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Quick Facts

Countries	Cook Islands
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2021-12-10
Borrower	Government of Cook Islands
Sectors	Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 80.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 101.20 million

Project Description

According to the bank's website, "The Supporting Sustainable Economic Recovery Program will help the Cook Islands restore fiscally sustainable growth led by the private sector, which has been adversely affected by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The program aims to (i) improve fiscal management and sustainability and (ii) strengthen the enabling environment for the private sector. It aligns with Asian Development Bank (ADB) Strategy 2030 operational priorities of strengthening governance and institutional capacity, accelerating progress in gender equality, and fostering regional cooperation and integration. It is consistent with the country operations business plan for Eleven small Pacific island countries, 2021-2023 and Pacific Approach, 2021-2025.

A policy-based loan of $80 million is proposed to support the government's ongoing reform program to restore longer-term economic growth and fiscal sustainability while meeting urgent development financing needs. A single tranche stand-alone policy-based loan is considered appropriate since the economic recovery is uncertain, and the Cook Islands does not routinely use loans to meet development finance needs because of debt sustainability considerations. An initial drawdown of $40 million in 2021 will meet the Cook Islands' immediate financing needs. Since financing needs will be largely determined by the degree to which a tourism recovery can be sustained, the remaining $40 million will be made available for potential future drawdowns based on pre-defined conditions, through a precautionary financing option (PFO)."

Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

New Zealand Grant US$ 21.20 million

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure PDF [Original Source]
- Supporting Sustainable Economic Recovery Program: Concept Paper [Original Source]
- Supporting Sustainable Economic Recovery Program: Initial Poverty and Social Analysis [Original Source]