



# Fiji: Fiji Airways COVID-19 Liquidity Support Facility

Project Name	Fiji Airways COVID-19 Liquidity Support Facility		
Project Number	54311-001		
Borrower/Company	Air Pacific Limited		
Country	Fiji		
Location	Nation-wide		
Approval Number			
Type of ADB Assistance / Amount	Ordinary capital resources	USD 40.00 million	Proposed
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration		
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Partnerships Private sector development		
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Air transport		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming		
Responsible ADB Department			
Responsible ADB Division			
Responsible ADB Officer	Kim, Yeon Su		
Project Sponsor(s)			
Description	Fiji Airways COVID-19 Liquidity Support Facility will fund Fiji Airways' fixed costs during operational shutdown and working capital requirements for a 2021 ramp up and restoration of its flight services.		
Objectives and Scope	The project supports Fiji Airways' effort to sustain its business during the COVID-19 crisis and through to its return to profitable operation.		
Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The project is consistent with ADB's Strategy 2030 as follows: (i) it fosters regional cooperation and integration. By supporting Fiji Airways, a core transport pillar in the South Pacific, ADB will help preserve connectivity and access to air transport for Fiji and Pacific Small Island Developing States, (ii) it promotes private sector-led growth of Fiji and (iii) it promotes gender equality by enhancing women's participation in technical and managerial roles as well as developing a policy to mitigate and address gender-based violence. ADB's Fiji Country Partnership Strategy, 2019-2023, highlights the importance of promoting private sector investment and growth, including by promoting domestic and regional connectivity through transport infrastructure.		

Safeguard Categories	
Environment	C
Involuntary Resettlement	C
Indigenous Peoples	C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects	
Environmental Aspects	Loan proceeds will be used by Fiji Airways as general corporate finance to restore operations and will not be used for purposes or activities that would generate additional or new impacts. Fiji Airways manages relevant environmental, health and safety impacts and risks associated with operations through a system of plans and procedures compliant with national laws and regulations, and applicable international standards for airlines. Fiji Airways will update aspects of its plans and procedures to comply with ADB Safeguard Policy Statement (2009).
Involuntary Resettlement	There is no evidence of past involuntary displacement impacts or unresolved grievances associated with Fiji Airways owned buildings on leased land. The company was able to demonstrate its compliance with applicable national laws and regulations. Loan proceeds will not be used to purchase or lease land for new business activities.
Indigenous Peoples	Loan proceeds will be used by Fiji Airways as general corporate finance to restore operations and will not be used for purposes that would directly or indirectly target distinct and vulnerable Indigenous Peoples or ethnic minority groups. Fiji Airways will continue to operate in accordance with national laws and regulations that protect the right of customary landowners.
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	A public transport service provider, Fiji Airways ensures adequate participation of civil society organizations, customer and other non-government stakeholders through its corporate public relations functions and various communication channels. Fiji Airways demonstrated its active engagement with local trade unions and maintains a complaints handling and customer feedback system with a focus on optimizing customer service.

Timetable for assistance design, processing and implementation	
Concept Clearance	26 Jun 2020
Due Diligence	
Credit Committee Meeting	-
Approval	-
Last PDS Update	23 Nov 2020

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