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Quick Facts

Countries	Fiji
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2016-11-30
Borrower	Government of Fiji
Sectors	Communications, Infrastructure
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 5.95 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 6.36 million

Project Description

The objectives of the Project are to reduce the cost and increase the availability of internet services in the Northern Division of Fiji

The proposed Fiji Connectivity Project is closely linked to the ongoing Samoa Connectivity Project (P128904). The Project will finance the incremental costs of the extension of the Samoa-Fiji cable to Savusavu on Vanua Levu Island in Fiji, and the installation of terrestrial equipment to achieve an operational Suva to Savusavu cable system. This Project also includes institutional development components to ensure that the cable is able to deliver services to the widest possible population at the lowest possible cost.

The main activities will be:
(i) a marine bathymetric survey to characterise the route (1-10km study corridor) to avoid known environmentally significant areas and other features with potential design or cable integrity implications such as canyons, seamounts and hydrothermal vents;
(ii) detailed design of the submerged cable (there will be no repeaters). This will determine the cable route, cable types and quantities, and clarify the nature of its deployment on the seafloor and foreshore – surface laying, or trenching and burial, supplementary protection, etc.
(iii) construction of a BMH (approx. 1sqm) at the Savusavu airport to land the cable at a new shed on the AFL airport operations, on a small rise less than 1km along the Hibiscus Highway from the BMH;
(iv) cable laying – the cable will be buried in the shallow water approaching to the landing sites and surfacelaid along the deep water route. In most cases, the cable will lie directly on the seabed. Near shore areas will require the cable to be buried up to one metre (by sea plough or hydro-jetting methods) to protect it from damage.

All land requirements are Government owned. Permits will be required to occupy the seabed, which is owned by the Government of Fiji and administered by the Ministry of Lands and Survey.

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Bank Documents

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