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Quick Facts

Countries	Samoa
Specific Location	Nation wide
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2015-04-24
Borrower	Government of Samoa
Sectors	Transport
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 1.25 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 1.25 million

Project Description

The Government of Samoa requested technical assistance (TA) from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to prepare a ports development master plan. The proposed TA is included in the ADB country operations business plan, 2015–2017 for Samoa, and is consistent with ADB's Pacific Approach, 2010–2014. The government concurs with the TA project's objectives, scope, implementation arrangements, cost, financing arrangements, and terms of reference.

The government has also identified as a priority the development of a proposed new port at a greenfield site at Vaiusu Bay. 10 The government has also entered into preliminary agreements with private tuna processing companies to occupy the existing container yard and warehouse space at Matautu Port for tuna loining. The construction of new tuna processing plants will limit the container yard space, which could impact the port's container throughput and port productivity. Moreover, the introduction of tuna processing could lead to berth congestion, as fishing vessels occupy the port's berthing facilities to discharge their catch.

The six facilities are Matautu Port, Apia Fishing Wharf, Mulifanua domestic terminal, Salelologa domestic terminal, Aleipata ship repair facility, and Asau Wharf. The Mulifanua and Salelologa domestic terminals were transferred to Samoa Shipping Corporation as of 1 July 2014 through a cabinet decision.

Competing port sector development necessitates development of a master plan to identify and prioritize investments in existing port infrastructure, and assess the need for new infrastructure. It will complement the PRIF study (footnote 9) by sequencing key reforms to improve the financial sustainability of SPA. The ports master plan will also help ensure that existing and new port infrastructure will be resilient to the effects of climate change and natural disasters.

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Bank Documents

- Ports Development Master Plan: Technical Assistance Report [Original Source]
- Project Disclosure PDF

Other Related Projects

- ADB-47358-002 Port Development Project (formerly Port Infrastructure Development Project)