



# Cook Islands: Disaster Resilience Program (Phase 2)

Project Name	Disaster Resilience Program (Phase 2)	
Project Number	50212-002	
Country	Cook Islands	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan: Disaster Resilience Program (Phase 2)	
	Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 10.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development	
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Public expenditure and fiscal management	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	<p>The proposed program will support policy actions in disaster risk management (DRM) and provide a source of contingent financing for timely disaster response and early recovery activities. The program is the second phase of the Disaster Resilience Program approved in December 2016 for Cook Islands to help manage the fiscal risk arising from disasters triggered by all types of natural hazards. The program is consistent with the objectives of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Pacific Approach, 2016 2020 which serves as ADB's operational framework for the Pacific region and as the overall country partnership strategy for the 11 small Pacific countries, including the Cook Islands. The program is also in line with ADB's Strategy 2030, which specifically mentions strengthening ADB's developing member countries' financial preparedness for disaster response through policy-based contingent financing.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The government has taken important steps to improve the country's resilience to disaster risks. The current National Sustainable Development Plan 2016-2020 provides the overarching framework for DRM strategy in the Cook Islands, and seeks to integrate disaster and climate resilience into development processes. National Development Goal 13 is to achieve strengthened resilience to combat the impacts of climate change and disasters, particularly in relation to community resilience, access to designated cyclone shelters, and the construction of public buildings and infrastructure built to cyclone-strength standards. The National Disaster Risk Management Act 2007 provides the legal framework for declaring a disaster and an emergency.</p> <p>The government has identified priority activities to close DRM gaps, including reviewing the DRM legislation to reflect current and anticipated DRM needs and clarifying roles and responsibilities during emergencies; strengthening coordination; clarifying land use policy framework; streamlining the various DRM-related plans and strategies; and increasing transparency and dissemination of information to stakeholders. The proposed program will support priorities linked to these actions.</p>	
Impact	<p>Resilience to combat the impacts of climate change and natural disasters strengthened (Goal 13 of the Cook Islands' National Sustainable Development Plan 2016 2020)</p> <p>Resilient infrastructure built (Goal 5 of the Cook Islands' National Sustainable Development Plan 2016 2020)</p>	
Outcome	Effect of the Reform Disaster resilience of institutions and communities strengthened	
Outputs	<p>Policy and institutional arrangements for DRM strengthened</p> <p>Resilience of physical assets to disaster and climate risks improved</p> <p>Disaster risk financing expanded</p>	
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
<b>Safeguard Categories</b>		
Environment		C
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		
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Responsible ADB Department	Pacific Department	
Responsible ADB Division	PASP	

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**Timetable**

Concept Clearance	03 Oct 2019
Fact Finding	16 Sep 2019 to 18 Sep 2019
MRM	10 Oct 2019
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	03 Oct 2019

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