

# **2013 ADB Business Opportunities Fair**

**Pacific Department (PARD)**

**Education and Health Sector**

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# **PARD Education and Health Sector OUTLINE**

- Regional contexts and challenges
- ADB strategies
- PARD priorities/focus areas
- Ongoing projects
- PARD pipeline and future opportunities

# Regional Contexts and Challenges

- **Country coverage:** 14 ADB developing member countries (including Timor-Leste)
- **Large youth populations:** 30-40+% under age 15 (in 11 countries), average 20% for age 15-24
- **Challenges in delivering social services:** geographic dispersion, scattered populations, inadequate infrastructure, high costs of transportation, etc.
- **Weak capacity** of governments, limited private sector development
- **Limited economic opportunities** and reliance on migration: brain drain/loss of skilled workers

# ADB's Priority in Education and Health Sectors

## Education

- Higher education (distance learning, ICT, PPP)
- Technical and vocational education and training
- Quality education (primary and secondary)

## Health

- Support for health outcomes through infrastructure operation, governance and public goods
- Improving access and quality through partnerships
- Knowledge, analysis, and policy dialogue

# PARD Priorities in Social Sector Operations

**Objectives:** Developing future potentials and capacity of Pacific DMCs via improving education, health, social protection, and gender equity

**Approach:** Macro: Protection of social expenditures  
Meso : Strengthening capacity of social sector organizations  
Micro : Direct support to vulnerable

- Working in partnerships for complementary operations
- Understanding demand for skills & services
- Enhancing quality and relevance of services via partnership with private sector and NGO/CSOs

**Countries:** Micronesia (FSM), Marshall Islands, Samoa, Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Fiji (USP)

# Ongoing Social Sector Projects (1)

- **Samoa: Schoolnet and Community Access Project**
  - \$5.9 million grant; closing December 2014
  - Assist in developing the capacity of relevant divisions of the Ministry of Education, teachers, and students in ICT competencies to improve student learning outcomes
- **Samoa: Education Sector Project II**
  - \$30 million grant & loan; closing December 2014
  - Assist in equitable learning outcomes through development of a new curriculum and provision of teacher training that improve the quality of learning for students

# Ongoing Social Sector Projects (2)

- **Timor-Leste: Mid-Level Skills Training Project**
  - \$12 million grant; 2012–2016
  - Development of mid-level skills training in construction and automotive trades through partnerships with selected public and private training providers
- **Regional: Higher Education in the Pacific Investment Program**
  - \$2.6 million multi-tranche financing (MFF)
  - Assist the University of the South Pacific (USP) to expand its regional campuses in Kiribati and Solomon Islands and enhance ICT-based distance learning programs
  - Improve HE access through expansion of a regional dormitory facility in Fiji campus

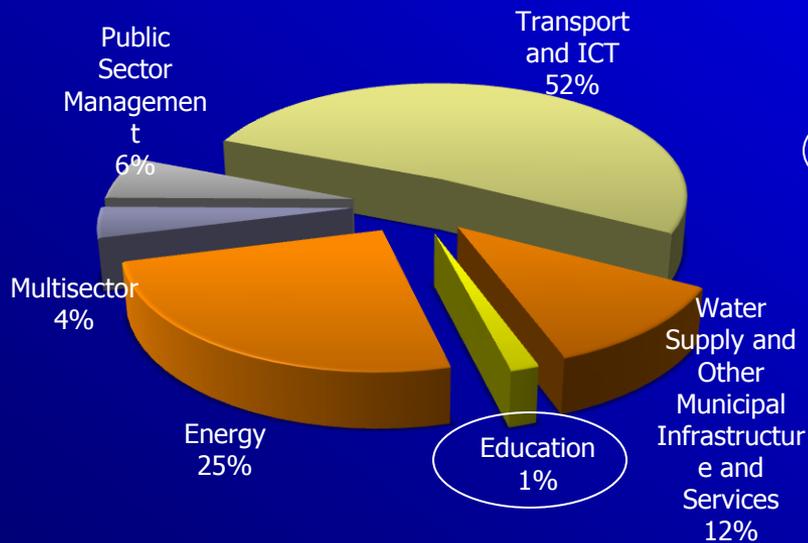
# Ongoing Social Sector Projects (3)

- **Papua New Guinea: Rural Primary Health Services Delivery Project**
  - \$81.2 million loan and grant; 2012–2019
  - Strengthen primary health service delivery in eight provinces via partnerships with private sector and church-based health centers
  - Improve health facilities and quality of services, community-based health promotion activities, health information system and monitoring, etc.
- **Regional: Social Protection of the Vulnerable in the Pacific**
  - \$3 million JFPR grant; 2010–2014
  - Provide direct social services through partnerships with NGOs and local governments (RMI, Cook Islands, Tonga)

# Pacific Portfolio

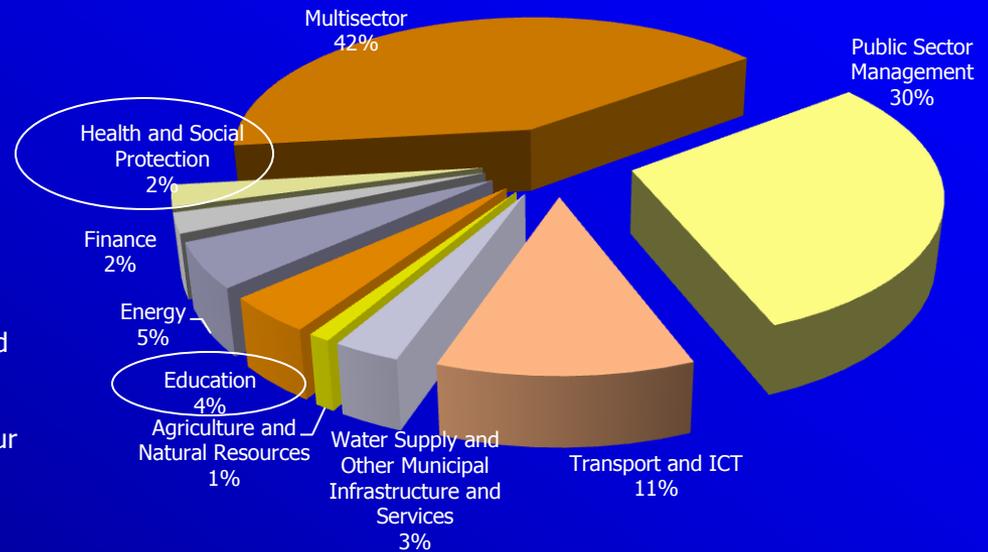
## 2013–2015 Pipeline

Pipeline by sector



**42 Projects**

Pipeline by Sector



**73 TAs**

# Upcoming & Future Opportunities (Non-lending programs)

- Regional TA : Quality Primary Education in the North Pacific
  - \$1.35 million
  - FSM, Palau, RMI (procurement in process)
- Regional TA: ICT for Better Social Services in Tonga and Solomon Islands
  - \$0.5 million (procurement to start in 2013)
- Regional TA: National Education Sector Support & Development
  - \$1.2 million
  - FSM, RMI (procurement to start in 2014)
- Regional TA: Support for Skills Strategies and Labor Market Analyses in the Pacific
  - \$1 million (under development)

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