

# ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK MEMBER FACT SHEET



## Nauru: 2021 Commitments (\$ million)<sup>a</sup>

Product Type	Sovereign	Nonsovereign	Total	COVID-19 Response
Grants	5.00	–	5.00	–
Technical Assistance <sup>b</sup>	3.52	0.26	3.78	0.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.52</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>8.78</b>	<b>0.12</b>

– = nil, COVID-19 = coronavirus disease, DMC = developing member country, TA = technical assistance.

### Notes:

Commitment is the financing approved by ADB's Board of Directors or Management for which the legal agreement has been signed by the borrower, recipient, or the investee company and ADB.

Grants and TA include ADB-administered cofinancing.

<sup>a</sup> Numbers may not sum precisely because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup> Financing for TA projects with regional coverage is distributed to their specific DMCs where breakdown is available.

ADB's operations in Nauru focuses on infrastructure —particularly its main port and urban development —and public sector management, including fiscal sustainability, state-owned enterprise governance, and social protection.

## NAURU

As a single island measuring only 21 square kilometers, Nauru faces the challenge of developing new drivers of growth amid significant resource constraints. The Government of Nauru's income derives mainly from a regional processing center for asylum seekers and revenues from selling fishing licenses.

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and associated trade and travel disruptions have affected Nauru's supply chains—compounding the challenges that the country already faced because of its small size, distance from markets, and dependence on imports.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been supporting Nauru since 1991 with focus on improving fiscal sustainability, critical infrastructure, and service delivery.

To date, ADB has committed 23 public sector loans, grants, and technical assistance totaling \$93.4 million to Nauru. Cumulative loan and grant disbursements to Nauru amount to \$33.7 million. These were financed by regular ordinary capital resources, the Asian Development Fund, and other special funds. ADB's ongoing sovereign portfolio in Nauru includes 5 grants worth \$64 million.<sup>1</sup>

ADB's recent assistance to Nauru has helped address the country's considerable infrastructure needs, improve service delivery, strengthen fiscal sustainability, and enhance the performance of state-owned enterprises.

In 2021, ADB approved a \$5 million project readiness facility to finance the assessments, planning, and capacity building for the proposed Nauru Sustainable Urban Development Project. The ensuing project will improve household water supply, sanitation, and solid waste management.

## Nauru: Cumulative Commitments<sup>a, b, c, d</sup>

Sector	No.	Total Amount (\$ million) <sup>e</sup>	% of Total Amount <sup>e</sup>	COVID-19 Response (\$ million) <sup>e</sup>
Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Rural Development	–	0.12	0.08	–
Education	–	1.24	0.83	–
Energy	8	32.92	21.92	–
Finance	4	6.58	4.38	–
Health	2	1.51	1.01	1.51
Industry and Trade	–	0.30	0.20	0.06
Information and Communication Technology	1	15.17	10.10	–
Multisector	–	0.40	0.26	–
Public Sector Management	8	15.79	10.51	0.26
Transport	6	70.63	47.03	0.23
Water and Other Urban Infrastructure and Services	2	5.52	3.68	0.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>150.17</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>2.16</b>

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<sup>a</sup> Grants and TA include ADB-administered cofinancing.

<sup>b</sup> Includes loans, grants, and TA.

<sup>c</sup> Using primary sector in the reporting of commitments.

<sup>d</sup> From 2020, financing for TA projects with regional coverage is distributed to their specific DMCs where breakdown is available.

<sup>e</sup> Numbers may not sum precisely because of rounding.

<sup>1</sup> Sovereign portfolio consists of loans, grants, equity investment, and sovereign guarantee committed and not financially closed. Regional projects with loans/grants to multiple countries are reported separately.



A connectivity project is transforming the largely inoperable Aiwo boat harbor into Nauru's first fully functioning international climate-resilient port. The project is cofinanced by the Green Climate Fund and the Government of Australia, with the Government of Nauru providing counterpart resources. Complementary technical assistance is supporting institutional reforms to strengthen the capacity of the Nauru Maritime and Port Authority.

A solar power project is supporting Nauru's transition to sustainable energy by financing a solar power plant and battery storage system and strengthening the Nauru Utility Corporation's institutional capacity. It builds on ADB's earlier support through the Electricity Supply Security and Sustainability Project, which installed two fuel-efficient generators for the Nauru Utilities Corporation—reducing the frequency of power outages by 91% from baseline levels in 2015 to 2018.

**Operational challenges.** Nauru is a small and geographically remote country. This has historically led to a small and narrow economy, and associated challenges in implementing development assistance. Small economies of scale, logistical challenges in accessing goods and services, and capacity constraints all affect project implementation.

Accordingly, ADB's approach to programming in Nauru is flexible and responsive to its changing needs and emphasizes both capacity building and long-term engagement with domestic counterparts to ensure the sustainability of the results. In addition to infrastructure lending, ADB delivers technical assistance to support capacity building and the efficiency of project implementation, in close coordination with other development partners in the region.

## KNOWLEDGE WORK

ADB has supported the Nauru Bureau of Statistics to strengthen governance and enhance their capacity to produce economic information. This support will help Nauru in the preparation of its Household and Income and Expenditure Survey, which is expected to be made public in 2022. The ADB-supported Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility is helping the government develop national building codes that will specify minimum standards for the construction of buildings, including climate resilience.

### Nauru: Share of Procurement Contracts for Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects

Item	Goods, Works, and Related Services	
	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total
2020	6.00	0.03
2021	-	-
Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2021)	15.85	0.01

  

Item	Consulting Services	
	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total
2020	-	-
2021	-	-
Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2021)	0.50	0.00

  

Item	Total Procurement	
	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total
2020	6.00	0.03
2021	-	-
Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2021)	16.35	0.01

- = nil.

### Top 5 Contractors/Suppliers from Nauru Involved in Goods, Works, and Related Services Contracts under ADB Loan and Grant Projects, 1 January 2017–31 December 2021

Contractor/Supplier	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Others		6.09
Total		6.09

### Top 5 Consultants from Nauru Involved in Consulting Services Contracts under ADB Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects, 1 January 2017–31 December 2021

Consultant	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Individual Consultants		0.01
Total		0.01

## FINANCING PARTNERSHIPS

Financing partnerships enable ADB's partner governments or their agencies, multilateral institutions, and private organizations to participate in ADB projects. The additional funds may be in the form of loans and grants, technical assistance, and nonsovereign cofinancing.

Cumulative cofinancing commitments in Nauru:

- Sovereign cofinancing: \$50.64 million for 4 investment projects and \$3.41 million for 5 technical assistance projects since 1996

A summary of projects with cofinancing from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2021 is available at [www.adb.org/offices/pacific/cofinancing#nauru](http://www.adb.org/offices/pacific/cofinancing#nauru).

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

ADB assistance in Nauru will support ongoing investments to improve transport connectivity and urban development. Additional financing is required for the Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Connectivity Project because of higher costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ADB intends to support better water supply, sanitation, and solid waste management through the Nauru Sustainable Urban Development Project. A follow-on policy-based grant is planned to strengthen fiscal sustainability, state-owned enterprise governance, and social protection. New technical assistance will support the implementation of state-owned enterprise and social protection policy reforms and improve financial literacy among households and local communities.

ADB's country and regional programs will continue to provide flexible and responsive assistance to meet Nauru's development goals in support of a more sustainable growth trajectory.

## Nauru: Portfolio Performance Quality Indicators for Sovereign Lending and Grants, 2020–2021

No. of Ongoing Loans <sup>a</sup> (as of 31 Dec 2021)	2020 (\$ million)	2021 (\$ million)
Contract Awards <sup>b,c</sup>	–	–
Disbursements <sup>b</sup>	–	–
No. of Ongoing Grants <sup>a,d</sup> (as of 31 Dec 2021)		5
Contract Awards <sup>b,c,d</sup>	17.05	1.03
Disbursements <sup>b,d</sup>	8.82	5.95
At Risk Projects (%) (as of 31 Dec 2021)		–

– = nil.

<sup>a</sup> Based on commitments.

<sup>b</sup> Includes closed loans/grants that had contract awards or disbursements during the year.

<sup>c</sup> Excludes policy-based, results-based, financial intermediation/credit, CPRO (COVID-19 Pandemic Response Option), and cofinanced loans and grants.

<sup>d</sup> Includes only Asian Development Fund and other ADB special funds.

## Nauru: Independent Evaluation Ratings for Sovereign and Nonsovereign Operations, 2012–2021

	Total Number of Validated and Evaluated Projects and Programs	Evaluation Ratings		
		Highly successful and successful	Less than successful	Unsuccessful
Sovereign Operations	3	3	–	–
Nonsovereign Operations	–	–	–	–

– = nil, IED = Independent Evaluation Department.

Note: The numbers indicate sovereign operations in the country that have been validated or evaluated by the IED and their overall performance ratings. The coverage consists of all validated or evaluated project completion reports circulated by ADB within the 10-year period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2021. See [evaluations](#) related to Nauru.

Source: IED success rate database.

## Nauru: Projects Cofinanced, 1 January 2017–31 December 2021

Cofinancing	No. of Projects	Amount (\$ million)
Sovereign	4	44.14
Grants	2	41.31
Technical Assistance	2	2.84

## ADB AT A GLANCE

ADB is committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. It has 68 members—of which 49 are from Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside. ADB headquarters is in Manila, Philippines and has 43 offices around the world, with 3,693 staff from 65 of its members as of 31 December 2021.

ADB maximizes the development impact of its assistance to its developing members by providing financing and tailored knowledge solutions through policy dialogue and advisory services, among others. It mobilizes financial resources through cofinancing from official, commercial, and export credit sources.

ADB pivoted swiftly to answer the needs of its developing members and will remain agile and responsive in the years ahead. It has started to see the shoots of a green recovery, but the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and the outbreak of conflicts still threaten lives and prosperity. ADB will continue to work closely with members and development partners through these challenges to achieve a better future for all in Asia and the Pacific.

**ADB operations.** In 2021, ADB committed \$22.8 billion in loans, grants, equity investments, private sector programs, and technical assistance both to the public and private sectors of its borrowing members. ADB bolstered its total support with cofinancing of \$12.9 billion.

As of 31 December 2021, ADB's cumulative commitments in 45 countries stood at \$342 billion covering 4,061 loans, \$11.7 billion in 521 grants, and \$5.2 billion in technical assistance grants, including regional technical assistance grants.

In addition to loans, grants, and technical assistance, ADB uses guarantees and equity investments to help its developing member countries.

Total commitments in nonsovereign loans and equity investments from ADB's own funds in 2021 amounted to \$1.2 billion for 35 transactions in economic and social infrastructure, finance sector, and agribusiness.

In 2021, ADB mobilized \$1.7 billion of long-term project cofinancing and \$5.8 billion of cofinancing through its Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program and Microfinance Program. Total outstanding balances and undisbursed commitments of nonsovereign transactions funded by ADB's own resources stood at \$14 billion as of 31 December 2021.

## FINANCING PARTNERSHIPS

Total sovereign and nonsovereign cofinancing commitments, 2021

- \$12.93 billion for 187 projects, of which:
  - » \$12.38 billion, 75 investment projects,
  - » \$134.67 million, 110 technical assistance projects,
  - » \$422.87 million transaction advisory services for 2 projects.

Cumulative sovereign and nonsovereign cofinancing commitments, 1970–2021

- \$140.43 billion for 3,165 projects, of which:
  - » \$136.6 billion, 1,098 investment projects,
  - » \$2.8 billion, 2,061 technical assistance projects,
  - » \$1.07 billion transaction advisory services for 6 projects.

## PROCUREMENT

### ADB's Procurement Contracts, 2021

#### Goods, Works, and Related Services

ADB's procurement contracts in Asia and the Pacific for goods, works, and related services under loan and grant operations:

- \$22.93 billion in 2020
- \$15.6 billion in 2021
- \$232.16 billion covering 225,336 contracts, cumulative procurement since 1966

#### Consulting Services

ADB's procurement contracts in Asia and the Pacific for consulting services under loan, grant, and technical assistance operations:

- \$730.78 million in 2020
- \$697.03 million in 2021
- \$14.86 billion covering 71,348 contracts, cumulative procurement since 1966

## MORE ABOUT NAURU AND ADB

### Shareholding and Voting Power

Number of shares held:	426 (0.004% of total shares)
Votes:	39,540 (0.297% of total membership, 0.457% of total regional membership)
*Overall capital subscription:	\$5.96 million
*Paid-in capital subscription:	\$0.29 million

\*United States dollar figures are valued at rate as of 31 December 2021.

### Contributions to Special Funds Resources

Nauru contributes to the Asian Development Fund (ADF) and the Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF). The ADF provides grants to ADB's lower-income developing member countries. The TASF provides technical assistance grants to developing member countries to help prepare projects and undertake technical or policy studies.

Contributions to the ADF (committed):	\$0.3 million
Contributions to the TASF (committed):	\$0.07 million

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Annual Report  
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Asian Development Outlook  
[www.adb.org/publications/series/asian-development-outlook](http://www.adb.org/publications/series/asian-development-outlook)

ADB Data Library  
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Notes: (i) Figures are estimated by ADB unless otherwise stated. "\$" refers to United States dollars. (ii) Data are updated as of 31 December 2021 unless otherwise indicated.