



# Vanuatu: Northern Provinces Health and Treatment Project

Project Name	Northern Provinces Health and Treatment Project	
Project Number	53084-001	
Country / Economy	Vanuatu	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant	
Source of Funding / Amount	<b>Grant: Promoting Healthy Lifestyle Project</b>	
	Asian Development Fund	US\$ 4.00 million
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	
Sector / Subsector	Health / Disease control of non-communicable diseases and other priority programs	
Gender	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	Most of Vanuatu's population has access to basic health services for child and maternal health and for some communicable and noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) (mainly through development partner support). These basic services are, however, not meeting the increasing health needs and complexity of chronic disease management. The Ministry of Health is committed to expanding NCD services by delivering specialized NCD services through two clinics: one in Port Vila (opened April 2022) for the population in the south, and one planned for Luganville (on Santo Island, which is the second most populated island) serving the population in the north. The NCD clinics would relieve the burden of NCD management on the hospitals, while retaining a close coordination and referral pathway with the hospital to manage patients requiring surgical interventions. Having two NCD clinics would improve service delivery to local populations especially for patient surveillance, chronic disease management, and allow more targeted local health promotion.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The Ministry of Health (MOH) has requested the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to finance the second noncommunicable disease (NCD) clinic in Luganville. This request is supported by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (MFEM) and will complement health infrastructure upgrades by the government of Australia as part of the TCH response and bilateral program support by Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The project will support initiatives such as the WHO's package of essential interventions to prevent and control NCDs, and the Pacific Community's work on NCD prevention to inform project investments. The proposed project is aligned with ADB's Strategy 2030 priorities of addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities, accelerating progress in gender equality and investing in climate and disaster resilience. It is consistent with the Pacific Approach 2021-2025 priority of preparing for, responding to, and improving resilience to health shocks through stronger health systems by addressing the major disease burden.	
Impact	Health seeking behavior improved (National Sustainable Development Plan 2016-2030)	
Outcome	Noncommunicable disease burden reduced	
Outputs	Health service delivery strengthened Capacity to deliver essential health services improved Healthy lives promoted	
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
<b>Safeguard Categories</b>		
Environment		B
Involuntary Resettlement		C
Indigenous Peoples		C
<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		
Responsible ADB Officer	Mikkelsen-Lopez, Inez	
Responsible ADB Department	Pacific Department	
Responsible ADB Division	Social Sectors and Public Sector Management Division	
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Finance & Economic Management	
<b>Timetable</b>		

Concept Clearance	25 Oct 2022
Fact Finding	05 Aug 2024 to 09 Aug 2024
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	26 Apr 2023

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