

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION

A. Major Development Partners: Strategic Foci and Key Activities

1. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is coordinating the project-related activities closely with other development partners. The major development partners that have activities going in the sector are listed in the table below.

Major Development Partners – Energy Sector Activities

Development Partner	Project Name	Duration	Amount (\$ million)
Asian Development Bank	RETA 7329: Promoting Access to Renewable Energy	2009–2013	1.0
	Provincial Renewable Energy Development Project	2013–2020	12.0
	RETA 7394: Strengthening the Capacity of Pacific Developing Member Countries to Respond to Climate Change	2011	0.1
Government of Australia	Tina River Hydropower Project – Development and Implementation (World Bank)	2009–2012	4.0
	Tina River Hydropower Project – Advisory Services (International Finance Corporation)	2009–2013	1.3
European Investment Bank	Tina River Hydropower Project	2008–2013	–
Government of Israel	Household Solar Systems	2012	–
Government of Italy	Solar PV Systems for Schools and Health Clinics	2012	–
Government of Turkey	Solar PV Systems for Schools and Health Clinics	2012	–
International Finance Corporation	Tina River Hydropower Project	2009–2013	1.3
International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	Home Solar PV Systems, Malaita	2012	–
	750-Watt Solar PV System, Tetepare	2012	–
Japan International Cooperation Agency	Pacific Environment Community (PEC) Fund – Carbon Abatement via Solar Home Systems in Rural Areas	2012–2015	4.0
World Bank	Sustainable Energy Financing Partnership (SEFP)	2009–2013	<1.0
	Solomon Islands Sustainable Energy Project (SISEP)	2009–2014	–
	Tina River Hydropower Project	2008–2013	4.0
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Wind Resource Monitoring		<0.2
	Solar PV–ICT Equipment In Provincial Centers		<0.2

– = funding allocation uncertain, ICT = information and communication technology, PV = photovoltaic, RETA = regional technical assistance.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

B. Institutional Arrangements and Processes for Development Coordination

2. The main power projects in Solomon Islands supported by development partners are the Tina River Hydropower Project, and the Solomon Islands Sustainable Energy Project (SISEP), which is an ongoing project supporting reform at Solomon Islands Electricity Authority. The Provincial Renewable Energy Development Project is targeting provincial centers so it does not overlap with the potential Tina River Hydropower Project, and supports SISEP by improving the financial viability of the outstations. ADB has consulted extensively with the World Bank to ensure that the power sector projects are complementary.

3. Solomon Islands has previously obtained infrastructure financing support from ADB for (i) a solar expansion project that financed a 2 MW diesel generator at the Lungga power plant in Honiara, and a power plant (3.6 MW) and distribution grid at Noro; and (ii) a follow-up project that financed a 4 MW diesel generator at the Lungga power plant as well as grid extensions.¹

4. Nationally, the Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification (MMERE) manages development of the energy sector, including development partner coordination. The ministry provided clear guidance during project design on delineation and allocation of development-partner support to the power sector.

5. Extensive consultation was undertaken with relevant development partners throughout project design, including the Government of Australia, European Union, Japan International Cooperation Agency, New Zealand Aid Programme, and World Bank. Options for cofinancing were explored with the governments of Australia and New Zealand, and the European Union, but suitable ones were not found.

C. Achievements and Issues

6. The Government of Solomon Islands has achieved a high level of development partner coordination for the power sector. However, given the growing interest by a broad number of development partners in promotion of renewable energy in the Pacific, continued coordination will be required. This will be achieved by MMERE continuing to coordinate development partners active in the sector, and by the development partners coordinating between themselves. Coordination between members of the Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility (PRIF) will occur by sharing design documents for inter-agency technical review. PRIF partners include ADB, the Government of Australia, European Union, European Investment Bank, International Finance Corporation, New Zealand Aid Programme, and World Bank. Coordination among the broader development partner group will be facilitated through the twice-yearly meetings of the Pacific development partner energy working group, for which the PRIF coordination office acts as secretariat.

D. Summary and Recommendations

7. Ongoing development partner consultation will be required during project implementation to prevent overlap with other development partner activities and to determine suitable areas for coordination, including coordinated support for training and capacity building, and for ensuring equipment compatibility. The design documents for the project will be circulated to PRIF partners for review, and the project will be discussed in the broader development partner group at the meetings of the Pacific development partner energy working group.

¹ ADB. 1986. *Report and Recommendation to the President, Proposed Loan and Technical Assistance Grant; Power Expansion Project (Solomon Islands)*. Manila (Loan 0803-SOL, 1986–1989) and ADB. 1990. *Report and Recommendation to the President, Proposed Loan; Second Power Expansion Project (Solomon Islands)*. Manila (Loan 1064-SOL, 1990–1995).