



Cook Islands: Disaster Resilience Program (Phase 2)

Project Name	Disaster Resilience Program (Phase 2)	
Project Number	50212-003	
Country	Cook Islands	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan 3933-COO: 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 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	Resilience to combat the impacts of climate change and natural disasters strengthened	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	Disaster resilience of institutions and communities strengthened	
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs	<p>Policy and institutional arrangements for DRM strengthened Resilience of physical assets to disaster and climate risks improved Disaster risk financing expanded</p>	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	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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Responsible ADB Department	Pacific Department	
Responsible ADB Division	PASP	

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	20 Apr 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	15 Jun 2020

Loan 3933-COO

	Financing Plan		Loan Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)		Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	10.00		Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	10.00		-	0.00	0.00	%
Counterpart	0.00		Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00		-	0.00	0.00	%

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