



Papua New Guinea: Pacific Telecommunications Modernization Project

Project Name	Pacific Telecommunications Modernization Project		
Project Number	54204-001		
Borrower/Company	ATH International Venture Pte. Limited		
Country	Papua New Guinea		
Location	Nation-wide		
Approval Number			
Type of ADB Assistance / Amount	Ordinary capital resources	USD 25.00 million	Proposed
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration		
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Partnerships Private sector development		
Sector / Subsector	Information and communication technology - ICT industries and ICT-enabled services		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming		
Responsible ADB Department			
Responsible ADB Division			
Responsible ADB Officer	Suri, Sakshi		
Project Sponsor(s)	Amalgamated Telecom Holdings, Limited		
Description	ATH, with its subsidiary Vodafone Fiji Limited (VFL) is the Pacific's second largest regional telecoms company. Over the last five years, ATH has successfully expanded from base in Fiji into five other Pacific countries and is now launching into Papua New Guinea, the region's largest yet least served telecoms market. The purpose of this project is to enhance and expand the provision of mobile, internet and broadband services in PNG, by enabling ATH's \$400 million telecommunications venture in PNG.		
Objectives and Scope			
Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	ADB's Strategy 2030 has a special focus on increasing private sector investment in the Pacific islands. In line with ADB's Strategy 2030 and PNG Country Partnership Strategy (2016-2020), this project helps to improve livelihoods and enhance digital connectivity for the most poor and vulnerable sections of the society, while also improving PNG's business environment through private sector development. This project supports Operational Priority 1 (Addressing Remaining Poverty and Reducing Inequalities), as it will generate jobs for locals living in rural and urban areas in PNG. This project strongly supports Operational Priority 2 (Accelerating Progress in Gender Equality) as it increases economic empowerment of women through greater employment opportunities and improved access to ICT infrastructure. This regional project supports Operational Priority 7 (Regional Cooperation and Integration) as it expands regional investment in the ICT sector between Pacific countries, and alleviates PNG's digital connectivity to match those of its peers in the region, while improving governance and business practices in PNG's telecoms sector.		
Safeguard Categories			
Environment			B
Involuntary Resettlement			C
Indigenous Peoples			B
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects			
Environmental Aspects			
Involuntary Resettlement			
Indigenous Peoples			
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation			
Timetable for assistance design, processing and implementation			
Concept Clearance	15 Apr 2020		
Due Diligence			
Credit Committee Meeting	-		
Approval	22 Jun 2020		
Last PDS Update	19 Jun 2020		

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