

Fiji: 2022 Commitments (\$ million)^a

Product Type	Sovereign	Nonsovereign	Total
Loans	150.00	_	150.00
Grants	3.00	_	3.00
Technical Assistance ^b	8.46	0.38	8.84
Total	161.46	0.38	161.84

 ${\sf -}={\sf nil}, {\sf DMC}$ = developing member country, TA = technical assistance. Notes:

Commitment is the financing approved by ADB's Board of Directors or Management for which the legal agreement has been signed by the borrower, recipient, or the investee company and ADB.

Grants and TA include ADB-administered cofinancing.

- a Numbers may not sum precisely because of rounding.
- b Financing for TA projects with regional coverage is distributed to their specific DMCs where breakdown is available.

ADB supports Fiji's strategic objectives through policy analysis and advice, sovereign and private sector financing facilities, and strategically targeted technical assistance and knowledge services.

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Fiji: Cumulative Commitments^{a,b,c,d}

Sector	No.	Total Amount (\$ million) ^e	% of Total Amount ^e
Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Rural Development	26	60.24	5.58
Education	_	1.35	0.12
Energy	11	41.39	3.84
Finance	15	27.26	2.53
Health	1	3.86	0.36
Industry and Trade	1	0.95	0.09
Information and Communication Technology	1	0.44	0.04
Multisector	1	0.87	0.08
Public Sector Management	28	499.08	46.26
Transport	30	290.64	26.94
Water and Other Urban Infrastructure and Services	13	152.73	14.16
Total	127	1,078.80	100.00

- = nil, DMC = developing member country, TA = technical assistance.
- a Grants and TA include ADB-administered cofinancing
- ^b Includes loans, grants, and TA.
- ^c Using primary sector in the reporting of commitments.
- d From 2020, financing for TA projects with regional coverage is distributed to their specific DMCs where breakdown is available.
- Numbers may not sum precisely because of rounding.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) recognizes Fiji's vulnerabilities as a small island developing state. Engagement with Fiji has focused on economic recovery from the impacts of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and on building resilience to future economic shocks. Since Fiji joined ADB in 1970, ADB has been helping the country achieve these goals largely through investments in transport infrastructure, water supply and sanitation, and public sector management.

In November 2021, <u>ADB reclassified Fiji from a group C to a group B country</u> under ADB's <u>Graduation Policy</u>. Since January 2022, Fiji has been eligible for technical assistance grants, concessional loans, regular loans, and various trust funds. In the event of a disaster, Fiji is also eligible for emergency response grants and emergency loans.

To date, ADB has committed 118 public sector loans, grants, and technical assistance totaling \$989.2 million to Fiji. Cumulative loan and grant disbursements to Fiji amount to \$895.44 million. These were financed by regular <u>ordinary capital resources</u>, and other special funds. ADB's ongoing sovereign portfolio in Fiji includes 2 loans worth \$142.1 million. ¹

In 2022, ADB committed \$150 million for the <u>Sustainable and Resilient Recovery Program</u>, which helped build upon ADB's previous engagement while responding to policy challenges intensified by the pandemic.

ADB has been investing in the <u>upgrade and rehabilitation</u> <u>of Fiji's roads</u> since the 1980s. Since 2014, investments in transport infrastructure have been cofinanced by the World Bank under a \$100-million project that is rehabilitating and

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Sovereign portfolio consists of loans, grants, equity investment, and sovereign guarantee committed and not financially closed. Regional projects with loans/grants to multiple countries are reported separately.

resealing more than 300 kilometers of roads and is preparing detailed designs and feasibility studies for 3 jetties and 40 bridges that need to be rehabilitated or replaced.

ADB is financing investments to expand access to sustainable water supply in the Greater Suva area through an ongoing project—utilizing a \$42-million loan from ADB, and cofinanced by the European Investment Bank and the Green Climate Fund. ADB is currently undertaking a review of development options for the Suva Port, including analysis of sites for potential relocation.

In 2020 and 2021, ADB provided grants totaling \$3.4 million from the <u>Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund</u> to help address <u>COVID-19</u>, <u>Tropical Cyclone Harold</u>, and <u>Tropical Cyclone Yasa</u>. In 2022, ADB committed a <u>\$3-million grant</u> funded by the <u>Japan Fund for Prosperous and Resilient Asia and the Pacific</u> to help strengthen the capacity and readiness of Fiji to safely reopen to tourists and rebuild the country's economy following the COVID-19 pandemic.

ADB's first private sector operation in Fiji was the Fiji Airways COVID-19 Liquidity Support Facility, a \$65-million operation committed in March 2021 to help fund the company through the international travel downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and to support its return to profitable operation.

Nonsovereign operations. Total outstanding balances and undisbursed commitments of ADB's nonsovereign transactions in Fiji as of 31 December 2022 was \$20 million representing 0.16% of ADB's total private sector portfolio.

Operational challenges. Fiji faces operational and implementation challenges similar to other Pacific island countries, with limited capacity and frequent staff turnover in key positions affecting both the public and private sectors. Accordingly, ADB initiatives in Fiji seek to deliver appropriate levels of technical assistance and capacity support to ensure effective implementation and sustainable results. ADB's focus on improving project readiness and introducing risk-based procurement measures will help manage the key risks associated with the lending pipeline for Fiji.

ADB operations in Fiji are enhanced by the presence of the <u>ADB Pacific Subregional Office</u> in the country's capital, Suva. Domestic presence supports strong coordination and harmonization with other development partners, and significant analytical work has been done to enhance Fiji's development prospects.

KNOWLEDGE WORK

ADB brings added value beyond its role in project financing. It provides advice to the Government of Fiji and supports policy reform in the areas of fiscal policy, public financial management, state-owned enterprise performance, private sector and financial sector development, and gender equality. ADB's flagship publications, including the <u>Asian Development Outlook</u> and the <u>Pacific Economic Monitor</u>, provide key analytical work to support decision-making.

ADB also participates in joint missions with other development partners, including the <u>International Monetary Fund's Article IV</u> missions, which feature robust discussions with the

Fiji: Share of Procurement Contracts for Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects

	Goods, Works, and Related Service	
	Amount	% of
Item	(\$ million)	Total
2021	59.45	0.39
2022	161.27	1.00
Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2022)	744.03	0.30
	Consulting	g Services
	Amount	% of
Item	(\$ million)	Total
2021	8.32	1.18
2022	0.67	0.12
Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2022)	29.70	0.19
	Total Proc	urement
	Amount	% of
Item	(\$ million)	Total
2021	67.77	0.43
2022	161.93	0.97

Top 5 Contractors/Suppliers from Fiji Involved in Goods, Works, and Related Services Contracts under ADB Loan and Grant Projects, 1 January 2018–31 December 2022

773.74

0.29

Contractor/Supplier	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Fletcher Building Ltd.	TRA	44.59
China Railway No. 5 Engineering Group (Fiji) Co. Ltd.	TRA	21.09
CBS Power Solutions (Fiji) Ltd.	ENE	12.74
Lomanitoba Co. Ltd.	TRA	2.72
Fairdeal Earthmoving Contractors Pte. Ltd.	TRA	1.47
Others		437.43
Total		520.04

ENE = energy, TRA = transport.

Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2022)

Top 5 Consultants from Fiji Involved in Consulting Services Contracts under ADB Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects, 1 January 2018–31 December 2022

Consultant	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
United Nations Childrens Fund	HLT	14.02
Beca International Consultants Ltd.	TRA	2.26
Habitat for Humanity	PSM	0.33
Siwatibau and Sloan Lawyers	ENE	0.12
GHD (Fiji) Pte. Ltd.	TRA	0.10
Individual Consultants		3.30
Others		0.27
Total		20.39

 ${\sf ENE = energy, HLT = health, PSM = public \, sector \, management, TRA = transport.}$

Fiji: Ordinary Capital Resources Nonsovereign Commitments by Product

	2022	2018-2022
Number of Transactions Signed (OCR)	0	1
Number of Transactions Signed (Programs)	0	0
	Amou	ınt (\$ million)
Loans	_	40.00
Equity Investments	_	_
Guarantees	_	_
Debt Security	_	_
Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program and Microfinance Program	-	-
Total	_	40.00

- = nil, OCR = ordinary capital resources.

government on strategic priorities and other critical issues that require coordinated support.

FINANCING PARTNERSHIPS

Financing partnerships enable ADB's financing partner governments or their agencies, multilateral financing institutions, and private organizations to participate in financing ADB projects. The additional funds provided may be in the form of loans and grants, technical assistance, and nonsovereign cofinancing.

Cumulative cofinancing commitments in Fiji:

- Sovereign cofinancing: \$598.17 million for 9 investment projects and \$3.52 million for 5 technical assistance projects since 1992
- Nonsovereign cofinancing: \$25 million for 1 investment project since 2021

In 2022, Fiji received a total of \$126.6 million loan cofinancing from the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and a total of \$61.7 million grant cofinancing from Australia and New Zealand for the <u>Sustainable and Resilient Recovery Program</u>; and \$3 million grant cofinancing from the <u>Japan Fund for Prosperous and Resilient Asia and the Pacific for the Enhancing COVID-19 Preparedness for Tourism Recovery</u>.

A summary of projects with cofinancing from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2022 is available at www.adb.org/countries/fiji/cofinancing.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

ADB operations in Fiji are guided by a country partnership strategy that is endorsed by the government to ensure it reflects their priority assistance areas. The country partnership strategy, 2019-2023, for Fiji will help drive sustainable growth out of the COVID-19 pandemic. ADB will also help promote private sector investment and growth by investing in infrastructure, providing policy-based loans, and offering technical assistance to improve the business and investment climate. ADB's engagement with the private sector will focus on innovative approaches and will be open to possible engagement in nontraditional sectors, where ADB's private sector operations can have a highly catalytic impact, while paying due attention to the risks involved. It is anticipated that there may be investment opportunities in Fiji and regional opportunities with Fijian companies fostering regional cooperation and integration. Target sectors include renewable energy, financial institutions, transportation infrastructure, agribusiness, and health. ADB will seek to crowd in private sector finance, including from commercial banks and provident funds.

In 2023, ADB and the Government of Fiji will begin preparations for a new country partnership strategy for 2024–2028 to guide future engagement.

Fiji: Portfolio Performance Quality Indicators for Sovereign Lending and Grants, 2021–2022

No. of Ongoing Loans ^a (as of 31 Dec 2022)		2
	2021 (\$ million)	2022 (\$ million)
Contract Awards ^{b, c}	75.24	11.25
Disbursements ^b	19.63	192.25
No. of Ongoing Grants ^{a, d} (as of 31 Dec 2022)		_
	2021 (\$ million)	2022 (\$ million)
Contract Awards ^{b, c, d}	1.40	2.00
Disbursements ^{b, d}	1.00	-
At Risk Projects (%)° (as of 31 Dec 2022)		33

^{– =} nil

Note: Totals may not add up because of rounding

- a Based on commitments.
- ^b Includes closed loans/grants that had contract awards or disbursements during the year.
- $^{\rm c}$ Excludes policy-based, results-based, financial intermediation/credit, CPRO (COVID-19 Pandemic Response Option), and fully administered cofinanced loans and grants.
- $^{\mathrm{d}}$ Includes only Asian Development Fund and other ADB special funds.

Fiji: Independent Evaluation Ratings for Sovereign and Nonsovereign Operations, 2013-2022

-	Total Number of Validated	Evalu	uation Ratin	gs
	and Evaluated Projects and Programs	Highly successful and successful		Unsuccessful
Sovereign Operations	4	2	2	_
Nonsovereign Operations	_	-	-	-

^{- =} nil, IED = Independent Evaluation Department.

Note: The numbers indicate sovereign operations in the country that have been validated or evaluated by the IED and their overall performance ratings. The coverage consists of all validated or evaluated project completion reports circulated by ADB within the 10-year period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2022. See evaluations related to Fiji.

Source: IED success rate database

Fiji: Projects Cofinanced, 1 January 2018-31 December 2022

No. of Projects	Amount (\$ million)
8	422.10
4	350.43
4	68.60
3	3.07
1	25.00
	No. of Projects 8 4 4 1

^aA project with more than one source of cofinancing is counted once.

^e Covers active projects as of 31 December 2022.

ADB AT A GLANCE

ADB is committed to <u>achieving a prosperous</u>, <u>inclusive</u>, <u>resilient</u>, <u>and sustainable Asia and the Pacific</u>, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. It has 68 members—of which 49 are from Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside. ADB headquarters is in Manila, Philippines and has 43 offices around the world, with 3,775 staff from 66 members as of 31 December 2022.

ADB maximizes the development impact of its assistance to its members by providing financing and tailored knowledge solutions through policy dialogue and advisory services, among others. It mobilizes financial resources through cofinancing from official, commercial, and export credit sources.

ADB met strong demand for its assistance in 2022. It unlocked greater resources for its members through the private sector and partnerships. ADB provided financing for climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives, education quality and access, affordable health care, and more sustainable and climate-resilient food systems. In 2022, 97% of ADB operations contributed to gender equality. ADB fostered greater regional collaboration on issues such as health threats and tax cooperation. ADB also responded to demand for tailored knowledge solutions from its members.

ADB operations. In 2022, ADB committed \$20.5 billion in loans, grants, equity investments, guarantees, private sector programs, and technical assistance to both the public and private sectors of its borrowing members. ADB bolstered its total support with cofinancing of \$11.4 billion.

As of 31 December 2022, ADB's cumulative commitments in 45 countries stood at \$358.4 billion covering 4,189 loans, \$12.6 billion in 566 grants, and \$5.5 billion in technical assistance grants, including regional technical assistance grants.

In addition to loans, grants, and technical assistance, ADB uses guarantees, equity investments, and private sector programs to help its developing member countries.

Total commitments in nonsovereign loans, equity investments, and guarantees from ADB's own funds in 2022 amounted to \$1.1 billion for 37 transactions in economic and social infrastructure, finance sector, and agribusiness.

In 2022, ADB mobilized \$1.7 billion of long-term project cofinancing and \$5.3 billion of cofinancing through its <u>Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program</u> and <u>Microfinance Program</u>. Total outstanding balances and undisbursed commitments of nonsovereign transactions funded by ADB's own resources stood at \$12.8 billion as of 31 December 2022.

FINANCING PARTNERSHIPS

Total sovereign and nonsovereign cofinancing commitments, 2022

- \$11.39 billion for 165 projects, of which:
 - » \$11.2 billion, 75 investment projects,
 - » \$126.49 million, 87 technical assistance projects,
 - » \$60 million transaction advisory services mandates for 3 projects.

Cumulative sovereign and nonsovereign cofinancing commitments, 1970-2022

- \$151.87 billion for 3,292 projects, of which:
 - » \$147.81 billion, 1,163 investment projects,
 - » \$2.92 billion, 2,120 technical assistance projects,
 - » \$1.13 billion transaction advisory services mandates for 9 projects.

PROCUREMENT

ADB's Procurement Contracts, 2022

Goods, Works, and Related Services

ADB's procurement contracts in Asia and the Pacific for goods, works, and related services under loan and grant operations:

- \$15.23 billion in 2021
- \$16.19 billion in 2022
- \$247.06 billion covering 228,149 contracts, cumulative procurement since 1966.

Consulting Services

ADB's procurement contracts in Asia and the Pacific for consulting services under loan, grant, and technical assistance operations:

- \$706.65 million in 2021
- \$535.61 million in 2022
- \$15.45 billion covering 74,995 contracts, cumulative procurement since 1966.

MORE ABOUT FIJI AND ADB

Shareholding and Voting Power

Number of shares held: 7,218 (0.068% of total shares)
Votes: 46,332 (0.348% of total membership,

0.535% of total regional membership)

*Overall capital subscription: \$96.06 million *Paid-in capital subscription: \$4.8 million

*United States dollar figures are valued at rate as of 31 December 2022.

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Notes: (i) Figures are estimated by ADB unless otherwise stated. "\$" refers to United States dollars. (ii) Data are updated as of 31 December 2022 unless otherwise indicated.