

 Early Warning System

ADB-56175-001

Food Security and Livelihood Recovery Emergency Assistance Project



Quick Facts

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| Countries | Sri Lanka |
| Financial Institutions | Asian Development Bank (ADB), World Bank (WB) |
| Status | Active |
| Bank Risk Rating | C |
| Borrower | Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka |
| Sectors | Agriculture and Forestry |
| Investment Type(s) | Grant, Loan |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 203.00 million |
| Loan Amount (USD) | \$ 200.00 million |
| Grant Amount (USD) | \$ 3.00 million |
| Project Cost (USD) | \$ 478.00 million |



Project Description

According to ADB, The Government of Sri Lanka requested emergency assistance in May 2022 in response to a food insecurity crisis in the country to ensure access to food and protect livelihoods for the poor and vulnerable. From May 2022 to date, food security and livelihoods have continued to deteriorate, and the emergency is expected to worsen through 2022 and into 2023. Against this background of a national emergency, the project aims to improve food security and protect the livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable nationwide, especially women and children, by expanding direct financial support to compensate for food price increases, supporting livelihood development activities to counteract food shortages and income losses, and enhancing social protection systems to ensure that the project reaches its intended beneficiaries and to strengthen responsiveness to future emergencies.

The project will provide immediate, short-term, and targeted assistance to the poor and vulnerable, especially women and children, to address food insecurity emergency, while enhancing resilience to future emergencies, including climate-related disasters.

The project forms part of ADB's emergency response package to the multifaceted challenges facing Sri Lanka, combining assistance through different financing modalities.



Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- World Bank (WB)

The Sri Lankan government has requested a regular loan of \$200 million from ADB's ordinary capital resources and a grant not exceeding \$3 million from the JFPR to help finance the project. The loan will have a 32-year term, including a grace period of 8 years; an interest rate determined in accordance with ADB's Flexible Loan Product; a commitment charge of 0.15% per year (the interest and other charges during implementation to be capitalized in the loan); and such other terms and conditions set forth in the draft loan agreement. Based on the custom-tailored repayment method, the average maturity is 19 years, and the maturity premium payable to ADB is 0.20% per year.

Food security investments are estimated to cost \$200.86 million, comprising \$200.00 million in the ordinary capital resources loan and \$0.86 million in the JFPR grant. The investments will contribute to improved access to nutritious food, especially for people facing moderate and severe food insecurity, the restoration of livelihoods, particularly related to agricultural and food production, and the promotion of good agricultural practices and climate-smart agriculture.



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Bank Documents

- [Food Security and Livelihood Recovery Emergency Assistance Project: Gender Equality and Social Inclusion \[Original Source\]](#)
- [Food Security and Livelihood Recovery Emergency Assistance Project: Procurement Plan](#)
- [Food Security and Livelihood Recovery Emergency Assistance Project: Project Administration Manual \[Original Source\]](#)
- [Food Security and Livelihood Recovery Emergency Assistance Project: Report and Recommendation of the Board \[Original Source\]](#)
- [Project Disclosure PDF \[Original Source\]](#)