Solomon Islands: Strengthening Country Safeguard Systems in the Transport Sector

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Project Number: 46045-001
Country: Solomon Islands
Project Status: Closed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance: Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount: TA 8217-SOL: Strengthening Country Safeguard Systems in the Transport Sector
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Strategic Agendas:
- Environmentally sustainable growth
- Inclusive economic growth

Drivers of Change:
- Governance and capacity development
- Partnerships

Sector / Subsector: Transport - Transport policies and institutional development

Gender Equity and Mainstreaming

Description:
The TA will support the Government of Solomon Islands to strengthen the country safeguard system (CSS) framework and implementation capacity in the transport sector.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy:
ADB's Country Partnership Strategy for Solomon Islands (2012-2016) seeks to promote equitable and sustainable development and prioritizes the transport sector. ADB's Country Operations Business Plan 2012-2014 includes this TA for strengthening CSS to help improve the design and implementation of transport projects. The TA will support the government to develop its CSS, particularly to strengthen the CSS framework and the capacity of key ministries in the transport sector. This will contribute towards effective management of social and environmental issues in both external and government funded projects. As a result, government agencies, consultants and contractors will be able to implement transport projects smoothly and in line with international best practices on safeguards and safeguards outcomes will be more consistent across projects.

Impact:
Transport projects are implemented in an environmentally and socially responsible manner.

Project Outcome:
Description of Outcome: Improved CSS framework and implementation capacity on environmental and social safeguards in the transport sector.
Progress Toward Outcome: Achieved.

Implementation Progress:
Description of Project Outputs:
1. CSS Review Conducted
2. Institutional Capacity Assessment Conducted
3. Action Plan for Strengthening CSS Framework and Implementation Capacity is Finalized
4. Training and Capacity Building Initiatives are Delivered

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues):
All outputs have been completed following discussion with stakeholders and participating agencies and a series of workshops. Revised documents will be uploaded to the ADB website.

Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design:
The draft TA proposal was discussed with the government, development partners, and stakeholders during fact-finding for TA in June 2012. The government strongly supports the proposed TA. Development partners and stakeholders also welcome this initiative as the TA will start a national dialogue among all relevant stakeholders on the CSS framework and will benefit all projects regardless of funding sources in the transport sector.

During Project Implementation:
The TA is continuing consultation and communication during implementation including establishment of a Working Group, identification of focal points in the three participating ministries, and delivering a series of workshops and awareness raising seminars. On an ongoing basis the TA outputs will be shared and discussed with the stakeholders.

Business Opportunities
The TA will require a total of 40 person-months of consulting services. Three international consultants (total of 15 person-months) and two national consultants (total of 25 person-months) will form the TA team. The international consultants will have expertise and lead TA activities in respective areas of safeguards (i.e., environment safeguards, resettlement safeguards, and legal aspect). National consultants will assist in CSS assessment, conduct of case studies in the transport sector, action planning, and overall implementation of the TA.

The consultants will be recruited through a firm and engaged by ADB in accordance with its Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2010, as amended from time to time) through quality and cost based selection method.

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