



# Tuvalu: Strengthening Domestic Shipping Project

Project Name	Strengthening Domestic Shipping Project	
Project Number	54463-001	
Country	Tuvalu	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant	
Source of Funding / Amount	Grant: Strengthening Domestic Shipping Project concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund <span style="float: right;">US\$ 25.00 million</span>	
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Rural market infrastructure Transport - Water transport (non-urban)	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	The project is designed to improve domestic and regional maritime transport connectivity by providing a new passenger/cargo ship to replace Manu Folau and upgrading safety of navigation in the outer islands and strengthen capacity in vessel operations, coordination and maintenance.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Tuvalu is categorized as a fragile and conflict-affected situation and is one of the smallest and most remote ADB member countries. The country is home to 11,646 people. Given its small land mass, archipelagic nature, and dispersed geography of distant atolls and the distance between them and key markets, the country's economy and people primarily rely on the sea and maritime transport to access goods and essential social services. The only means of transport between Funafuti (the capital) and the outer islands is by sea. The nearest island is 64 nautical miles, and furthest 247 nautical miles from Funafuti. Such distances are significant in terms of the type of vessels needed to operate safely in the open ocean sea conditions that prevail in these latitudes, the duration of voyages (up to several days), and operating costs (crew wages, fuel, and maintenance).	
Impact	Safe and efficient maritime transportation that helps increase climate resilience promoted.	
Outcome	Connectivity of Tuvalu's outer islands and near regional locations improved	
Outputs	Existing passenger and cargo ship replaced Safety of navigation in outer islands improved Operation and maintenance capacity strengthened	
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
<b>Safeguard Categories</b>		
Environment		B
Involuntary Resettlement		C
Indigenous Peoples		C
<b>Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects</b>		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
Responsible ADB Officer	Gonzalez Jimenez, Juan Francisco	
Responsible ADB Department	Pacific Department	
Responsible ADB Division	PATC	
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Finance and Economic Development Private Bag Funafuti Tuvalu	
<b>Timetable</b>		
Concept Clearance	02 Mar 2021	

Fact Finding	04 Oct 2021 to 08 Oct 2021
MRM	03 Dec 2021
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
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