

## Completed Questionnaire on the Review of ADB's Disclosure and Information Policies

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### Policy on Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information

ADB's policy is to provide the greatest possible degree of transparency and disclosure in all areas of operations, subject to practical and legal constraints.

#### 1. Public Perception of ADB in Implementing the Policy

- A. What is your view of ADB regarding access to information? Why? Please provide examples.  
It is limited and at most of the time very difficult to enter the website of ADB in the Pacific island countries. Information on the Pacific countries are not listed on the website in detail. E.g. Fiji has been assisted by ADB for some time in some areas, can this information be assessed. NO. well there is nothing to hide, it will be in the national interest to provide such information.
- B. What is your view of ADB regarding transparency? Why? Please provide examples.  
ADB is not transparent enough, in terms of disclosing the figures that are owed by the each countries and their status. Also how the certain funds given are being used, whether the objective of the loan has being achieved or not. Is monitoring done?  
ADB has a duty to provide such information for the interest of all the stakeholders in the line with vision for development.
- C. What can ADB do to strengthen public participation and communication with people living in project areas?  
Well in Fiji, only 5% of the people know about ADB as a bank and what its policies are, that is another question.  
Strategies  
- Public awareness through marketing/promotion (leaflets, quiz and essay competitions.  
- Establishing a centre in all the countries that deal with the ADB.  
- Making ADB more active for them to have direct communication with the people  
- Surveys/research/feedback on projects  
- Online promotions  
- Providing the scholarships to the member and developing countries

#### 2. Disclosure of Documents to the Public during the Operational Cycle

- A. At what stage in the project cycle (identification, design, implementation and monitoring and evaluation) would it be most appropriate for ADB to share information? At what stage would the information be most useful to your organization or affected communities in project areas?  
Information should be made available at all the stages of the project cycle.
- What kind of information?  
All the information regarding the project aim, objective, cost/benefits analysis, level of funding, interest rate charged.

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- What do you need the information for?  
As a citizen of that recipient country, people will be very much want to know how the money was spent and who are the beneficiaries.  
For Accountability and Good Governance as future citizen of the country will have to pay that loan.
- B. Please give examples (if any) where failure to disclose information has decreased program or project effectiveness, or cost time and resources? Why?  
In Fiji, ADB was to assist the Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited, in its restructure plan.  
What plan was made, cost, how and when, and where the plan is????? Well only one thing was told to the public by the gov't was that ADB has recommended to hold the restructure till the end of the year.
- C. Have you requested a document/information about a project while it is being designed or implemented? If so, what kind of document/information?  
No.  
Maybe it is the duty of the ADB to let the people know. Perhaps time has come for the ADB to reach out to the people rather than people coming to the bank.  
Why did you want the document?  
To know what and how the report was generated by the ADB. (any research done)  
From which ADB office did you request the document?  
Did you receive it? If not, why not? How long did you wait?
- D. ADB's Country Strategy and Program (CSP) process requires consultation with external stakeholders, including civil society. What information do you need about the CSP and its process to contribute to your country's strategy and program? When do you need it?  
Till to date how has ADB assisted the Fiji Islands and for what purpose. Also the rate of the achievement of the purpose (economic growth). The sooner the information is supplied, will enhance me to take a small research and reference to some studies done to contribute towards the Fiji's strategy and programs.
- E. English is the working language of ADB. However, in your opinion, when would it be most useful for ADB to translate documents into other languages in your country?  
From the very beginning stage, as to the ideas are being generated for the project.  
What should be the criteria for translation? (i.e., what kind of documents, at what stage, etc.)  
Any document that is important for the public to know, it contributes to the economic growth of the country.

### Information Policy and Strategy

- A. How well is ADB known in your country? Only 5% know it as a bank because of its name.
- B. Do you think ADB should be doing more to raise its profile in your country? If so, why? And how? Certainly, for public awareness. The reason for its existence and the important part it can play in the development of the nation. How: Open a Centre in the Fiji Islands to serve the whole pacific region.
- C. What are the most important channels in your country for ADB to communicate information about its mission, objectives and operations? Print media? Radio/TV? Internet? Community presentations? Others (please specify):  
Radio, TV, newspapers, internet, promotional strategics: Essay competitions, scholarships, etc.

**Other Recommendations**

ADB needs to stress the importance good governance to the member and other developing countries, so that nothing is hidden. This will further enhance the ADB to play its role and to maintain its dealings with the countries transparent at all times.

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