



# Regional: Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility Coordination Office-Leveraging Infrastructure for Sustainable Development

Project Name	Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility Coordination Office-Leveraging Infrastructure for Sustainable Development														
Project Number	53103-001														
Country / Economy	Regional Cook Islands Fiji Micronesia, Federated States of Kiribati Nauru Niue Palau Papua New Guinea Marshall Islands Samoa Solomon Islands Tonga Tuvalu Vanuatu														
Project Status	Active														
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance														
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"><tr><td colspan="2">TA 9819-REG: Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility Coordination Office - Leveraging Infrastructure for Sustainable Development</td></tr><tr><td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 2.00 million</td></tr><tr><td>New Zealand</td><td>US\$ 3.00 million</td></tr><tr><td>Government of Australia</td><td>US\$ 4.09 million</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">TA 9819-REG: Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility Coordination Office-Leveraging Infrastructure for Sustainable Development</td></tr><tr><td>New Zealand</td><td>US\$ 1.45 million</td></tr><tr><td>ATF - Cofinanced TA Funds</td><td>US\$ 2.00 million</td></tr></table>	TA 9819-REG: Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility Coordination Office - Leveraging Infrastructure for Sustainable Development		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 2.00 million	New Zealand	US\$ 3.00 million	Government of Australia	US\$ 4.09 million	TA 9819-REG: Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility Coordination Office-Leveraging Infrastructure for Sustainable Development		New Zealand	US\$ 1.45 million	ATF - Cofinanced TA Funds	US\$ 2.00 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	Energy / Energy sector development and institutional reform Information and communication technology / ICT strategy and policy, and capacity development Transport / Transport policies and institutional development Water and other urban infrastructure and services / Other urban services														
Gender	Some gender elements														
Description	<p>The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support the Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility (PRIF) by continuing to resource the coordination and technical assistance activities of the PRIF coordination office for another 4 years, from November 2019 to October 2023. Cofinanced by multiple partners, PRIF is an investment coordination and technical assistance facility that supports the planning, prioritization, coordination, and management of infrastructure in the Pacific. PRIF aims to improve development effectiveness and the sustainability of infrastructure investments in Pacific island member countries by (i) strengthening coordination among PRIF partners, (ii) improving infrastructure policies and regulation, and (iii) improving infrastructure planning and management. A PRIF management committee provides strategic oversight of PRIF activities, based on governance arrangements in the PRIF charter. PRIF partners chair the management committee on a rotational basis. The PRIF coordination office is located in the Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The coordination office supports enhanced coordination and provides short-term TA to respond to requests from PRIF partners and member countries.</p> <p>The TA is consistent with Strategy 2030's focus on infrastructure as a key development priority in its aim to tackle climate change, build disaster resilience, make cities more livable, strengthen capacity, and foster regional cooperation and integration. The TA is also consistent with ADB's Pacific Approach 2016-2020, with its focus on reducing costs, managing risk, and enabling value creation. The TA is included in the Pacific regional operations business plan, 2019-2021 as a 2019 nonlending activity.</p>														

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>PRIF member countries face several challenges in infrastructure planning, financing and management. Member countries are remote and have small populations, precluding economies of scale in infrastructure delivery and management. Given their narrow economic base, member countries rely heavily on development aid and remittances. They also face frequent natural disasters and climate change, resulting in additional unplanned costs. Policy, institutional, and capacity issues also negatively affect performance and sustainability of investment. Infrastructure investment and service delivery in Pacific island countries lag well behind global and Asian averages. ADB estimates that the Pacific region requires \$3.1 billion annually to fully address its infrastructure needs. Development partners active in the Pacific have responded to the region's challenges by (i) establishing PRIF in 2008, to provide better coordinated support to PRIF member countries, (ii) significantly increasing available finance to Pacific island countries, and (iii) providing long-term capacity development.</p> <p>Some of the key achievements of PRIF since its establishment in 2008 include: (i) facilitation of strategic engagement between development partners in the Pacific, (ii) helping member countries plan infrastructure investments and maintenance needs, (iii) providing a platform for technical experts from PRIF partners in sector working groups to develop common approaches to sectoral challenges, (iv) supporting regional organizations such as the Pacific Power Association and the Pacific Water and Wastewater Association, (v) leading applied research on engineering solutions for local Pacific conditions, (vi) rapidly mobilizing technical resources immediately after disasters, and (vii) providing COVID-19 response technical assistance. While the coordination effort of development partners has significantly improved over recent years, the recent and proposed scaling up of financial resources by development partners in the Pacific will require ongoing, long-term, and regionally focused coordination and support for infrastructure planning, financing and management.</p>
Impact	Quality and coverage of infrastructure investments and service delivery in PRIF member countries improved

<b>Project Outcome</b>	
Description of Outcome	Comprehensive and coordinated project and TA support on infrastructure investments provided by PRIF partners
Progress Toward Outcome	N/A
<b>Implementation Progress</b>	
Description of Project Outputs	Coordination of PRIF partner infrastructure investments in the Pacific is further enhanced. Technical advice on infrastructure development and sustainable infrastructure management provided to PRIF partners and member countries
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	Below is a summary of high-level outputs based on the first three years of implementation (2020-2022). Overall PRIF is on track to meet all intended outputs and activities. Average of four management committee meetings held per annum. An average of 23 sectoral working group meetings were held per annum. Individual TA provided to 11 countries, with all 13 PRIF member countries as well as PNG covered in 14 regional TAs. 11 PICs supported the development of National Infrastructure Investment Plans (Tuvalu, Cook Islands, Nauru, Fiji, Kiribati, Niue, Tonga, Palau, Samoa, the Solomon Islands and RMI). 17 knowledge products delivered between 2020-2022, four sector assessments, and three capacity-building activities. Project pipelines are updated six monthly. Six Community of Practice webinars were held with around 259 participants and an average rating of 4.1 out of 5. Two PRIF Week events have been held to date, with over 500 interactive participants in 2022.
Geographical Location	Cook Islands - Nation-wide; Fiji - Nation-wide; Kiribati - Nation-wide; Marshall Islands - Nation-wide; Micronesia, Federated States of - Nation-wide; Nauru - Nation-wide; Niue - Nation-wide; Palau - Nation-wide; Papua New Guinea - Nation-wide; Samoa - Nation-wide; Solomon Islands - Nation-wide; Tonga - Nation-wide; Tuvalu - Nation-wide; Vanuatu - Nation-wide

<b>Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects</b>	
Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
<b>Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation</b>	
During Project Design	
During Project Implementation	In 2022, there is a growing recognition of PRIF's contribution and value. There has been a significant increase on social media outreach in comparison with 2020-21, with PRIF now present and active on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter. There are now over 200 PRIF partner representatives registered and have direct access to the PRIF-restricted site. The PRIF Week 2022 with the theme of enhancing the private sector and local participation in Pacific infrastructure, attracted over 600 participants across 27 countries, including country participants from PRIF Week hubs in three Pacific countries, attendees, speakers, and exhibitors. PRIF has also continued its strong engagement and cooperation with regional agencies including the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFs), SPC, the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Program (SPREP), the Pacific Aviation Safety Office (PASO), Pacific Water & Wastewater Association (PWWA), the Pacific Power Association (PPA), the Association of South Pacific Airlines (ASPA), University of the South Pacific and others.

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Responsible ADB Division	Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office in Sydney, Australia (PLCO)
Executing Agencies	Asian Development Bank

<b>Timetable</b>	
Concept Clearance	09 Apr 2019
Fact Finding	06 Feb 2019 to 06 Feb 2019
MRM	-
Approval	03 Oct 2019
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	07 Dec 2023

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
03 Oct 2019	-	03 Oct 2019	31 Oct 2023	30 Sep 2024	-
Financing Plan/TA Utilization			Cumulative Disbursements		

ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
2,000,000.00	10,539,820.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,539,820.81	06 Feb 2024	10,644,782.42

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