



Fiji: Fiji Flood Rehabilitation Project

Project Name	Fiji Flood Rehabilitation Project		
Project Number	46253-001		
Country / Economy	Fiji		
Project Status	Closed		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant		
Source of Funding / Amount	<div>Grant 0286-FIJ: Flood Rehabilitation Project</div> <div>Asia Pacific Disaster Response FundUS\$ 1.00 million</div>		
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth		
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming		
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management / Social protection initiatives		
Gender	Some gender elements		
Description	<p>A tropical depression (TD17F) and tropical cyclone Daphne with associated heavy rainfall significantly affected the Western and Central Divisions of Fiji from 29 March - 3 April 2012 causing landslides and widespread flooding of low lying areas. Over 200,000 people were directly affected with 14,000 people requiring shelter assistance at 180 evacuation centers opened throughout the Western and Central Division. Floods and landslides claimed four lives in total with one person reported missing. Water and electricity supplies have been disrupted and critical infrastructure, especially roads, bridges, and dams, have suffered extensive damage over and above that caused by the January 2012 floods. Similar to the last floods, the Western Division is the main impacted area but more provinces and districts are currently affected (the north coast and western half of Viti Levu).</p> <p>A state of natural disaster was declared on 30 March 2012 for parts of the Western Division of Viti Levu and published in the Government of Fiji's Gazette on 1 April 2012. The National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) is coordinating and monitoring recovery measures which are being undertaken by relevant government agencies and NGOs.</p> <p>The Fiji Red Cross and other nongovernment agencies are assisting the impacted population throughout Fiji and in the evacuation. Initial damage and needs assessments have been undertaken for agriculture, health, water and sanitation, roads and various other sectors. Estimates from this assessment released by NEOC indicate damages to be over \$40 million.</p> <p>To date, relief efforts have focused on priority areas such as the provision of shelter, education, food supplies, and the restoration of critical infrastructure, water and health services. Based on preliminary estimation of damages, additional resources are required to meet relief needs. The Government of Fiji requested immediate ADB assistance under the Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund (APDRF) on 5 April 2012 recognizing and appreciating previous support provided by ADB through the APDRF in February 2012.</p>		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Based on preliminary damage estimates provided by the Government of Fiji, the impacts of these floods will necessitate a downward revision to Fiji's economic growth forecasts, particularly given the impacts on agriculture and tourism. Negative publicity in Australia, for example, return flights to Australia were delayed or cancelled leaving hundreds of tourists stranded - is likely to result in lower than projected visitor arrivals. The government had hoped to keep to its 1.9% of GDP fiscal deficit target for 2012 following the January floods by directing sector ministries such as Health, Education, and Agriculture to source relief and rehabilitation funds amounting to about \$17.3 million from within their 2012 budget allocations. However, the extent of damages in the aftermath of the March/April floods expected to be more severe than in January will put significant pressure on the national budget and could add another 1.5%-2.0% of GDP to the deficit, and impair the delivery of core public services.</p> <p>Fiji's public debt levels are already high, around 54% of GDP (well above the government's target of 40%). The resultant debt overhang limits the government's ability to mount a fiscal response to shocks, such as those caused by repeated adverse weather conditions. The reprioritization of the 2012 budget allocations following the January 2012 flooding, has left even less room for a fiscal response to the current floods. The fiscal position is now highly vulnerable to further shocks should any occur later in the year; this could seriously undermine overall macro-economic stability.</p> <p>The March/April flooding follows previous flood disasters in January 2009 and January 2012 respectively, which likewise had their main impact in the Western Division. Subsequent requests by the Government of Fiji for ADB support resulted in an Emergency Assistance Loan (EAL) of \$17.56 million under the provisions of the Disaster Emergency Assistance Policy (DOC.R71-04) in 2009 and a \$1 million grant under the APDRF approved on 15 February 2012. Projects funded under the EAL are currently being implemented. Due to recurrent flooding during this year's cyclone season implementation and progress on reconstruction efforts have been severely hampered. Funds made available for relief operations under the APDRF have been allocated for the rehabilitation and repair of damaged water and sewerage systems.</p>		
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Project Outcome			
Description of Outcome			
Progress Toward Outcome	100% Disbursement achieved.		
Implementation Progress			
Description of Project Outputs			
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	Awaiting Audit Report due May 2013.		
Geographical Location	Nation-wide		
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects			
Environmental Aspects			
Involuntary Resettlement			
Indigenous Peoples			
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation			

During Project Design	Following the political crisis of 2006, ADB has followed a two stage approach to its reengagement with Fiji. In the first stage, ADB has continued operations ongoing as of December 2006 as it determined that the conditions to such continuation had been met. Stage two of reengagement preparation of a country partnership strategy and approval of new operations requires that certain specified conditions prevail. While Management considers that these conditions have yet to be met in full, the exigencies of the flooding situation in Fiji justify the proposed grant assistance from the APDRF on an exceptional basis. A similar exception was made for purposes of the Emergency Assistance Loan made by ADB to Fiji following the flood disaster in January 2009, as well the allocation of APDRF grant financing to the Government of Fiji in response to the January 2012 floods.
During Project Implementation	The Government of Fiji through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, made specific appeals for emergency assistance to bilateral donors including the Governments of Australia, New Zealand and the United States. Although they are currently assessing additional responses, the New Zealand government already provided NZ\$1,250,000; AusAID pledged support of A\$1 million and made 350,000 water purification tablets, 3,240 tarpaulins, 3,000 water containers available for instant delivery as well as A\$50,000 for the aerial survey allocation; United States Government will provide US\$150,000; European Union provided euro 200,000. Anticipated support through these and other bilateral arrangements are focusing on emergency needs prioritized by the Government of Fiji. This includes: water supplies; purification tablets; hygiene packs; water containers; portable generators; tents and tarpaulins; tools; education packs; and various emergency health items. These contributions however, will only cover part of the damage and losses incurred noting the estimate of damages to be around \$40 million. Considering that significant additional assistance is under consideration by the international community, an allocation of \$1 million from the APDRF is deemed appropriate. The contribution will augment government and development partner assistance for the basic needs of the impacted population, especially in relation to rehabilitation work and restoring of essential services. Coordination of relief efforts is being led by NEOC and the respective Divisional and District Emergency Operation Centers. ADB has been in close contact with Fiji's National Disaster Management Office and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) and has attended the Aid Coordination Meetings chaired by the NEOC.

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	16 Apr 2012
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	16 Apr 2012
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	23 Jan 2013

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
16 Apr 2012	19 Apr 2012	19 Apr 2012	19 Oct 2012	30 Nov 2012	28 Jul 2014

Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	1.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	1.00	17 Jun 2022	1.00	0.00	100%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	17 Jun 2022	1.00	0.00	100%

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