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Quick Facts

Countries	Tonga
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2020-04-30
Borrower	Government of Tonga
Sectors	Law and Government, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Fund
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 0.20 million
Grant Amount (USD)	$ 0.20 million

Project Description

According to the bank's website, "Tropical cyclone (TC) Harold, a category 4 cyclone, entered Tongan waters on 9 April 2020 with sustained winds of more than 150km per hour. The cyclone produced a massive storm surge which coincided with a king tide, causing extensive flooding on the main island of Tongatapu as well as the Eua group of islands. It is estimated that 7,980 people (10% of households, or about 1,400 households, on Tongatapu and Eua) have been severely impacted and are in need of urgent assistance. Affected households have suffered damage to their homes with significant concerns about access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene. Heavy damage to public infrastructure, particularly wharves, coastal roads, and power supply are recorded. The impact on food security and livelihoods as a result of loss of household food stores, damage to root crops and fruit trees is significant and will require an immediate and targeted response."

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Bank Documents

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