US\$ 1.75 million	Loan: Transport Sector Project Readiness Financing		concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund	US\$ 3.25 million
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth								
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Private sector development								
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Transport policies and institutional development - Water transport (non-urban)								
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming									
Description	The proposed project readiness financing will support the government in preparing feasibilities, engineering designs, surveys, procurement and other start-up activities of ensuing projects. The proposed assistance is aligned with the Vanuatu National Development Sustainable Plan-The People Plan 2030 which identifies equitable and affordable access to efficient transport by air, land and sea in urban and rural areas as a priority and ADB's country operations business plan, 2020-2022 for Vanuatu. It is also aligned with the Pacific Approach 2016-2020 and Strategy 2030 by reducing costs of doing business and providing social services by improving connectivity through land, sea, and air.								
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Vanuatu's economy is founded largely on agriculture and services. Agriculture, fishery, and forestry account for around 22% of GDP and 65% of the labor force, with crop production dominating. The service sector accounts for nearly 68% of GDP and 30% of employment. The service sector relates primarily to tourism which puts premium importance on developing air, land, and sea services to improve market linkages within the country and for social cohesion.</p> <p>The Vanuatu transport network comprised of predominantly government owned infrastructure and services comprised of two main international seaports, 3 international airports, road network of estimated to be 2,000 km of sealed, gravel and earth roads, 28 domestic airstrips and 36 domestic wharfs, jetties and landings, primarily used for interisland connectivity. The islands in Vanuatu are mostly mountainous or steeply undulating. The physical geography and dispersed population of the island group creates some unique challenges for transport sector in Vanuatu and makes it difficult to build maintain transport infrastructure. Frequent natural disasters make things more complicated where majority of available funds with the government diverted from budgeted purposes into the emergency rehabilitation of critical, mostly urban infrastructure leaving limited resources for maintenance and upgradation of rural areas which leads to rapid deterioration in transport sector assets.</p>								
Impact									
Outcome									
Outputs									
Geographical Location	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									
Responsible ADB Officer	Haider, Syed Hussain								
Responsible ADB Department	Pacific Department								
Responsible ADB Division	PATC								
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Finance & Economic Management P.M.B. 058 Port Vila Vanuatu								
Timetable									

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	17 Jun 2020 to 22 Jun 2020
MRM	31 Aug 2020
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	09 Jul 2020

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