



# Fiji: Tropical Cyclone Yasa Emergency Response Project

Project Name	Tropical Cyclone Yasa Emergency Response Project	
Project Number	54471-001	
Country	Fiji	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant	
Source of Funding / Amount	Grant 0784-FIJ: Tropical Cyclone Yasa Emergency Response Project	
	Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
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) Yasa, a category 5 cyclone, struck Fiji on 17 and 18 December 2020. With average hurricane force winds up to 240 km/h and gusts up to 345 km/h, the cyclone affected parts of the Fiji Group. Vanua Levu, Fiji's second-largest island in the Northern Division, and the small remote maritime islands of the Yasawa group in the Western Division and Lomaiviti and Lau group in the Eastern Division lay in the direct path of TC Yasa. It is estimated that some 93,000 people in Fiji (or around 10% of the population) were directly affected, and at least four people lost their lives. Destructive winds destroyed villages, homes and government buildings, food gardens, farms, and livestock. 33 health facilities and 279 schools were affected. Essential public services including water supply, waste and sanitation, electricity, and communications were disrupted. The likely outbreak of water-borne diseases such as typhoid and leptospirosis have been identified by the Ministry of Health as a major concern.</p> <p>Initial estimates from the Ministry of Economy on 21 December 2020 indicate at least \$22.5 million (F\$51.0 million) in damages, including to buildings (homes, schools, health centers), agriculture and infrastructure (roads and water). The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) is finalizing an initial assessment report, which 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> <p>TC Yasa was declared a natural disaster for the whole of Fiji, pursuant to the Natural Disaster Management Act 1998, on 16 December 2020 for a period of 30 days. The NDMO is coordinating and monitoring relief efforts which are being undertaken by government agencies and local and international nongovernmental organizations. Situation Report No. 2 issued by United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) on 20 December 2020 highlights that immediate relief efforts are focused on the provision of food, shelter, and the restoration of critical infrastructure and essential services. Humanitarian and development partner support is critically needed to help the government meet immediate needs of the impacted population.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The damage caused by TC Yasa is of a scale beyond government's resources capacity to restore life-sustaining services to the affected population in a reasonable time. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Fiji's economy and government finances is severely hampering the government's ability to respond to the disaster. 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 Yasa 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.</p> <p>The APDRF is expected to fund expenses necessary to restore life-sustaining services, including but not limited to: (i) provision of medical kits, food, and bottled drinking water; (ii) purchase of water purification and sanitation systems; (iii) provision of transitional shelter; (iv) provision of personal hygiene kits; (v) site clearing; and (vi) safe disposal of useless rubble.</p>	
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Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome		
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs	Not Applicable.	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment	C	
Involuntary Resettlement	C	
Indigenous Peoples	C	

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	Aelbers, Erik
Responsible ADB Department	Pacific Department
Responsible ADB Division	Pacific Subregional Office in Suva, Fiji
Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	18 Dec 2020 to 18 Dec 2020
MRM	30 Jan 2021
Approval	24 Dec 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	04 Jan 2021

## Grant 0784-FIJ

Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	1.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	1.00	-	0.00	0.00	%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	%

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