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Quick Facts

Countries	Philippines
Specific Location	Bohol; Surigao del Norte; Sulu
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2026-07-31
Borrower	Government of the Philippines - Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH); and other
Sectors	Law and Government, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 250.87 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 268.62 million

Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, the objective of this project is to increase access to safely managed water supply and sanitation services and improve the performance of water service providers in selected areas of the Philippines.

The proposed AWSPSA will constitute a US$268.85 million Investment Project Financing (IPF) operation financed by a US$250.89 million IBRD loan, US$13.53 million counterpart funds, and US$4.4 million private capital. The AWSPSA will also support the implementation of sector policy reforms included in the 2025-2026 Energy Transition and Climate Resilience Development Policy Loan (ETCR DPL). The project design envisages a five-year implementation period and will comprise five components as follows:

Component 1. Infrastructure Investments for Safe and Climate Resilient Water Supply Services
Subcomponent 1a. Water Supply Infrastructure Investments in the Loboc Cluster, Bohol Province.
Subcomponent 1b. Water Supply Infrastructure Investments in Siargao Island in Surigao del Norte Province.
Subcomponent 1c. Water Supply Infrastructure Investments in Jolo and adjacent Barangays in Indanan and Patikul in Sulu Province.

Component 2. Infrastructure Investments for Safe and Climate Resilient Sanitation and WASH Services in Institutions.
Subcomponent 2a. Sanitation and WASH in Bohol.
Subcomponent 2b. Sanitation and WASH in Siargao, Surigao del Norte.
Subcomponent 2c. Sanitation and WASH in Jolo, Sulu.

Component 3. Institutional Reforms and Capacity Building

Component 4. Project Management and Technical Assistance
Subcomponent 4a Project Management.
Subcomponent 4b. Technical Assistance (TA).

Component 5. Contingent Emergency Response Component

Early Warning System Project Analysis

The nature of the project and the scope of civil works present substantial E&S risks and impacts. These include (a) loss of vegetation due to tree cutting; (b) source contamination due to construction activities affecting health and safety of downstream riparians; (c) forest land diversion for laying transmission mains, construction of storage reservoirs; (d) OHS risks on communities during construction of distribution network; (e) air/water/soil pollution due to the civil works including debris disposal; (f) impacts due to siting of septage treatment facilities and operation stage impacts such as odor and quality of effluents; and (g) contamination of ground and/or surface water due to improperly designed facilities, etc. Considering the presence of Protected Areas in the project provinces, impacts on local biodiversity are also expected. Considering these factors, the environmental risk of the project is rated as "**Substantial**" at appraisal.

Similarly, social risks include, labor risks encompassing occupational health and safety concerns, and issues related to gender-based violence, sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment. Additionally, there are risks displacement and temporary road right of way/access issues of households and businesses, as well as community health and safety concerns, i.e traffic and roads condition. Site visits and baseline information indicate that the project will not operate in ancestral domains, and no adverse impacts on Indigenous Peoples have been identified. However, specific to Bohol, risks to cultural heritage sites have been identified, i.e. heritage churches and convents. Contextual risks include institutional capacity issues at the LGU level and security concerns for workers in project activities located in conflict-affected areas, i.e. Jolo, Sulu.

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International Bank for Reconstruction and Development: US$ 250.87 million

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Bank Documents

- Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Philippines Accelerated Water and Sanitat
- Appraisal Project Information Document (PID)
- Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Philippines Accelerated Water and Sanitatio
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- Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) - Philippines Accelerated Water and Sanitation Proje
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- Record of Approval on an Absence of Objection Basis on July 31, 2026 (English)
- Revised Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) Philippines Accelerated Water and Sanit
- Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) - Philippines Accelerated Water and Sanitation Project in Selected
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