



# Fiji: Tropical Cyclone Harold Emergency Response Project

Project Name	Tropical Cyclone Harold Emergency Response Project				
Project Number	54229-001				
Country	Fiji				
Project Status	Proposed				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Grant 0697-FIJ: Tropical Cyclone Harold Emergency Response Project</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund</td> <td>US\$ 400,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	Grant 0697-FIJ: Tropical Cyclone Harold Emergency Response Project		Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund	US\$ 400,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Private sector development				
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Public expenditure and fiscal management				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements				
Description	<p>Tropical cyclone (TC) Harold, a category 4 cyclone, struck Fiji on 8 and 9 April 2020. With average hurricane force winds over 170 km/h and gusts up to 240 km/h, the cyclone caused widespread destruction across the Central, Eastern, and Western divisions in Fiji. Many small and remote islands lay in the direct path of TC Harold. It is estimated that more than 182,500 people in Fiji (or around 20% of the population) were directly affected. Destructive winds, storm surges and flooding from TC Harold destroyed villages, homes and government buildings, and severely damaged agriculture and infrastructure, including for water supply, waste and sanitation, electricity, and communications. An estimated 90% of crops have been destroyed in the most affected areas, leaving families with no alternative food source. Outbreaks of typhoid, leptospirosis, and dengue fever have been identified by the Ministry of Health as a major concern.</p> <p>A state of natural disaster was declared for the affected divisions in Fiji on 12 April 2020. The NDMO is coordinating and monitoring relief efforts which are being undertaken by government agencies and local and international nongovernmental organizations. This has been particularly challenging given the remoteness of affected islands, travel restrictions due to COVID-19 outbreak, disruption to communication channels, limited number of boat vessels undertaking assessments, and stretched human resources.</p>				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The damage caused by TC Harold is of a scale beyond government's resources capacity to restore life-sustaining services to the affected population in a reasonable time. The response to the cyclone is especially challenging due to the wide geographical spread of the cyclone-affected areas and is further compounded by the COVID-19 outbreak, which is hindering the movement of people and supplies. The return to daily life will be slow and an additional burden on households, requiring extra expenditures at a time when incomes have been lost or reduced due to the effect of COVID-19 on Fiji's economy. The impact of TC Harold will have significant long-term social, psychological, and economic impacts on the affected population, which is highly reliant on subsistence farming for food security and livelihoods.				
Impact					
Outcome					
Outputs					
Geographical Location	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					
Responsible ADB Officer	Olsson, Sivou Beatrice				
Responsible ADB Department	Pacific Department				
Responsible ADB Division	Pacific Subregional Office in Suva, Fiji				
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Economy Level 5x Ro Lalabalavu House 370 Victoria Parade Suva, Fiji Ministry of Finance Vuna Road Nuku'alofa Kingdom of Tonga				

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	22 Apr 2020 to 22 Apr 2020
MRM	04 Jun 2020
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	28 Apr 2020

## Grant 0697-FIJ

Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	0.40	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	0.40	-	0.00	0.00	%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	%

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