

 Early Warning System

ADB-58296-001

Vaisigano River Integrated Flood Management Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Samoa
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Borrower	Government of Samoa - Ministry of Finance
Sectors	Climate and Environment
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 35.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the GOS requested ADB to support the ongoing climate adaptation management program to strengthen resilience and implement climate resilient flood management activities in the lower Vaisigano River catchment as a separate grant. The proposed Vaisigano River Integrated Flood Management Project would primarily focus on reducing flood risks in the lower Vaisigano River in Apia by establishing climate resilient infrastructure. The project will build on the activities undertaken by the GCF-funded UNDP-implemented project and will complement the ADB-financed Alaoa Multipurpose Dam Project.

Samoa, with a total land area of 2,934 km², comprises two main islands, Savaii and Upolu, and several smaller islands. An estimated 97% of the total 219,000 population reside within 5 km of the coastline. Export of fisheries and agricultural products are the main income, while most of its fuel and commodities need to be imported. Like most Pacific states, Samoa is economically vulnerable and ecologically fragile because of its geographical location, isolation, limited resources and exposure to global economic crisis. The dual health crises, the measles outbreak in late 2019 and the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic in 2020, significantly impacted Samoa's economy. Following the reopening of Samoa's borders in August 2022, the economy was estimated to have grown by 6% in fiscal year (FY) 2023. Growth of 4.2% is projected for FY 2024 as visitor arrivals gain momentum and mobilization of public spending provides additional stimulus.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environment: B

Involuntary Resettlement: B

Indigenous Peoples: C



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The financing amount is \$35,000,000, which will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Asian Development Fund.



Contact Information

No contacts available at the time of disclosure

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