Niue is one of the world’s smallest countries, with a land area of 259 square kilometers and an estimated population of 1,862 people in 2019. Fiscal discipline, paired with large and predictable inflows of overseas development assistance, have helped provide macroeconomic stability for the Government of Niue. Travel restrictions associated with the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic have had profound impacts on the country’s tourism-dependent economy.

Niue faces significant barriers to sustainable socioeconomic development. Although access to basic services and per capita incomes are relatively high, structural vulnerabilities—stemming from a narrow economic base, elevated cost structures given remoteness, and disaster risks—result in persistent development challenges.

Niue became the 68th and most recent member of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in 2019. To date, ADB has committed 2 public sector grants and technical assistance totaling $4.3 million to Niue. Cumulative grant disbursements to Niue amount to $500,000, financed by ADB’s special funds. ADB’s ongoing sovereign portfolio in Niue includes 1 grant worth $500,000.

In March 2019, ADB approved its first technical assistance project in Niue to help improve the country’s public financial management. Through this ongoing assistance, ADB recruited an economist in 2022 to supplement the capacity of Niue’s Treasury Department for economic monitoring and analysis. The technical assistance also financed Niue’s 2021 Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability self-assessment, which in turn informed the country’s public financial management reform plan. ADB is currently supporting the implementation of this plan, while also providing assistance to the government statistician.

1 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.
In 2020, ADB provided a grant of $500,000 from the Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund to help the Government of Niue finance its response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ADB supported a pre-feasibility study to address operational and safety issues at the Alofi Wharf, Niue’s main port, and at the boat ramps in Avatele and Namukulu. The study provided the groundwork for improvements to the wharf and boat ramps, which will enhance regional connectivity and the climate resilience of Niue’s maritime assets. ADB anticipates providing additional support for an ensuing feasibility study.

In 2022, ADB commenced its assessment of Niue’s electricity system and energy sector plans to validate and make recommendations for ADB’s engagement in the country’s energy sector.

Niue benefits from regional technical assistance in line with the Pacific Approach, 2021–2025, including water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) activities. Following a rapid WASH needs assessment, a national WASH sector coordinator is helping government with implementation, including the development of a water safety plan and localized WASH campaign. In 2022, ADB analyzed Niue’s social protection indicators and prepared a report providing government with policy-relevant information on the social protection programs and their coverage and improving national capacity to manage these programs.

The Pacific Regional Infrastructure Facility is assisting in the preparation of Niue’s National Infrastructure Investment Plan 2030 and to build government capacity in national infrastructure planning and management. The Pacific Private Sector Development Initiative assistance to Niue focuses on assessing the feasibility of a national superannuation scheme for Niue, strengthening the Niue Development Bank, and supporting the Ministry of Finance to review the company law and develop an online business registry.

**Operational challenges.** Niue has experienced significant population decline due to outmigration, resulting in acute labor shortages, particularly in the tourism sector. The government is seeking to attract Niueans back to the island, while reviewing options to increase employer access to skilled labor in tourism and hospitality, such as through seasonal worker programs.

Niue has identified a significant pipeline of infrastructure investments, including upgrades and repairs to its roads, airport runway, and wharf. The combined value of these investments is equivalent to more than 200% of its gross domestic product.

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

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

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KNOWLEDGE WORK

Niue participates in ADB’s regional conferences and training programs to access regional best practices and improve the capabilities of its development practitioners. The country also benefits from regional technical assistance projects covering areas such as public sector management, private sector development, and infrastructure development.

ADB brings added value beyond its role in project financing. It acts as a knowledge broker by helping its members engage in regional issues, including climate change and ocean health. ADB publishes knowledge products on macroeconomic forecasting and public sector management in its Asian Development Outlook and Pacific Economic Monitor. The December 2022 edition of the economic monitor explored how ADB members in the Pacific could strengthen their post-pandemic social protection systems to help address long-standing development concerns and boost resilience to further shocks.

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.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Niue and ADB are in the early stages of developing an investment and technical assistance pipeline. The partnership will initially focus on leveraging regional technical assistance to determine critical areas for ADB investments such as in renewable energy, in building resilience to disasters caused by natural hazards, and in mitigating the impacts of climate change. It will also build government capacity to prepare for and implement such projects.

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**Niue: Portfolio Performance Quality Indicators for Sovereign Lending and Grants, 2021–2022**

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| At Risk Projects (%) (as of 31 Dec 2022) | – |

Note: Totals may not add up because of rounding.

* Based on commitments.

† Includes closed loans/grants that had contract awards or disbursements during the year.

‡ Excludes policy-based, results-based, and financial intermediation/credit loans and grants.

§ Includes only Asian Development Fund and other ADB special funds.

** Covers active projects as of 31 December 2022.
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's 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 $5.3 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 NIUE AND ADB

Shareholding and Voting Power
Number of shares held: 150 (0.001% of total shares)
Votes: 39,264 (0.295% of total membership, 0.453% of total regional membership)
*Overall capital subscription: $2 million
*Paid-in capital subscription: $106,000

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

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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 2022 unless otherwise indicated.