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IRELAND

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is dedicated to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. Established in 1966, it is owned by 68 members—49 from the region—who have committed $296.28 billion in loans to the vision of a region free of poverty.

Despite the region’s successes, issues that remain to be addressed include poverty and inequality, climate change, growing environmental pressures, and large infrastructure deficits.

Ireland has contributed $499.48 million in capital subscription as of 31 December 2019. It has contributed and committed the equivalent of $115.05 million to Special Funds since joining in 2006.

Companies and consultants from Ireland have since been awarded $24.89 million in procurement contracts on ADB-financed projects.

In 2019, lending volume was $20.47 billion (133 projects), with technical assistance at $237.31 million (252 projects) and grant-financed projects at $844.07 million (31 projects). In addition, $11.86 billion was generated in commitments from sovereign and nonsovereign cofinancing.

From 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2019, ADB’s annual lending volume averaged $17.41 billion. In addition, investment grants and technical assistance funded by ADB and Special Funds resources averaged $702.60 million and $202.27 million respectively over the same period.

As of 31 December 2019, the cumulative totals excluding cofinancing were $296.28 billion in loans for 3,221 projects in 44 countries, $10.23 billion in 409 grants, and $4.72 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 (DMCs).

With headquarters in Manila, ADB has 44 offices around the world with 3,555 staff from 64 of its 68 members as of 31 December 2019.
FINANCING PARTNERSHIPS

ADB arranges cofinancing from bilateral and multilateral sources, export credit agencies, and commercial sources in the form of loans and grants, B loans, risk transfer arrangements, parallel loans and equity, guarantees, and cofinancing for transactions under ADB’s Trade Finance Program. Cofinancing brings additional resources to ADB’s project financing. In 2019, total sovereign and nonsovereign cofinancing commitments amounted to $11.86 billion for 185 projects, of which $11.64 billion was for 64 investment projects and $226.48 million was for 121 technical assistance projects. Cumulative sovereign and nonsovereign cofinancing commitments for the period 1970–2019 amounted to $109.46 billion for 2,842 projects, of which $106.99 billion was for 964 investment projects and $2.47 billion was for 1,878 technical assistance projects.

Trust Funds

Trust funds are key instruments to mobilize and channel external sources to finance technical assistance and components of investment projects. They play an important role in complementing ADB’s own funding resources. Initially, trust funds were established through single-donor channel financing agreements targeting a number of specific sectors. ADB has been increasingly switching to multi-donor trust funds covering thematic issues. A more recent development is the establishment of trust funds under theme-focused umbrella initiatives, called financing partnership facilities, which support priority areas in ADB’s long-term strategic framework, Strategy 2030, such as water, clean energy, regional cooperation and integration, urban sector financing, and health. Ireland has contributed to the following trust funds:

Single-Donor Trust Fund

- Ireland Trust Fund for Building Climate Change and Disaster Resilience in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)—established in 2019 to help increase SIDS resilience to disasters caused by natural hazards, and to the impacts of climate change. This fund also aims to help increase investments in climate change mitigation and adaptation among the SIDS.
  » Cumulative commitment: €12 million

Multi-Donor Trust Funds

- Gender and Development Cooperation Fund—established in 2003 to promote gender equality and women’s empowerment in Asia and the Pacific
  » Cumulative commitment: €0.8 million

- Governance Cooperation Fund—established in 2001 to improve transparency, accountability, predictability, and participatory aspects of decision-making in the public sector
  » Cumulative commitment: €0.8 million

NONSOVEREIGN OPERATIONS

As a catalyst for private investments, ADB provides financial assistance to nonsovereign projects and financial intermediaries. Total commitments from ADB’s own funds (in equity and direct loans) in 2019 amounted to $3.00 billion for 38 transactions in economic and social infrastructure, the finance sector, and agribusiness. ADB also actively mobilizes cofinancing from commercial and concessional sources. In 2019, ADB mobilized $3.28 billion of long-term cofinancing and $3.69 billion of cofinancing through its trade finance, microfinance, and supply chain finance programs. Total outstanding balances and commitments of nonsovereign transactions funded by ADB’s own resources stood at $13.78 billion as of 31 December 2019.

PROCUREMENT

Each year, ADB provides loans, grants, and technical assistance to fund projects and activities in its DMCs; and several billion dollars in contracts to procure goods, works, and consulting services. Most contracts are awarded on the basis of international competition, which is open to firms and individuals from any ADB member, regional or nonregional.

Share of ADB’s Procurement Contracts

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 totaled $12.38 billion in 2018 and $14.27 billion in 2019. Cumulative procurement since 1966 has been $194.28 billion covering 219,119 contracts.

In Ireland, two contracts worth $0.04 million have been awarded to contractors and suppliers since 2006.

Consulting Services

ADB’s procurement contracts in Asia and the Pacific for consulting services under loan, grant, and technical assistance operations totaled $706.15 million in 2018 and $745.02 million in 2019. Cumulative procurement since 1966 has been $13.4 billion covering 63,327 contracts.

In Ireland, 116 contracts worth $24.85 million have been awarded to consultants since 2006.

Ireland’s Share of Procurement Contracts for Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects

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<td>Consulting Services</td>
<td>4.63</td>
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= nil, 0.00 = less than $50,000.
Top 5 Contractors/Suppliers from Ireland Involved in Goods, Works, and Related Services Contracts under ADB Loan and Grant Projects, 1 January 2015–31 December 2019

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IND = industry and trade.

Top 5 Consultants from Ireland Involved in Consulting Services Contracts under ADB Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects, 1 January 2015–31 December 2019

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<td>Intuition Publishing Ltd.</td>
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<td>Individual Consultants</td>
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EDU = education, FIN = finance, PSM = public sector management, TRA = transport, WUS = water and other urban infrastructure and services.

ADB GOVERNOR
Paschal Donohoe is the Governor for Ireland in ADB.

ADB ALTERNATE GOVERNOR
Paul Ryan is the Alternate Governor for Ireland in ADB.

ADB DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR
Kris Panday (Canada) is the Director and Leena Viljanen (Finland) is the Alternate Director representing Ireland on the ADB Board of Directors.

ADB DIRECTOR’S ADVISORS
Marc Rooijackers (Netherlands) and Anders Ørnemark (Denmark), together with the Director and Alternate Director, also provide technical advice and assist interested parties of the constituency members in their contacts with ADB.

CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTED
The constituency that Director Panday and Alternate Director Viljanen represent on the ADB Board of Directors also includes Canada, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden.

ADB STAFF MEMBERS
As of 31 December 2019, there were five international staff from Ireland in ADB (four men and one woman), which represents 0.39% of the total international staff.

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