



# Regional: Creating Knowledge Solutions for the Pacific

Project Name	Creating Knowledge Solutions for the Pacific					
Project Number	56255-001					
Country / Economy	Regional Cook Islands Fiji Micronesia, Federated States of Kiribati Nauru Niue Palau Papua New Guinea Marshall Islands Samoa Solomon Islands Tonga Tuvalu Vanuatu					
Project Status	Active					
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance					
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>TA 10083-REG: Support to Creating Knowledge Solutions for the Pacific</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 1.00 million</td> </tr> </table>		TA 10083-REG: Support to Creating Knowledge Solutions for the Pacific		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth					
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions					
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management / Economic affairs management - Public administration					
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements					
Description	<p>The knowledge and support technical assistance will deliver a range of knowledge solutions for the 14 Pacific developing member countries of the Asian Development Bank. TA resources will specifically help implement ADB's Pacific Knowledge Plan, described in the Pacific Approach 2021-2025, and will focus on developing knowledge and capacity for a more resilient Pacific. The TA will finance workshops to deepen regional knowledge sharing, capacity development for target sectors and institutions, and knowledge products on key development issues. The TA will facilitate more inclusive and sustainable development in the Pacific DMCs and will increase operational efficiency and the relevance of development partner support in the region. Through it, ADB will provide more timely and tailored knowledge solutions, focusing on high-quality policy advice, capacity development, programs, and technical studies. The TA will identify and address specific knowledge gaps in the Pacific DMCs, support deeper regional collaboration and knowledge sharing, and develop capacity across the public and private sectors.</p>					
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Development context. ADB's Pacific DMCs share a number of physical characteristics and development constraints. As a group of island nations, they generally (i) have small populations, economies, and land masses; (ii) are geographically dispersed and/or isolated; and (iii) face heightened exposure to disasters and the effects of climate change. Further, all of ADB's Pacific DMCs are Small Island Developing States and while seven of them are categorized fragile- and conflict-affected situations, they all experience varying degrees of fragility. Associated challenges include economic vulnerability, high-cost structures, capacity and governance constraints, unequal access to services, high import reliance, and limited exports. Addressing these challenges requires sound policy planning, deep coordination, and highly capable people and institutions-all of which are contingent on robust knowledge and capacity. However, the Pacific DMCs face acute capacity constraints and knowledge gaps, which hamper the efficiency and the sustainability of development efforts. Individual countries lack data and technical knowledge on which to base sound decision making; while regional organizations lack the resources to host robust knowledge sharing activities. Improving knowledge, capacity, and coordination at both the country and regional levels is therefore essential to strengthening development impacts, improving operational efficiency, and supporting more inclusive and resilient growth in the Pacific.</p> <p>Differentiated approaches to knowledge support. Strategy 2030 identifies the need to strengthen ADB's role as knowledge provider in the region. The Independent Evaluation Department's 2020 report on ADB's knowledge solutions found gaps in the process by which ADB identifies regional and country knowledge needs, and highlighted the importance of conducting extensive consultations with governments and other stakeholders to reach a more integrated and rapid approach for providing knowledge solutions. KMAP 2021-2025 focuses on the need to improve the processes for identifying country-specific gaps and delivering tailored solutions. ADB will continue to provide knowledge solutions through its lending and other knowledge support TAs to help meet demand for long-term capacity development and supplementation. However, addressing the knowledge needs identified by KMAP, Strategy 2030, and IED will require targeted TA to support country-level consultations and solutions, regional knowledge sharing, and the comprehensive approach to designing and implementing knowledge solutions called for in the Pacific Knowledge Plan.</p>					
Impact	Local capacity to enhance resilience and overcome development increased (Pacific Approach, 2021-2025)					
<b>Project Outcome</b>						
Description of Outcome	Governments and institutions in the Pacific are better equipped to tackle climate change, disaster risk management, and economic resilience issues					
<b>Progress Toward Outcome</b>						
<b>Implementation Progress</b>						

Description of Project Outputs	Knowledge products and services produced and disseminated Capacity development programs conducted Regional and country forums held
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location	Cook Islands - Nation-wide; Fiji - Nation-wide; Kiribati - Nation-wide; Marshall Islands - Nation-wide; Micronesia, Federated States of - Nation-wide; Nauru - Nation-wide; Niue - Nation-wide; Palau - Nation-wide; Papua New Guinea - Nation-wide; Samoa - Nation-wide; Solomon Islands - Nation-wide; Tonga - Nation-wide; Tuvalu - Nation-wide; Vanuatu - Nation-wide

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects	
Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	
During Project Implementation	

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Executing Agencies	Asian Development Bank

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	13 Dec 2022
Fact Finding	15 Dec 2022 to 15 Dec 2022
MRM	-
Approval	28 Dec 2022
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	28 Dec 2022

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
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