Project Data Sheet

Project 56192-001

Project Name: Youth Skills Development and Employment Project
Project Number: 56192-001
Country / Economy: Marshall Islands
Project Status: Proposed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance: Grant

Source of Funding / Amount:
Grant: Youth Skills Development and Employment Project
Asian Development Fund
US$ 16.00 million

Operational Priorities:
OP1: Addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities
OP2: Accelerating progress in gender equality
OP6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity

Sector / Subsector:
Education / Non-formal education - social protection initiatives
Public sector management / Social protection initiatives

Gender:
Gender equity theme

Description:
The proposed project will support the Government of the Marshall Islands to improve young people's access to productive livelihoods and decent jobs and reduce harmful gender norms that inhibit young women's economic empowerment.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy:
Labor force participation in the Republic of the Marshall Islands is low, particularly for working-aged women. The country also has high youth unemployment higher for young women. Harmful social and gender norms impact women's economic empowerment. More recent government and development partner interventions has focused on formal education, with limited targeted interventions to support livelihood pathways for young women and marginalized or vulnerable youth.

Impact:
An enabling and sustainable environment built where all adolescents, young people and youth of the Marshall Islands develop their full capacity and potential to be independent and contribute meaningfully to sustainable development and peace for the nation, through strategic partnerships and collaboration with local communities, families, churches, government, non-governmental organizations, regional and international agencies

Outcome:
Access to productive livelihoods pathways for youth, particularly young women and marginalized youth, increased
Interventions supporting productive livelihood pathways for youth, particularly young women and marginalized youth, implemented
Harmful social and gender norms that inhibit young women's economic empowerment reduced
Capacity of government and civil society organizations to implement youth and women's programs strengthened

Geographical Location  
Nation-wide

Safeguard Categories

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Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design
During Project Implementation

Responsible ADB Officer  
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Responsible ADB Department  
Pacific Department

Responsible ADB Division  
Social Sectors and Public Sector Management Division

Executing Agencies  
Ministry of Finance, Banking and Postal Services

Timetable

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