

ITALY

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) continues to work and evolve to meet the changing and increasingly complex needs of its members. In 2022, ADB completed a comprehensive organizational review and identified the need for a new operating model that will enable holistic improvements. The reforms will ensure that ADB delivers greater impact in the region, including by scaling up climate financing, mobilizing more private sector investment, and providing a wider range of development solutions in response to client needs.

With finance and knowledge, ADB is supporting high-quality green and digital infrastructure by attracting private investment, rebuilding smartly, and closing the digital divide. ADB focuses on addressing inequality including by closing the gender gap, and investing in health, education, and social protection. Helping the region improve its domestic resource mobilization is key to this. Meanwhile, ADB is strengthening cooperation and integration within the region to enable better future linkages in areas ranging from trade to health.

Italy is a founding member of ADB. It has provided \$2.55 billion in capital subscription to ADB as of 31 December 2022. It has also contributed and committed \$1.29 billion to ADB's special funds since becoming a member.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL FUNDS RESOURCES

Italy contributes to the Asian Development Fund (ADF) and the Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF). The ADF provides grants to ADB's low-income developing member countries. The TASF provides technical assistance grants to developing member countries to help prepare projects and undertake technical or policy studies.

Contributions:

<u>**ADF</u> (committed): \$1.23 billion <u>**TASF</u> (committed): \$55.37 million

** Valued at exchange rates per relevant <u>Board of Governors'</u>
<u>Resolutions</u> or date of commitment as applicable.



To date, 681 goods, works, and related services contracts worth \$1.6 billion and 366 consulting contracts worth \$259.93 million have been awarded to contractors, suppliers, and consultants from Italy. In 2022, 7 goods, works, and related services contracts worth \$129.2 million and 30 consulting contracts worth \$21.29 million have been awarded.

As of 31 December 2022, there were 32 international staff from Italy in ADB (21 men and 11 women), which represents 2.34% of the total international staff, including 2 senior staff members.

Nonsovereign operations. Some of ADB's nonsovereign operations involving entities in Italy are as follows:

Intesa San Paolo is a shareholder of a bank in the People's Republic of China to which ADB provided blue financing. Savio Macchine Tessili S.P.A. is a supplier to a textile manufacturing project in Bangladesh. GDM SpA Societa Unipersonale is a contractor in a personal hygiene products project in Viet Nam. Renco is the sponsor of a gas-fired combined-cycle power plant project in Armenia; other shareholders include Simest S.p.A., Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, and Italy's Ministry of Economy and Finance. BLU Below S.r.I., Conferenza Episcopale Italiana, Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Trento e Rovereto, Fondazione Maria Enrica, Luchi Fiduciaria S.r.I., and Mittel S.p.A. are co-shareholders with ADB in a regional microfinance project.

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 may be in the form of loans and grants, technical assistance, and nonsovereign cofinancing.

Italy's cofinancing commitments from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2022 comprised:

Projects

• Nonsovereign: \$27.13 million for 3 projects

A list of projects cofinanced by Italy is available at www.adb.org/what-we-do/financing-partnerships/sovereign-financing#donor-countries.

<u>Trust funds.</u> ADB manages trust funds established through financing agreements initially from single donors targeting specific sectors. It has been increasingly switching to thematic trust funds and financing partnership facilities that link various forms of assistance to support priority areas such as water, clean energy, regional cooperation and integration, urban sector financing, and health.

Italy's Share of Procurement Contracts for Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects

	Goods, Works, and	Goods, Works, and Related Services		
	Amount	% of		
Item	(\$ million)	Total		
2021	-	_		
2022	129.20	0.80		
Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2022)	1,595.30	0.65		
	Consulting	Consulting Services		
	Amount	% of		
Item	(\$ million)	Total		
2021	3.41	0.48		
2022	21.29	3.97		
Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2022)	259.93	1.68		
	Total Prod	Total Procurement		
	Amount	% of		
Item	(\$ million)	Total		
2021	3.41	0.02		
2022	150.48	0.90		
Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2022)	1,855.23	0.71		

– = nil

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

Contractor/Supplier	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
United Nations World Food Programme	ANR	78.38
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	ANR	46.58
Todini Construzioni Generali S.P.A.	TRA	8.20
Valvitalia S.P.A.	ENE	8.11
Colmar Technik S.P.A	TRA	2.31
Others		3.86
Total		147.45

ANR = agriculture, natural resources, and rural development; ENE = energy; TRA = transport.

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

Consultant	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Bonifica S.P.A & Renardet S.A. (JV)	TRA	42.53
IRD Engineering S.R.L.	TRA, WUS	10.74
Società Italiana di Monitoraggio	ANR, HLT	6.09
CESI S.P.A.	ENE	5.13
ELC Electroconsult S.P.A.	ENE	4.81
Individual Consultants		6.66
Others		13.23
Total		89.19

ANR = agriculture, natural resources, and rural development; ENE = energy; HLT = health; JV = joint venture; TRA = transport; WUS = water and other urban infrastructure and services.

Investment Projects Cofinanced with Italy, 1 January 2018–31 December 2022

Member	Project	ADB Amount ^a (\$ million)	Cofinancing Amount (\$ million)	Type of Cofinancing ^b
Regional	Investment in Creador V L.P.	60.00	2.00	NS
	PAG Growth II, LP	50.00	12.50	NS
	Trade Finance Programs	276 57	12.63	NS

^a Loan, grant, or blend

b NS = nonsovereign cofinancing

The program limit for ADB's regional Trade Finance Program (TFP) (\$1 billion since 2009, and increased to \$1.35 billion in 2018 and \$2.15 billion in 2020) is the maximum exposure the TFP can assume at any one point in time. Although the TFP exposure exceeds the program limit annually, this limit was not breached at any one point in time because TFP transactions tend to be short—on average less than 180 days—and the program limit can revolve (be reused) within a year. In addition, the TFP distributes risk exposures to various partners that leverage its capital resources.

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.

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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.