



Project Data Sheet

Project 53045-004

Project Name Nuku-alofa Port Upgrade Project (Additional Financing)

Project Number 53045-004

Country / Economy Tonga

Project Status Approved

Project Type / Modality of Assistance Grant

Grant 0889-TON: Nuku-alofa Port Upgrade Project (Additional Financing)

Source of Funding / Amount Asian Development Fund US\$ 10.00 million

Grant 0890-TON: Nuku-alofa Port Upgrade Project (Additional Financing)

Government of Australia US\$ 20.00 million

Operational Priorities OP2: Accelerating progress in gender equality
OP3: Tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability
OP6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity
OP7: Fostering regional cooperation and integration

Sector / Subsector **Transport** / Transport policies and institutional development - Water transport (non-urban)

Gender Effective gender mainstreaming

Description The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved on 3 December 2020 a grant not exceeding \$45,000,000 to the Kingdom of Tonga from ADB Special Funds resources (Asian Development Fund) for the Nukualofa Port Upgrade Project (the ongoing project). The project became effective on January 2021 and the grant closing date is December 2026. The project will upgrade cargo wharves located in the Queen Salote International Wharf (QSIW) of Nukualofa Port, strengthen management and operations and improve the port capacity.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy The proposed project is suitable for additional financing as it is consistent with project results, government priorities, and the current country partnership strategy as included in the ADB Pacific Approach, 2021 to 2025, which emphasizes transport development and regional connectivity. The additional financing continues to be aligned with ADB Strategy 2030, which expands the focus on small island developing states to strengthen connectivity, access, and institutional capacity, while tackling climate change impacts and disaster risks, fostering regional cooperation and integration and addressing poverty and reducing gender inequalities.

Impact Safer, more reliable, and more affordable transport infrastructure and services provided in Tonga (Tonga Strategic Development Framework, 2015 to 2025)??

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome Capacity and operations of Nukualofa Port improved.??

Progress Toward Outcome Procurement support for the Nuku'alofa Port Upgrade Project is ongoing. Detailed engineering design for the Fanga'uta Lagoon Crossing Project is reaching completion and procurement (prequalification) has just started.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs Port infrastructure rehabilitated??International cargo wharves and supporting infrastructure extended??Port operations and management improved??

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location Nation-wide

Safeguard Categories

Environment C

Involuntary Resettlement C

Indigenous Peoples C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services Consulting services arrangements will follow the original project wherein ADB approved in July 2019 a Project Readiness Financing (PRF) grant to prepare engineering designs, update due diligence, and procurement support. A consulting firm (Haskoning DHV Nederland B.V.) was recruited under the PRF to undertake these activities. The PRF also supported the strengthening of the governments capacity on project preparation with the establishment in September 2019 of a Project Management Unit (PMU) under the Ministry of Infrastructure. These contracts included provisions that subject to the satisfactory performance of the consultants, the Government may single source the consultants for further downstream assignments. Advance contracting will be used to accelerate the recruitment of consulting services.

Procurement Procurement arrangements will follow the original project that includes a single civil works contract comprising all marine and land side works. Procurement method will be open competitive bidding (internationally advertised) with prequalification.

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Timetable

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Fact Finding -

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