

 Early Warning System

ADB-58048-001

Scaling Up Investments in Emerging Areas in the Water and Urban  
Development Sector



### Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Cambodia, Fiji, Palau, Papua New Guinea
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
<b>Status</b>	Approved
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	U
<b>Voting Date</b>	2024-08-12
<b>Borrower</b>	Regional
<b>Sectors</b>	Infrastructure, Law and Government, Technical Cooperation
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Grant
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 4.10 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 4.10 million



### Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the multiregional technical assistance (TA) aims to scale up investments in emerging areas within the water and urban development sector. It will support target developing member countries (DMCs) in better managing the impacts of rapid urbanization by supporting integrated urban and regional planning, urban regeneration, and low-carbon climate-resilient retrofitting. The TA aims to (i) strengthen the governance arrangements and institutional capacities of DMCs in smart, resilient, and sustainable tourism; social and affordable housing; and subnational finance; (ii) instill best practices in infrastructure delivery and urban regeneration through the adoption of an integrated urban, regional, and risk-informed planning process and climate-resilient investment frameworks; (iii) promote climate resilience in investments, encompassing the introduction of innovations that support low-carbon initiatives, including strengthening ecological resilience by applying green spaces, green building practices in urban areas, eco-tourism, and nature-based solutions; (iv) identify opportunities to implement financial and policy innovations and mechanisms that promote operational efficiencies and financial sustainability; and (v) promote decentralization, commercialization, and private sector participation in the water, urban, housing, and tourism sectors where feasible.



### Investment Description

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The TA financing amount is \$4.1 million, of which (i) \$1.1 million will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF) (\$225,000 from TASF 7; \$875,000 from TASF-other sources); and (ii) \$3.0 million will be financed on a grant basis by the Urban Resilience Trust Fund (URTF) under the Urban Financing Partnership Facility and administered by ADB. Expenditures will be charged against the relevant fund source, following the funds' implementation guidelines. The governments of participating DMCs will provide counterpart support in the form of counterpart staff, office space, and other in-kind contributions.



### Contact Information

*No contacts available at the time of disclosure.*

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### Bank Documents

- [Scaling Up Investments in Emerging Areas in the Water and Urban Development Sector: Technical Assist](#)