



Kiribati: South Tarawa Water Supply Project

Project Name	South Tarawa Water Supply Project																				
Project Number	49453-002																				
Country / Economy	Kiribati																				
Project Status	Active																				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant																				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"><tr><td colspan="2">Grant 0652-KIR: South Tarawa Water Supply Project (formerly South Tarawa Water Sector Improvement Program)</td></tr><tr><td>Asian Development Fund</td><td>US\$ 13.00 million</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Grant 0653-KIR: South Tarawa Water Supply Project (formerly South Tarawa Water Sector Improvement Program)</td></tr><tr><td>Green Climate Fund</td><td>US\$ 28.63 million</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Grant: South Tarawa Water Supply Project (formerly South Tarawa Water Sector Improvement Program)</td></tr><tr><td>World Bank</td><td>US\$ 12.96 million</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Grant 0876-KIR: South Tarawa Water Supply Project (Additional Financing)</td></tr><tr><td>Asian Development Fund</td><td>US\$ 20.00 million</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Grant 0877-KIR: South Tarawa Water Supply Project (Additional Financing)</td></tr><tr><td>GEF-Least Developed Countries Fund</td><td>US\$ 4.59 million</td></tr></table>	Grant 0652-KIR: South Tarawa Water Supply Project (formerly South Tarawa Water Sector Improvement Program)		Asian Development Fund	US\$ 13.00 million	Grant 0653-KIR: South Tarawa Water Supply Project (formerly South Tarawa Water Sector Improvement Program)		Green Climate Fund	US\$ 28.63 million	Grant: South Tarawa Water Supply Project (formerly South Tarawa Water Sector Improvement Program)		World Bank	US\$ 12.96 million	Grant 0876-KIR: South Tarawa Water Supply Project (Additional Financing)		Asian Development Fund	US\$ 20.00 million	Grant 0877-KIR: South Tarawa Water Supply Project (Additional Financing)		GEF-Least Developed Countries Fund	US\$ 4.59 million
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Operational Priorities	OP1: Addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities OP2: Accelerating progress in gender equality OP3: Tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability OP4: Making cities more livable OP5: Promoting rural development and food security OP6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity OP7: Fostering regional cooperation and integration																				
Sector / Subsector	Water and other urban infrastructure and services / Urban water supply																				
Gender	Effective gender mainstreaming																				
Description																					
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy																					
Impact	The Project is Aligned with: Health and climate change resilience of South Tarawa's population improved																				
Project Outcome																					
Description of Outcome	Access of South Tarawa's population to safe, climate-resilient water supplies increased																				
Progress Toward Outcome	Procurement of the project's 2 desalination plants is complete and the first plants at Betio is scheduled to be commissioned in Q1 2024. Commissioning of the second plant located at McKenzie is scheduled to commence in Q3 2024.																				
Implementation Progress																					
Description of Project Outputs	Climate resilient and low-carbon water supply infrastructure constructed. Capacity of MISE and PUB to effectively manage water supply infrastructure increased Awareness of WASH and climate change issues raised.																				
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	Construction of desalination plants nearing completion (Betio by 31 December 2023 and McKenzie by 31 May 2024). Bidding for upgrading and for management, operations and maintenance is ongoing (deadline for submission of bids is 12 December 2023). WASH and climate change awareness raising activities commenced in 2022 and are ongoing.																				
Geographical Location	South Tarawa																				
Safeguard Categories																					
Environment	B																				
Involuntary Resettlement	B																				
Indigenous Peoples	C																				
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects																					
Environmental Aspects	Environmental and social impact assessments (ESIA) for each subcomponent of the project have been prepared, publicly exhibited, and approved by Government with no-objection from ADB. Government issued the environmental licenses (EL) for Package GDW-1 and Package GDW-3 on 24 June 2022 and 29 October 2021 respectively. The EL for Package GDW-2 component is currently being processed by Government. Resettlement Plan (RP) for the Package GDW-3 was finalized, approved by ADB and WB and disclosed on ADB website during May 2022. The Package GDW-1 RP was approved and disclosed in September 2022.																				

Involuntary Resettlement The Resettlement Plan (RP) for the Solar PV component was finalized, approved by ADB and WB and disclosed on ADB website during May 2022. The RP for the Desalination component has been updated to reflect the Contractor's detailed designs for the Desalination Plants and was approved by ADB and disclosed by September 2022. Payments of resettlement compensation under the RPs are ongoing. Government has established an escrow-like account for deposit of resettlement compensation amounts in cases where land ownership is disputed, or land boundaries undefined and the amounts will be held in trust for the rightful affected persons. PMU/PIA has established an effective and proactive community liaison and land acquisition team. Land acquisitions for some key project components (village tank upgrading works) have been problematic for several sites and there is a risk of delay to implementation of the GDW-2/1 Water Supply Networks (construction). MISE PMU has submitted quarterly reports, semi-annual safeguard monitoring reports and gender action plan monitoring reports to ADB in compliance with the project's grant and project agreements.

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation The project management unit has established an effective and proactive community liaison and land acquisition team and has engaged international consultants to assist with the preparation and update of safeguard due diligence and monitoring documentation. The NWSSC has been appointed as the oversight body for the project and also facilitates engagement of key government stakeholders in the Project WASH awareness program.

Responsible ADB Officer	Blaik, Stephen
Responsible ADB Department	Sectors Group
Responsible ADB Division	Water and Urban Development Sector Office (SG-WUD)
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

Timetable

Concept Clearance	07 Oct 2016
Fact Finding	12 Nov 2018 to 16 Nov 2018
MRM	13 Dec 2018
Approval	30 Aug 2019
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	15 Nov 2023

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
30 Aug 2019	06 Nov 2020	14 Dec 2020	31 Dec 2027	-	-

Financing Plan			Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)		Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	20.24		Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	13.00		23 Feb 2024	8.66	0.00	67%
Counterpart	7.24		Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00		23 Feb 2024	5.26	0.00	40%

Status of Covenants						
Category	Sector	Safeguards	Social	Financial	Economic	Others
Rating	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory

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30 Aug 2019	06 Nov 2020	14 Dec 2020	31 Dec 2027	-	-

Financing Plan			Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)		Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	28.63		Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	0.00		23 Feb 2024	0.00	14.73	51%
Counterpart	0.00		Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	28.63		23 Feb 2024	0.00	7.68	27%

Grant 0876-KIR

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
13 Dec 2022	19 Dec 2022	11 Apr 2023	31 Dec 2027	-	-

Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	23.61	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	20.00	23 Feb 2024	8.11	0.00	41%
Counterpart	3.61	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	23 Feb 2024	0.00	0.00	0%

Status of Covenants						
Category	Sector	Safeguards	Social	Financial	Economic	Others
Rating	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory

Grant 0877-KIR

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
13 Dec 2022	19 Dec 2022	11 Apr 2023	31 Dec 2027	-	-

Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	4.59	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	0.00	23 Feb 2024	0.00	1.86	41%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	4.59	23 Feb 2024	0.00	0.00	0%

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