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# Transport Sector – Pacific Operations

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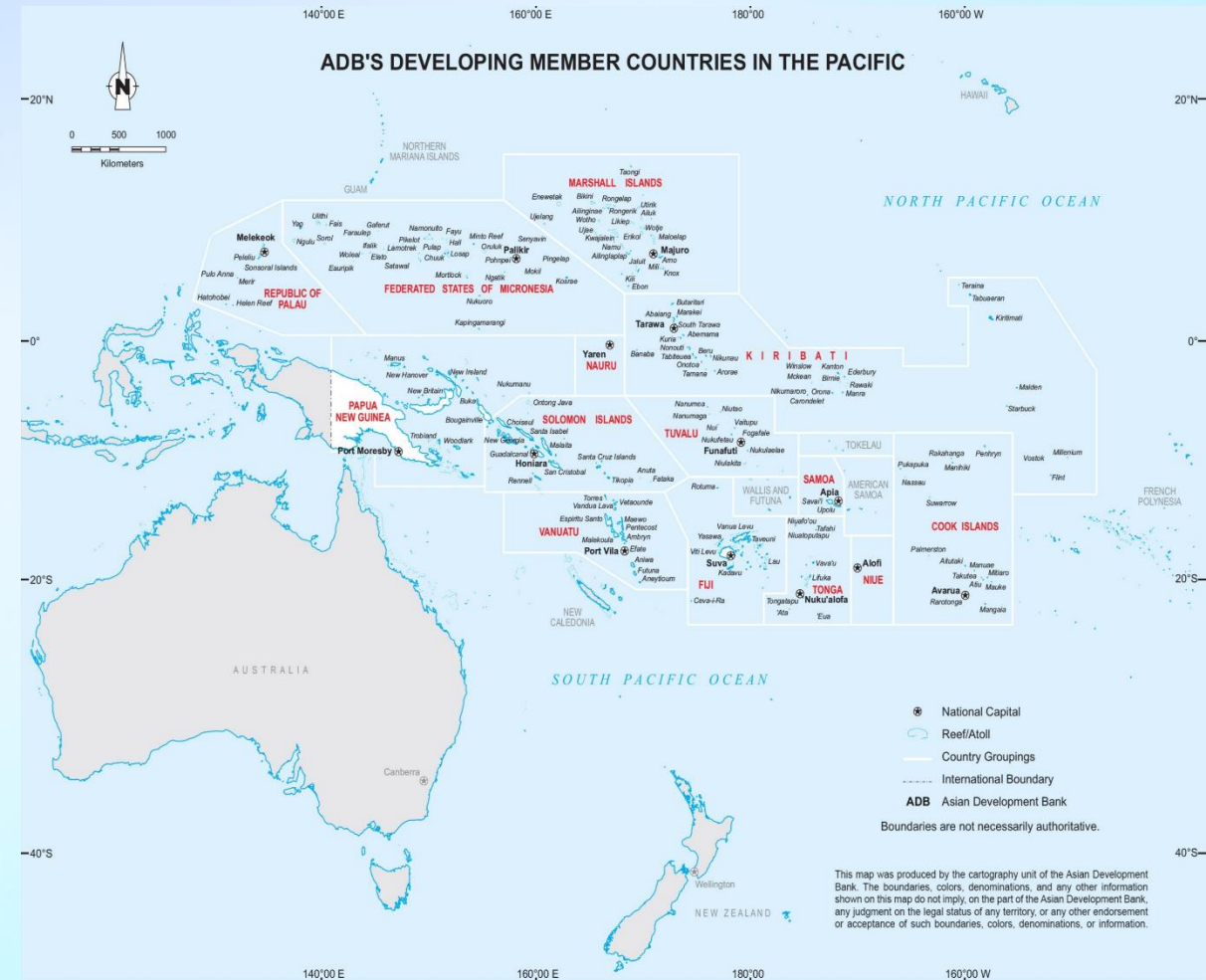
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# 14 Developing Member Countries in the Pacific

- Cook Islands
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Fiji
- Kiribati
- Marshall Islands
- Nauru
- Niue
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Samoa
- Solomon Islands
- Tonga
- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu





# Pacific Approach 2021-2025 Transport Sector Focus

Target	Key focus areas
Delivering Sustainable Services	<p><b>Quality infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Overcome ‘build, neglect, rebuild’ patterns</li><li>- Provide long term sector support for assets sustainability</li><li>- Support climate mitigation measures</li><li>- Align with Paris Agreement</li></ul> <p><b>Connectivity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Support the provision of transport connectivity for socioeconomic activities</li><li>- Strengthen intermodal transport and ICT</li><li>- Improve transport safety and security</li></ul>



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# Pacific Approach 2021-2025 Transport Sector Focus

Target	Key focus areas
Enhancing Climate and Disaster Resilience	<b>Climate resilience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Support climate change adaptation measures</li><li>- Strengthen institutional capacity of addressing climate change</li></ul> <b>Disaster risk reduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Support disaster risk management</li><li>- Support region's and/or individual country's response to disasters</li><li>- Expanding climate change supports</li></ul>





## Focus on Project Readiness

- **Increasing use of Project Readiness Financing**
  - Strengthening due diligence of project proposal.
  - Preparing engineering designs and bidding documents.
  - Enhancing the project quality and implementation readiness at ADB project approval.
- **Increasing use of advance contracting**
  - Bids are invited before ADB project approval.



## Pacific Developing Member Countries

DMC	ADB Transport Portfolio \$ million (as of Sept 2025)
Fiji	237.5
Federated States of Micronesia	29.9
Kiribati	33.6
Nauru	77.3
Papua New Guinea	1083.0
Samoa	107.3
Solomon Islands	123.3
Tonga	30.0
Tuvalu	95.4
Vanuatu	31.1
	<b>\$ 1,848.8</b>



## Pipeline Projects - 2025

Country	Project Name	Targeted Approval Year	ADB Amount (\$ million)
FSM	Preparing the Sustainable Transport and Connectivity Enhancement Project	2025	4.00
PNG	Transport Project Readiness Facility	2025	65.00
SOL	Transport Project Readiness Facility	2025	4.00
TON	Sustainable Economic Corridors and Urban Resilience Project	2025	80.00
VAN	Wharf Road Earthquake Recovery Emergency Assistance Project	2025	24.40
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 177.40</b>



## Pipeline Projects, 2026 to 2028

Country	Project Name	Indicative Approval Year	ADB Amount (\$ million)
PNG	Civil Aviation Development Investment Project III	2026	325.00
SOL	Land and Maritime Connectivity Project, Tranche 3	2026	52.00
TUV	Operation and Maintenance for Transport Investments (Phase 1) - Activity 1	2026	10.00
VAN	Maritime Development Project	2026	30.00
FIJ	Critical Bridges Resilience Project Phase 2	2027/28	100.00
FSM	Sustainable Transport and Connectivity Enhancement Project	2027/28	23.00
PNG	Mountainous Road Improvement and Resilience Project (MRIRP)	2027/28	200.00
COO	Rarotonga Airport Infrastructure Upgrade Project	2027/28	20.00
FIJ	Project Readiness Financing for Strengthening Transport Resilience	2027/28	10.00
PNG	Mountainous Road Improvement and Resilience Project 2	2027/28	200.00
PNG	Port Moresby Sustainable Urban Transport Project	2027/28	150.00
SAM	Climate Resilient Land Transport Connectivity Project	2027/28	12.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,132.00</b>

Note: Approval year and amount are and subject to changes.





## Technical Assistance, 2025 to 2027

Country	Project Name	Targeted Approval Year	ADB Amount (\$ million)
Papua New Guinea	Transport Sector Improvement (Phase 1) (attached TA)	2025	2.00
Tonga	Strengthening Urban Resilience, Sustainable Mobility, and Emergency Preparedness in Tonga (attached TA)	2025	1.00
Papua New Guinea	Transport Sector Technical Assistance Facility	2026	TBD
Papua New Guinea	Transport Sector Improvement - Phase 2	2026	TBD
Samoa	Supporting Road Transport Sector Management Project (attached TA)	2027	0.75
			<b>\$ 10.75</b>

Note: Approval year and amount are and subject to changes.



# Opportunities

Project Name	Country	Package Description	Amount \$ million	Method	Timing
Preparing Sustainable Transport and Connectivity Enhancement Project	FSM	Feasibility Study (FS) and Detailed Engineering Design (DED)	2.5	QCBS	Q42025
		Maritime Needs Assessment	0.6	QCBS	Q42025
		Several Individual International and National Consultants	0.44	ICS	Q4 2025-Q1 2026



## Opportunities (cont'd)

Project Name	Country	Package Description	Amount \$ million	Method	Timing
Wharf Road Earthquake Recovery Emergency Assistance Grant	VAN	Civil works package for wharf road rehabilitation and landslide protection	20	OCB- International (Design-build)	Q3 2026
		Construction tendering and supervision consultant	1.5	QCBS	Q4 2025
Maritime Development Project	VAN	Civil works for reconstruction of Simonsen Wharf	TBD	OCB- International	Q4 2025
		Construction Supervision Consultant	1-2	QCBS	Q4 2025

Note: Indicative only and subject to changes.



## Use of Regional Technical Assistance Facility

- Support multiple countries in the Pacific for project preparation and implementation.
- Swiftly mobilize required expertise to emerging needs.

TA Number	TA Title	Amount	Approved in	Closing in
TA9968	Preparing Projects to Enhance Transport Connectivity and Resilience in the Pacific	5.5 million	April 2020	August 2026
TA10023	Preparing Projects to Enhance Transport Connectivity and Resilience in the Pacific – Phase 2	5 million	December 2022	January 2028





## Issues/ Challenges

- Geographic dispersion and remoteness
- High construction and maintenance costs
- Vulnerability to climate change and disasters
- Weak governance and implementing capacity
- Financing and sustainability gaps
- Limited economies of scale



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# Thank You!

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# Appendix



## Vanuatu: Wharf Road Earthquake Recovery Emergency Assistance Grant

- ❖ The project is expected to rehabilitate about 1 km wharf road in Port Vila, Vanuatu partially damaged and blocked by the earthquake on 17 Dec 2024.
- ❖ The expected advertisement date is in Q4 2025 for the construction tender and supervision firm (one package) and in Q2 2026 for the design-build contractor (one package).

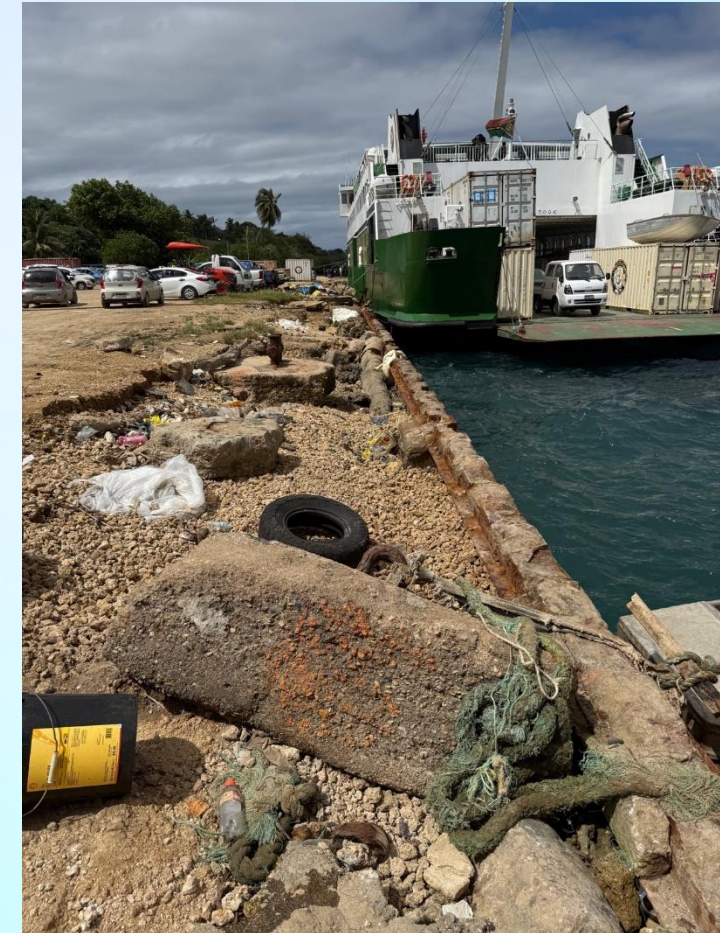






## Vanuatu: Maritime Development Project

- ❖ The project aims at restructuring the deteriorated Simonson Wharf at Santo Island. Santo is the economic engine of the country and the logistics hub of the northern area of the country.
- ❖ ADB, together with the MFAT of New Zealand, supported the detailed design and bidding document preparation of the wharf under the VISSP project.
- ❖ The expected advertisement date is in Q4 2025 with one civil works package and one CSC package.





## Samoa: Climate Resilient Land Transport Connectivity Project

- ❖ The project aims (i) develop the climate-informed road asset management system and (ii) strengthen the land transport connectivity's resilience against extreme weather events and disasters.
- ❖ Under the project, at least one civil works package and two consultant (firm) packages are expected to be procured. Their advertisement is expected to be launched in Q3 2026.
- ❖ Indicative approval: 2027







## PNG: Proposed Mountainous Road Improvement and Resilience Project

- ❖ The project will focus on integrating climate change adaptation measures and enhancing institutional capacity within the Department of Works and transport agencies. This will be achieved through the updating of engineering standards, design guidelines, and construction practices to incorporate climate change projections.
- ❖ **Proposed Procurements**
- ❖ **Civil Works Packages**  
Covering slope stabilization (retaining walls, shotcreting, soil nailing, geotextiles, and bioengineering), road elevation, and flood protection measures.
- ❖ **Management Consultancy Services**  
Recruitment of an international consultancy firm to assist the Department of Works and Highways (DOWH) in implementing the project, while also building institutional capacity within DOWH.
- ❖ **Construction Supervision Consultants**  
Recruitment of an international consultancy firm to administer and supervise civil works contracts.



## Civil Aviation Development Investment Project (CADIP)

- ❖ ADB is long term partner with Government of PNG and more specifically in aviation sector.
- ❖ CADIP I was completed in 2021 and CADIP II approved in 2022 is currently ongoing.
- ❖ ADB will provide financing for CADIP III for approval in 2026.
- ❖ The potential scope of CADIP III will include the upgrade of the airports, mainly extension and widening of runways and asphalt overly for strengthening the pavement, to accommodate the re-fleeting of Air Niugini.
- ❖ The scope will include about 8 airports, and the size of the civil work packages are estimated to be between \$30-40 million each.
- ❖ The civil work packages will be advertised later in 2026.