The Asian Development Bank (ADB) recognizes Fiji’s vulnerabilities as a small island developing state. Engagement with Fiji has focused on economic recovery from the impacts of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and on building resilience to future economic shocks. Since Fiji joined ADB in 1970, ADB has been helping the country achieve these goals largely through investments in transport infrastructure, water supply and sanitation, and public sector management.

In November 2021, ADB reclassified Fiji from a group C to a group B country under ADB’s Graduation Policy. Since January 2022, Fiji has been eligible for technical assistance grants, concessional loans, regular loans, and various trust funds. In the event of a disaster, Fiji is also eligible for emergency response grants and emergency loans.

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ADB has been investing in the upgrade and rehabilitation of Fiji’s roads since the 1980s. Since 2014, investments in transport infrastructure have been cofinanced by the World Bank under a $100-million project that is rehabilitating and
resealing more than 300 kilometers of roads and is preparing detailed designs and feasibility studies for 3 jetties and 40 bridges that need to be rehabilitated or replaced.

ADB is financing investments to expand access to sustainable water supply in the Greater Suva area through an ongoing project—utilizing a $42-million loan from ADB, and cofinanced by the European Investment Bank and the Green Climate Fund. ADB is currently undertaking a review of development options for the Suva Port, including analysis of sites for potential relocation.

In 2020 and 2021, ADB provided grants totaling $3.4 million from the Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund to help address COVID-19, Tropical Cyclone Harold, and Tropical Cyclone Yasa. In 2022, ADB committed a $3-million grant funded by the Japan Fund for Prosperous and Resilient Asia and the Pacific to help strengthen the capacity and readiness of Fiji to safely reopen to tourists and rebuild the country’s economy following the COVID-19 pandemic.

ADB’s first private sector operation in Fiji was the Fiji Airways COVID-19 Liquidity Support Facility, a $65-million operation committed in March 2021 to help fund the company through the international travel downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and to support its return to profitable operation.

**Nonsovereign operations.** Total outstanding balances and undisbursed commitments of ADB’s nonsovereign transactions in Fiji as of 31 December 2022 was $20 million representing 0.16% of ADB’s total private sector portfolio.

**Operational challenges.** Fiji faces operational and implementation challenges similar to other Pacific island countries, with limited capacity and frequent staff turnover in key positions affecting both the public and private sectors. Accordingly, ADB initiatives in Fiji seek to deliver appropriate levels of technical assistance and capacity support to ensure effective implementation and sustainable results. ADB’s focus on improving project readiness and introducing risk-based procurement measures will help manage the key risks associated with the lending pipeline for Fiji.

ADB operations in Fiji are enhanced by the presence of the ADB Pacific Subregional Office in Suva. Domestic presence supports strong coordination and harmonization with other development partners, and significant analytical work has been done to enhance Fiji’s development prospects.

**KNOWLEDGE WORK**

ADB brings added value beyond its role in project financing. It provides advice to the Government of Fiji and supports policy reform in the areas of fiscal policy, public financial management, state-owned enterprise performance, private sector and financial sector development, and gender equality. ADB’s flagship publications, including the Asian Development Outlook and the Pacific Economic Monitor, provide key analytical work to support decision-making.

ADB also participates in joint missions with other development partners, including the International Monetary Fund’s Article IV missions, which feature robust discussions with the

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

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### Consulting Services

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### Top 5 Contractors/Suppliers from Fiji Involved in Goods, Works, and Related Services Contracts under ADB Loan and Grant Projects, 1 January 2018–31 December 2022

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### Top 5 Consultants from Fiji Involved in Consulting Services Contracts under ADB Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects, 1 January 2018–31 December 2022

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**Fiji: Ordinary Capital Resources Nonsovereign Commitments by Product**

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– = nil, OCR = ordinary capital resources.
government on strategic priorities and other critical issues that require coordinated support.

FINANCING PARTNERSHIPS

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

Cumulative cofinancing commitments in Fiji:
- Sovereign cofinancing: $598.17 million for 9 investment projects and $3.52 million for 5 technical assistance projects since 1992
- Nonsovereign cofinancing: $25 million for 1 investment project since 2021

In 2022, Fiji received a total of $126.6 million loan cofinancing from the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and a total of $61.7 million grant cofinancing from Australia and New Zealand for the Sustainable and Resilient Recovery Program; and $3 million grant cofinancing from the Japan Fund for Prosperous and Resilient Asia and the Pacific for the Enhancing COVID-19 Preparedness for Tourism Recovery.

A summary of projects with cofinancing from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2022 is available at www.adb.org/countries/fiji/cofinancing.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

ADB operations in Fiji are guided by a country partnership strategy that is endorsed by the government to ensure it reflects their priority assistance areas. The country partnership strategy, 2019–2023, for Fiji will help drive sustainable growth out of the COVID-19 pandemic. ADB will also help promote private sector investment and growth by investing in infrastructure, providing policy-based loans, and offering technical assistance to improve the business and investment climate. ADB’s engagement with the private sector will focus on innovative approaches and will be open to possible engagement in nontraditional sectors, where ADB’s private sector operations can have a highly catalytic impact, while paying due attention to the risks involved. It is anticipated that there may be investment opportunities in Fiji and regional opportunities with Fijian companies fostering regional cooperation and integration. Target sectors include renewable energy, financial institutions, transportation infrastructure, agribusiness, and health. ADB will seek to crowd in private sector finance, including from commercial banks and provident funds.

In 2023, ADB and the Government of Fiji will begin preparations for a new country partnership strategy for 2024–2028 to guide future engagement.
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 3,775 staff from 66 members as of 31 December 2022.

ADB maximizes the development impact of its assistance to its 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 met strong demand for its assistance in 2022. It unlocked greater resources for its members through the private sector and partnerships. ADB provided financing for climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives, education quality and access, affordable health care, and more sustainable and climate-resilient food systems. In 2022, 97% of ADB operations contributed to gender equality. ADB fostered greater regional collaboration on issues such as health threats and tax cooperation. ADB also responded to demand for tailored knowledge solutions from its members.

ADB operations. In 2022, ADB committed $20.5 billion in loans, grants, equity investments, guarantees, private sector programs, and technical assistance to both the public and private sectors of its borrowing members. ADB bolstered its total support with cofinancing of $11.4 billion.

As of 31 December 2022, ADB’s cumulative commitments in 45 countries stood at $358.4 billion covering 4,189 loans, $12.6 billion in 566 grants, and $5.5 billion in technical assistance grants, including regional technical assistance grants.

In addition to loans, grants, and technical assistance, ADB uses guarantees, equity investments, and private sector programs to help its developing member countries. Total commitments in nonsovereign loans, equity investments, and guarantees from ADB’s own funds in 2022 amounted to $11.1 billion for 37 transactions in economic and social infrastructure, finance sector, and agribusiness.

In 2022, ADB mobilized $1.7 billion of long-term project cofinancing and $3.3 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 $12.8 billion as of 31 December 2022.

FINANCING PARTNERSHIPS

Total sovereign and nonsovereign cofinancing commitments, 2022

- $11.39 billion for 165 projects, of which:
  - $11.2 billion, 75 investment projects,
  - $126.49 million, 87 technical assistance projects,
  - $60 million transaction advisory services mandates for 3 projects.

Cumulative sovereign and nonsovereign cofinancing commitments, 1970–2022

- $151.87 billion for 3,292 projects, of which:
  - $147.81 billion, 1,163 investment projects,
  - $2.92 billion, 2,120 technical assistance projects,
  - $1.13 billion transaction advisory services mandates for 9 projects.

PROCUREMENT

ADB’s Procurement Contracts, 2022

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:

- $15.23 billion in 2021
- $16.19 billion in 2022
- $247.06 billion covering 228,149 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:

- $706.65 million in 2021
- $535.61 million in 2022
- $15.45 billion covering 74,995 contracts, cumulative procurement since 1966.

MORE ABOUT FIJI AND ADB

Shareholding and Voting Power
Number of shares held: 7,218 (0.068% of total shares)
Votes: 46,332 (0.348% of total membership, 0.535% of total regional membership)

*Overall capital subscription: $96.06 million
*Paid-in capital subscription: $4.8 million

*United States dollar figures are valued at rate as of 31 December 2022.

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