ADB’s assistance program for Viet Nam for 2024–2026 focuses on the country’s transition to a climate-resilient and sustainable economy, driven by the private sector and continued policy reforms.

### Viet Nam: 2023 Commitments ($ million)

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<th>Product Type</th>
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<td>453.16</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>5.35</td>
<td>472.21</td>
<td>477.56</td>
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**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.
- It comprises the amount indicated in the investment agreement, which—depending on the exchange rate at the time of signing—may or may not be equal to the approved amount.
- Numbers may not sum precisely because of rounding.
- Financing for technical assistance projects with regional coverage is distributed to their specific developing member countries where breakdown is available.
- ADB-financed commitments from private sector programs of which $439.89 million is short term (with maturity of less than 365 days).

### Viet Nam: Cumulative Commitments (b,c)

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<th>Sector</th>
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<th>Total Amount ($ million)</th>
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<td>16,489.09</td>
<td>960.68</td>
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<td>1,761.91</td>
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<td>31.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td>7,865.77</td>
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**Notes:**
- Includes loans, grants, equity investments, technical assistance, and private sector programs.
- Using primary sector in the reporting of commitments.
- From 2020, financing for technical assistance projects with regional coverage is distributed to their specific developing member countries where breakdown is available.
- Numbers may not sum precisely because of rounding.
- ADB-financed commitments from private sector programs of which $6.61 billion is short term (with maturity of less than 365 days).

### Viet Nam: 2023 Commitments ($ million)

- Strong headwinds from the global economic slowdown and a significant reduction in external demand dampened Viet Nam’s growth in 2023. However, the Government of Viet Nam was proactive in its policy responses to maintain macroeconomic stability and support economic recovery. The economy remained resilient with subdued inflation and improving domestic consumption. Viet Nam’s medium- and long-term economic prospects are promising, aided by sound economic fundamentals, a growing middle-income class, and expanding market access potential from multiple free trade agreements and partnerships.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) helps Viet Nam enhance climate-resilient transportation, promote sustainable urban development, improve rural connectivity, and reduce pockets of poverty in remote areas. ADB’s assistance portfolio also supports the country’s governance and institutional capacity and promotes gender equality, in line with the two pillars of (i) transitioning to a green economy and (ii) harnessing the private sector and promoting social equity, as stated in the country partnership strategy (CPS), 2023–2026.

Viet Nam’s vulnerability to natural hazards presents major risks to the country’s economy and infrastructure. Addressing climate change will remain at the core of ADB’s support program for Viet Nam, with the goal of supporting climate change adaptation and environmental sustainability, green development, digital transformation, and regional cooperation and integration.

In 2023, ADB approved an additional $1-million technical assistance project to help identify climate- and disaster-resilient projects for potential ADB financing, and to build capacity in preparing and processing projects for selected provinces. To strengthen the government’s economic
management capacity, ADB also provided $1 million in technical assistance for (i) macroeconomic monitoring, (ii) the planning and execution of public investment and external financing, and (iii) development policy formulation.

To support Viet Nam in meeting its commitments to achieve net zero by 2050 made at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow (COP26), ADB also approved a $7-million technical assistance project to provide policy advice and capacity building to nurture financial technologies which will help address persistent financial inclusion challenges and improve green banking practices.

As of 31 December 2023, ADB has committed 458 public sector loans, grants, and technical assistance totaling $16.5 billion to Viet Nam. ADB’s current sovereign portfolio in Viet Nam includes 28 loans and 2 grants worth $2.95 billion.1

Cumulative sovereign and nonsovereign loan and grant disbursements to Viet Nam amount to $12.79 billion. These were financed by regular and concessional ordinary capital resources, the Asian Development Fund, and other special funds.

Nonsovereign operations. Total outstanding balances and undisbursed commitments of ADB’s nonsovereign transactions in Viet Nam as of 31 December 2023 amounted to $939.74 million representing 7.96% of ADB’s total private sector portfolio.

Operational challenges. Despite continuous efforts to improve Viet Nam’s regulatory framework for official development assistance (ODA) in line with public investment regulations, considerable additional time and effort is still needed to obtain multiple government approvals due to frequently revised and complex regulations. ADB and other development partners continue to conduct dialogue with the government to help simplify ODA procedures. ADB also continues to actively build the capacity of executing agencies to improve project preparation and implementation.

The significantly higher cost of borrowing from ADB’s ordinary capital resources (OCR) in the United States dollars, compared to lower costs of borrowing from local markets and bilateral donors, has led to repeated requests for more grant and concessional resources. ADB will continue to explore blending regular OCR financing with available grant and/or concessional cofinancing. The bank also continues to consult with the government on the possibility of lending in lower interest rate currencies; however, the government has so far indicated an unwillingness to borrow in these currencies to contain foreign exchange exposure.

KNOWLEDGE WORK

The country knowledge plan for Viet Nam is an integral part of the CPS 2023–2026 and comprises ADB’s knowledge support to complement its lending operations in addressing the country’s evolving socioeconomic development needs.

Knowledge solutions delivered in 2023 include (i) policy support for the revision of the law on water resources, and technical review of the land law and the law on cooperatives from the ethnic

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1 Sovereign portfolio consists of ADB-financed loans, grants, equity investment, and sovereign guarantee committed and not financially closed. Regional projects with loans/grants to multiple countries are reported separately.
minority perspective; (ii) capacity-building programs delivered to government agencies on knowledge management and strategic planning, tax administration, statistics, public–private partnerships, and gender mainstreaming; and (iii) various research, including support for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Economic Surveys: Viet Nam 2023, and studies on digital and green growth, socioeconomic development of ethnic minorities, and development of women-owned small and medium-sized enterprises.

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 Viet Nam:

- Sovereign cofinancing: $4.6 billion for 61 investment projects and $147.82 million for 99 technical assistance projects since 1972
- Nonsovereign cofinancing: $15.23 billion for 26 investment projects since 1998

A summary of projects with cofinancing from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2023 is available at www.adb.org/countries/vietnam/cofinancing.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

The CPS 2023–2026 supports Viet Nam in fostering inclusive, green, and private sector-led growth, with the goal of becoming an upper middle-income country by 2030. The CPS and ADB’s updated pipeline for 2024–2026 closely align with Viet Nam’s strategic priorities for medium- and long-term post-pandemic recovery, including (i) addressing climate change impacts; (ii) improving the efficiency of the economy; and (iii) promoting a science-, technology-, and innovation-based economy.

ADB will strengthen its sovereign operations at both the central and provincial levels following the recent substantial devolution of decision-making on public investments to the provinces. ADB will provide integrated lending and knowledge solutions focused on climate change and private sector development. ADB’s operational approach in Viet Nam will continue with (i) a proactive provincial approach while focusing on national priorities; and (ii) promoting greater synergies among sovereign and nonsovereign operations, advisory services, and knowledge work.
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. Established in 1966, it has 68 members—49 from the region and 19 outside. ADB headquarters is in Manila, Philippines and has 43 offices around the world, with 3,894 staff from 65 members as of 31 December 2023.

ADB maximizes the development impact of its assistance to its developing member countries by providing financing and tailored knowledge solutions through policy dialogue and advisory services, among others.

As Asia and the Pacific’s climate bank, ADB reached its highest-ever annual financing for climate action in 2023: $9.8 billion, including $1 billion in nonsovereign financing.

ADB’s evolution is ongoing. Strategy 2030 is being updated; and a new operating model was launched midyear to increase capacity as the region’s climate bank, spur private sector development, provide a wider range of integrated development solutions, and modernize how ADB works. Major capital management reforms have also unlocked up to $100 billion in new funding capacity over the next decade. These initiatives strengthen ADB’s ability to help DMCs address urgent and accelerating development challenges and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

**ADB operations.** In 2023, ADB committed $23.6 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 $16.4 billion.

As of 31 December 2023, ADB’s cumulative commitments in 45 countries stood at $378.8 billion covering 4,324 loans, $13.4 billion in 602 grants, and $5.8 billion in technical assistance grants, including regional technical assistance grants.

In addition to loans, grants, and technical assistance, ADB uses equity investments, guarantees, 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 2023 amounted to $1.7 billion for 40 transactions in economic and social infrastructure, finance sector, and agribusiness.

In 2023, ADB mobilized $3.3 billion of long-term project cofinancing and $3.1 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 $11.8 billion as of 31 December 2023.

FINANCING PARTNERSHIPS

Total sovereign and nonsovereign cofinancing commitments, 2023

- $16.39 billion for 172 projects, of which:
  - $15.85 billion, 90 investment projects,
  - $103.66 million, 80 technical assistance projects,
  - $442.91 million transaction advisory services for 2 projects.*

Cumulative sovereign and nonsovereign cofinancing commitments, 1970–2023

- $168.27 billion for 3,421 projects, of which:
  - $163.66 billion, 1,238 investment projects,
  - $3.03 billion, 2,172 technical assistance projects,
  - $1.58 billion transaction advisory services for 11 projects.**

* Adjusted to exclude $36.71 million A Loans mobilized under transaction advisory services reported under nonsovereign operations financing, and $150.1 million cofinancing reported in nonsovereign projects cofinancing.

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PROCUREMENT

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

- $16.33 billion in 2022
- $13.98 billion in 2023
- $261.05 billion covering 231,117 contracts, cumulative procurement since 1966

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

- $553.94 million in 2022
- $530.31 million in 2023
- $16.04 billion covering 78,888 contracts, cumulative procurement since 1966

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**Shareholding and Voting Power**

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<th>Number of shares held:</th>
<th>36,228 (0.341% of total shares)</th>
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<td>Votes:</td>
<td>75,342 (0.567% of total membership, 0.87% of total regional membership)</td>
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<td>*Overall capital subscription:</td>
<td>$486.06 million</td>
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<td>*Paid-in capital subscription:</td>
<td>$31.54 million</td>
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*United States dollar figures are valued at rate as of 31 December 2023.

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