



Papua New Guinea: Pacific Telecommunications Modernization Project

Project Name	Pacific Telecommunications Modernization Project			
Project Number	54204-001			
Borrower / Company	ATH International Venture Pte Limited			
Country / Economy	Papua New Guinea			
Location	Nation-wide			
Type or Modality of Assistance	7645	Equity	Ordinary capital resources	USD 25.00 million Approved
Operational Priorities	OP1: Addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities OP2: Accelerating progress in gender equality OP7: Fostering regional cooperation and integration			
Sector / Subsector	Information and communication technology / ICT infrastructure			
Gender	Effective gender mainstreaming			
Responsible ADB Department	Private Sector Operations Department			
Responsible ADB Division	Infrastructure Finance Division 2			
Responsible ADB Officer	Suri, Sakshi			
Project Sponsor(s)	Amalgamated Telecom Holdings, Limited			
Description	ATH, with its subsidiary Vodafone Fiji Limited (VFL) is the Pacific's second largest regional telecoms company. Over the last five years, ATH has successfully expanded from base in Fiji into five other Pacific countries and is now launching into Papua New Guinea, the region's largest yet least served telecoms market. The purpose of this project is to enhance and expand the provision of mobile, internet and broadband services in PNG, by enabling ATH's \$400 million telecommunications venture in PNG.			
Objectives and Scope				
Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	ADB's Strategy 2030 has a special focus on increasing private sector investment in the Pacific islands. In line with ADB's Strategy 2030 and PNG Country Partnership Strategy (2016-2020), this project helps to improve livelihoods and enhance digital connectivity for the most poor and vulnerable sections of the society, while also improving PNG's business environment through private sector development. This project supports Operational Priority 1 (Addressing Remaining Poverty and Reducing Inequalities), as it will generate jobs for locals living in rural and urban areas in PNG. This project strongly supports Operational Priority 2 (Accelerating Progress in Gender Equality) as it increases economic empowerment of women through greater employment opportunities and improved access to ICT infrastructure. This regional project supports Operational Priority 7 (Regional Cooperation and Integration) as it expands regional investment in the ICT sector between Pacific countries, and alleviates PNG's digital connectivity to match those of its peers in the region, while improving governance and business practices in PNG's telecoms sector.			
Safeguard Categories				
Environment				B
Involuntary Resettlement				C
Indigenous Peoples				B
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects				
Environmental Aspects				
Involuntary Resettlement				
Indigenous Peoples				
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation				
Timetable for assistance design, processing and implementation				
Concept Clearance				15 Apr 2020
Credit Committee Meeting				23 Jun 2020
Approval				01 Sep 2020
Last PDS Update				04 Sep 2020
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