



Project Data Sheet

Project 48488-001

Project Name	Strengthening Climate and Disaster Resilience of Investments in the Pacific
Project Number	48488-001
Country / Economy	Regional
Project Status	Closed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance

TA 8961-REG: Strengthening Climate and Disaster Resilience of Investments in the Pacific

Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
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TA 8961-REG: Strengthening Climate and Disaster Resilience of Investments in the Pacific (Supplementary)

Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
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Source of Funding / Amount

TA 8961-REG: Strengthening Climate and Disaster Resilience of Investments in the Pacific (Supplementary)

Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 500,000.00
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Climate Change Fund	US\$ 750,000.00
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TA 8961-REG: Strengthening Climate and Disaster Resilience of Investments in the Pacific (Supplementary)

Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 700,000.00
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Strategic Agendas

Environmentally sustainable growth
Inclusive economic growth
Regional integration

Drivers of Change

Gender Equity and Mainstreaming
Governance and capacity development
Knowledge solutions
Partnerships

Sector / Subsector

Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development
Energy / Energy sector development and institutional reform
Transport / Transport policies and institutional development
Water and other urban infrastructure and services / Urban policy, institutional and capacity development

Gender

Some gender elements

Description	<p>The TA will strengthen the resilience of investments in the Pacific by: (i) incorporating climate change and disaster risk management (DRM) considerations into project designs, (ii) strengthening integration of climate change and DRM considerations in government planning processes in key sectors in selected countries, (iii) supporting access to climate change financing, and (iv) strengthening Pacific DMCs' capacity to negotiate climate change agreements and financing.</p>
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The small size, remoteness, and fragile biodiversity of Pacific island countries make them exceptionally vulnerable to natural hazards and climate change, with low capacity to manage the resulting risks. Physical infrastructure associated with transport, energy, water supply and sanitation, and human settlements, is particularly vulnerable to climate change and disaster risks. Adaptation measures to increase the resilience of infrastructure to both disaster events and long term climate change may involve a significant incremental cost on top of the underlying infrastructure investments. Given immense and growing adaptation needs in the Pacific, significant amounts of additional financing must be mobilized.</p> <p>The TA responds to the priorities identified in the Regional Operations Business Plan for the Pacific 2014-2016. The TA also supports the national adaptation priorities of the Pacific DMCs, and ADB's Pacific Approach 2010-14 and its successor under preparation. The focus of the support will be on supporting Pacific DMCs in key sectors where ADB is providing investment support, and development of national and regional pipelines for climate change and DRM investments. Therefore, the focus is consistent with Country Partnership Strategies and Pacific Approach priorities, and the TA support will be directly linked to pipeline investments and key sectors in the Pacific.</p>
Impact	<p>Strengthened integrated risk management to enhance climate and disaster resilience (Draft Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific)</p>

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Climate and disaster resiliency of investments in Pacific DMCs increased
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A multi-sectoral climate change team has been mobilized and has provided countries in the region with the following support:

1) Climate risk and vulnerability assessments (CRVA)

- Completed five CRVAs for large scale infrastructure investments (PNG: Sustainable Highlands Highway Investment Program and Water Supply Scheme for Tete Settlement Project; Fiji: Nadi River Control Project; KIR: South Tarawa Water Supply Project; VAN: Luganville Urban Development Project - completed draft);
- completed climate screening using AWARE software of four large scale infrastructure investments (SAM: Ports Infrastructure Development Project; KIR: South Tarawa Water Supply Project; and PNG: Multipartner Financing Facility for the Highlands Highway Project and District and Provincial Towns Water Supply Project);
- provided technical support to eleven investment design teams as they undertook CRVAs (covering investments in Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, PNG, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Samoa); and
- prepared six climate change profiles for pipeline investments in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Marshall Islands, Tonga, Timor Leste and PNG.

2) Climate change finance

- supported preparation of the following submissions from Pacific countries to the Green Climate Fund (GCF): Pacific Islands Renewable Energy Investment Program; Cook Islands Renewable Energy Sector Project - Battery storage; Nauru Climate Resilient Port Development; Tonga Renewable Energy Project; South Tarawa Water Supply Project and; Solomon Islands Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project (Concept Note phase).
- supported preparation of four additional Concept Notes for consideration: two for PNG - one covering the energy sector, one covering the transport sector; one for a Samoa Multipurpose dam project, and one for Tonga Integrated Urban Resilience Sector Project; and
- supported the PNG government with the development of a GCF pipeline.

3) Mainstreaming gender and climate change

- supported a broad review of the gender and climate change policy nexus in the Pacific countries;
- In coordination with regional partners, prepared (draft) chapter on Gender and Social inclusion for the Kiribati Climate Change and Disaster Risk Finance Assessment; and,
- ensured that the projects submitted for GCF funding would be inclusive and mainstream gender concerns and optimally benefits women, including assessments for Tonga and Samoa renewable energy projects.

4) Disaster risk financing

- prepared an initial roadmap for a Regional Contingent Saving Facility (with the participation of Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu); and
- supported initial design (Concept Note) for an investment in _Advancing Disaster Risk Financing in the Pacific Contingent Savings Facility._

5) Climate change and disaster risk management strategic support

- supported the Pacific Department (PARD) in determining how to optimally support implementation of the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific, including the elaboration of PARD's Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Action Plan (2017-2020) and the published brochure Building Resilience in the Pacific - How ADB is Addressing Climate Change and Disaster Risks_.

6) Data management

- prepared an on-line database that provides data (and links) on a range of climate change issues, such as: CRVAs and other climate change assessments; sources of climate change financing and climate change reference materials; PARD's climate change financing (2011-2016) and projected climate change funding; and
- generally supported PARD senior management and sectoral staff to actively contribute to regional climate change discussions and policy debates, notably through the preparation of briefing documents and of focused presentations.

Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	1. Climate and disaster risk management incorporated into investments in the Pacific 2. Capacity to integrate climate and disaster risk management in government planning processes strengthened 3. Access to climate change financing supported in selected countries 4. Pacific DMC's capacity to negotiate climate change agreements and financing strengthened
Status of Implementation	On target
Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	On target On target On target Achieved.
Geographical Location	Regional

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation Target DMCs and investment projects will be proposed based on climate and disaster risk screening, and Pacific DMCs adaptation priorities.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	29 May 2015
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	18 Sep 2015
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	24 Sep 2018

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual

18 Sep 2015 - 18 Sep 2015 21 Dec 2018 31 Dec 2020 19 Mar 2021

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart		Project Sponsor	Others	Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries					
3,950,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,950,000.00	17 Jun 2022	3,168,368.83

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