



Regional: Supporting Project Implementation and Capacity Building in Water and Urban Development in the Pacific (Subproject 1)

Project Name
Supporting Project Implementation and Capacity Building in Water and Urban Development in the Pacific (Subproject 1)
Project Number
59047-002
Country / Economy
■ Regional
■ Micronesia, Federated States of
■ Kiribati
■ Palau
■ Marshall Islands
■ Solomon Islands
■ Tuvalu
Project Status
Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance
■ Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount

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Source	Amount
Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 2.15 million

Sustainable Development Goals
■ SDG 6.1
■ SDG 6.2
■ SDG 11.6
Sector / Subsector
■ Water and other urban infrastructure and services /

Gender
Effective gender mainstreaming
Description

The TA cluster subproject aims to improve the quality, delivery, and sustainability of investments for resilient, water-secure, and inclusive urban development&The TA cluster subproject aims to improve the quality, delivery, and sustainability of investments for resilient, water-secure, and inclusive urban development in the Pacific through three key outputs. First, it will mobilize specialists to provide targeted implementation support covering engineering, procurement, safeguards, financial management, and gender to agencies implementing ADB loans and grants in the water and urban sector, including developing improvement plans for at-risk projects. Second, it will build a national expert pool by funding training attachments for early-career professionals in Pacific developing member countries (initially Solomon Islands and Tuvalu), while also creating a cadre of national consultants in financial management, safeguards, and gender, supported by mentoring and training. Third, it will promote regional capacity building and peer-to-peer learning through events such as the Pacific Water and Wastewater Association's annual conference and other regional exchanges.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy
ADB has a current portfolio of 16 investment projects in the water and other urban infrastructure and services (WUS) sector totaling \$741 million across 13 Pacific Developing Member Countries (DMC). Project performance of WUD projects has lagged behind other regions, with 53% of WUS projects in the Pacific rated as being on track', while 33% were rated as for attention', and 13% rated as being at risk', with one project being rated as at risk' for more than four quarters. Project performance in Pacific DMCs is constrained by challenges including limited institutional and human capacity, including underresourced project management units, weak ability to manage consultants and contractors, and high staff turnover. Geographic isolation and small internal markets contribute to procurement challenges, such very limited market interest in project procurement opportunities, and bid prices which often exceed the estimates.

Impact

More livable, water-secure and climate-resilient urban centers in the Pacific region.

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome

Improved capacity of selected water and urban implementing agencies.

Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs

Project implementation support delivered.

National expert pool developed.

Capacity building and peer-to-peer learning promoted.

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

Geographical Location

Kiribati - Nation-wide; Marshall Islands - Nation-wide; Micronesia, Federated States of - Nation-wide; Palau - Nation-wide; Solomon Islands - Nation-wide; Tuvalu - Nation-wide

Poverty Reduction and Inclusion

Poverty Reduction and Inclusion Classification

Summary Poverty and Social Analysis

Rapid summary poverty and social analysis was undertaken, and found to have only indirect poverty reduction benefits.

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Project Participation and Engagement

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Contact

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Water and Urban Development Sector Office (SD2-WUD)

Executing Agencies

Asian Development Bank

Timetable

Concept Clearance

-
Fact Finding
24 Apr 2026 to 24 Apr 2026
MRM
-
Approval
13 Jul 2026
Last Review Mission
-
Last PDS Update
24 Jul 2026

Funding

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others	
2,150,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,150,000.00

Cumulative Disbursements	
Date	Amount
-	0.00

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