



Solomon Islands: Preparing the Honiara Sustainable Solid Waste Management Project (Project Readiness Financing)

Project Name	Preparing the Honiara Sustainable Solid Waste Management Project (Project Readiness Financing)	
Project Number	55198-001	
Country / Economy	Solomon Islands	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant	
Source of Funding / Amount	Grant 6044-SOL: Preparing the Honiara Sustainable Solid Waste Management Project (Project Readiness Financing)	
	Asian Development Fund	US\$ 3.00 million
Operational Priorities	OP1: Addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities OP4: Making cities more livable	
Sector / Subsector	Water and other urban infrastructure and services / Urban solid waste management	
Gender		
Description	The project readiness financing (PRF) is required given (i) the weak capacity in the implementing agencies, the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology (MECDM) and Honiara City Council (HCC); (ii) the need to prepare an implementation-ready project for efficient use of funds considering resource constraints; (iii) the significant support required to strengthen the enabling environment; (iv) the need for strong coordination; and (v) the importance of early and continuous engagement with beneficiaries. The PRF will create an enabling environment for the sector and for the ensuing project. It will support the government to achieve a high level of readiness for the ensuing project.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The Government of Solomon Islands has requested ADB assistance for solid waste management (SWM) for the first time. The request aligns with the recently approved SWM roadmap, the National Development Strategy 2016-2035, National Infrastructure Investment Plan 2013-2023, National Waste Management and Pollution Control Strategy 2017-2026, and HCC's Solid Waste Management Plan (2018-2027). The request also aligns with (i) ADB's Strategy 2030, specifically the differentiated approach for small island developing states and fragile and conflict-affected situations with the strong focus on enabling environment, and operational priorities on poverty (OP1) and inequality (OP2), climate change, disaster resilience and the environment (OP3), city livability (OP4), and governance (OP6); (ii) ADB's Pacific Approach 2021-2025, which emphasizes stronger urban services delivery; and (iii) ADB's Action Plan for Healthy Oceans and Sustainable Blue Economies.	
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Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome		
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs		
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Honiara	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects	The PRF has not been categorized in accordance with ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009) because the proposed activities consist only of consulting services and a pilot activity that focuses on waste collection services, with no civil works; therefore, the PRF does not trigger safeguards requirements.	
Involuntary Resettlement	The PRF has not been categorized in accordance with ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009) because the proposed activities consist only of consulting services and a pilot activity that focuses on waste collection services, with no civil works; therefore, the PRF does not trigger safeguards requirements.	
Indigenous Peoples	The PRF has not been categorized in accordance with ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009) because the proposed activities consist only of consulting services and a pilot activity that focuses on waste collection services, with no civil works; therefore, the PRF does not trigger safeguards requirements.	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design	The stakeholders and partners are consulted and engaged to ensure that outcomes in Honiara are coordinated and effective at improving SWM management in the city and its surrounding areas.	
During Project Implementation	Consultations with affected persons and other stakeholders, including nongovernment civil society organizations, are regularly held for information dissemination and update of project implementation progress.	
Responsible ADB Officer	Hampel-Milagrosa, Aimee	
Responsible ADB Department	Sectors Group	
Responsible ADB Division	Water and Urban Development Sector Office (SG-WUD)	
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Finance and Treasury	

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	07 Apr 2023
Fact Finding	24 Aug 2021 to 31 Aug 2021
MRM	09 Nov 2021
Approval	09 Feb 2022
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	04 Dec 2023

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
09 Feb 2022	07 Mar 2022	05 Apr 2022	31 Oct 2025	-	-

Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	3.32	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	3.00	23 Oct 2023	2.98	0.00	99%
Counterpart	0.32	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	23 Oct 2023	0.52	0.00	17%

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

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