

 Early Warning System

ADB-59231-001

Maritime Development Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Vanuatu
Specific Location	Luganville - Island of Espiritu Santo; Malekula Island - Malampa Province
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Borrower	Government of Vanuatu - Ministry of Finance & Economic Management
Sectors	Infrastructure, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 50.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 50.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project is expected to (i) reconstruct the existing Simonsen Wharf facility which is located on the sheltered Segond Canal in Luganville on the Island of Espiritu Santo; and (ii) construct new wharf and ramp at the Port Sandwich facility which is located at the south of Malekula Island in Malampa Province. The project will also target the capacity enhancement of MIPU on ports operations and management and green, sustainable, and resilient port development.

ADB, together with development partners, is supporting the development of Vanuatu's maritime sector. It aims at providing safe, reliable, and regular shipping services to urban and rural population in Vanuatu. The wharf infrastructure and shipping services are the backbone to support the economic development and satisfy people's connectivity needs in the dispersed island country. Without proper maintenance, most of the wharf infrastructure has been significantly deteriorated in the past decades, which may induce high risk in travel safety and reliable logistics if the issue is not resolved in time. Vanuatu is also on the Pacific Ring of Fire and very prone to other natural hazards like cyclones, which may be further exaggerated by climate change. It requires climate and disaster resilient wharf infrastructure to be provided. It may also worth exploring the suitable green and sustainable technologies to be applied in wharves in small island countries.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental Aspects: The project is expected to be category B. Initial environmental examination (IEE) was previously prepared and is being updated.

Involuntary Resettlement: As the proposed works are within the boundary of existing government possessed land, the IR category is most likely C. Due diligence reports needs to be updated.

Indigenous Peoples: It is likely to have limited impacts on Indigenous Peoples in the area.



Investment Description

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The financing amount is \$50,000,000, which will be financed on a loan basis by ADB's Concessional ordinary capital resources lending.



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Bank Documents

- [Vanuatu Proposed Maritime Development Project: Market Sounding Activities](#)