



Sri Lanka: Post-Cyclone Ditwah Reconstruction and Livelihood Support

Project Name
Post-Cyclone Ditwah Reconstruction and Livelihood Support
Project Number
60122-001
Country / Economy
■ Sri Lanka
Project Status
Approved
Project Type / Modality of Assistance
■ Loan
■ Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount

Loan 4795-SRI: Post-Cyclone Ditwah Reconstruction and Livelihood Support	
Source	Amount
Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 100.00 million

Loan 4796-SRI: Post-Cyclone Ditwah Reconstruction and Livelihood Support	
Source	Amount
Concessional ordinary capital resources lending	US\$ 100.00 million

TA 10804-SRI: Implementing Post-Cyclone Ditwah Reconstruction and Livelihood Support	
Source	Amount
Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 500,000.00

Sustainable Development Goals
■ SDG 2.4
■ SDG 9.4
■ SDG 11.1
Sector / Subsector
■ Transport /

Gender
Some gender elements
Description

The project was prepared in response to the Government of Sri Lanka's request to support recovery from Cyclone Ditwah, which struck in November 2025 causing widespread destruction across 22 districts. The project will finance the rehabilitation and resilient reconstruction of cyclone-damaged road infrastructure and irrigation systems, provide targeted cash transfers to smallholder paddy and livestock farmers for recovery of agricultural assets and inputs, and deliver housing reconstruction grants to households whose dwellings were destroyed. Beneficiaries include cyclone-affected population across the most severely impacted districts. The project is designed in coordination with development partners and applies Build Back Better principles.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy

The EAL modality is selected as the most appropriate instrument given the major disaster, the scale of economic dislocation evidenced by the PDNA and the urgent need for recovery support. The project meets all five eligibility criteria required for an EAL : (i) the government has made an official request for assistance; (ii) the potential impact on economic, social, and governance needs and priorities have been identified in a PDNA; (iii) the disaster involves significant economic dislocation, and the Project is intended to address immediate needs; (iv) no security risks to ADB staff are anticipated and (v) the level of burden and risk-sharing among stakeholders is appropriate. The Project enables expedited preparation and approval, supports up to 30% retroactive financing to cover eligible expenditures already incurred, and provides a structured four-year implementation period suited to the scale and complexity of reconstruction. The multisectoral scope-spanning road infrastructure, irrigation systems, agricultural livelihoods, and housing

reconstruction reflects the PDNA's finding that recovery needs are significant across these sectors, and that addressing them jointly maximizes development impact within a single fast-track instrument. The inclusion of cash transfers to smallholder farmers and housing reconstruction grants alongside physical works reflects the PDNA's emphasis on the welfare and productive asset losses sustained by affected households, which physical reconstruction alone would not address. The project is designed with a focus on high-impact, lower-risk subprojects to remain within the four-year implementation horizon, with more complex works excluded from scope.

Impact

Inclusive and resilient recovery of communities in cyclone-affected districts advanced

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome

Livelihoods recovered and resilience in cyclone-affected areas improved

Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs

Climate and disaster resilience measures implemented on the cyclone-damaged road infrastructure

Cyclone-damaged irrigation systems restored and dam safety plans strengthened

Livelihoods and housing of cyclone-affected households restored

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location

Nation-wide

Poverty Reduction and Inclusion

Poverty Reduction and Inclusion Classification

Summary Poverty and Social Analysis

Livelihoods and housing of cyclone-affected households restored

Environment and Social Requirements

Risk Classification

Substantial

Applicable Environment and Social Standards

- ESS1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts
- ESS2: Labor and Working Conditions
- ESS3: Resource Conservation and Pollution Prevention
- ESS4: Health, Safety, and Security
- ESS5: Land Acquisition and Land Use Restriction
- ESS6: Biodiversity and Sustainable Natural Resources Management
- ESS7: Indigenous Peoples
- ESS8: Cultural Heritage
- ESS9: Climate Change
- ESS10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Project Participation and Engagement

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

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Timetable

Concept Clearance
-
Fact Finding
20 Apr 2026 to 30 Apr 2026
MRM
-
Approval
29 Jun 2026
Last Review Mission
-
Last PDS Update
29 Jun 2026

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