



Conducting remote corruption and fraud investigations and prosecutions in times of crisis

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## **Objectives**



Refresh your knowledge of ADB's Integrity framework



**Enhance awareness** of the mandate and activities of ADB's Investigations function

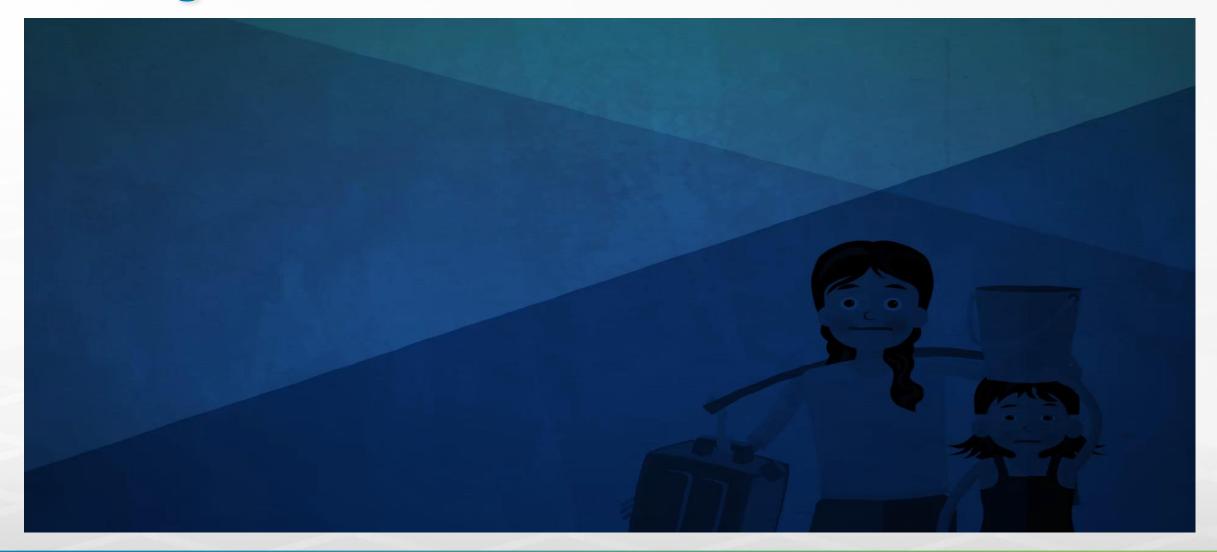


Discuss lessons learned from crisis investigations





# **Investigations and Remedial Actions**







## **Anticorruption and Integrity**

**Office of Anticorruption and Integrity** 

Prevention & Compliance

Investigation



**Integrity Due Diligence** 



**Initial contact** for allegations of integrity violations



**Proactive Integrity Reviews** 



**Investigate** allegations of fraud & corruption



**Technical Assistance** 



Promote **Knowledge-Sharing** 

OAI promotes **integrity** by investigating and sanctioning misconduct, **identifying and mitigating integrity risks**, offering innovative and practical solutions, and **influencing positive change**.









## Impact while Under Sanction

Current Contract **Future** Revariations tenders contracts instatement MAY OAI NOT NOT **AUTOMATIC CONTINUE APPROVAL PERMITTED** 





## Consequences of

# Integrity Violations

in ADB-financed Projects



#### Sanctions of firms or individuals

**Suspension** of the loan or grant allocations

Termination of loan or grant allocations

**Return** of misused loan or grant resources back to ADB

Changes of administrative arrangements

Request to investigate or change government staff

#### Cross debarment











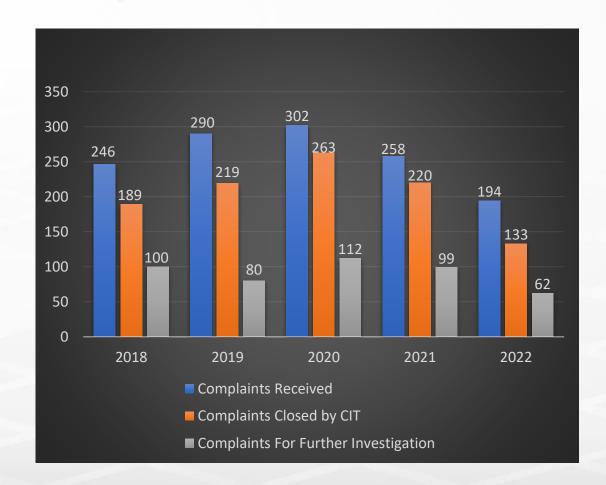
Reinstatement is **NOT automatic** 

Sanctions violation is an integrity violation

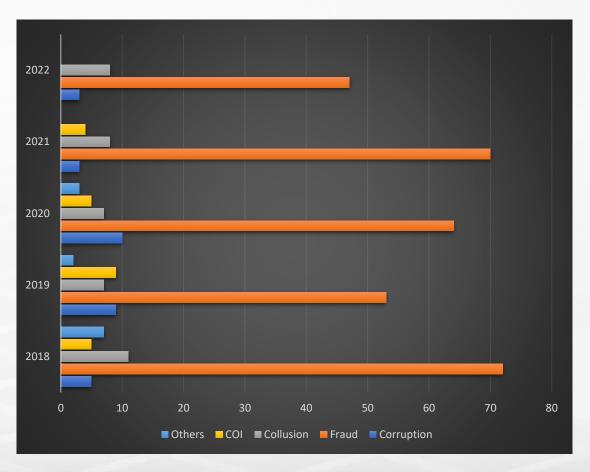




#### **Complaints Intake**



## Types of External Investigations

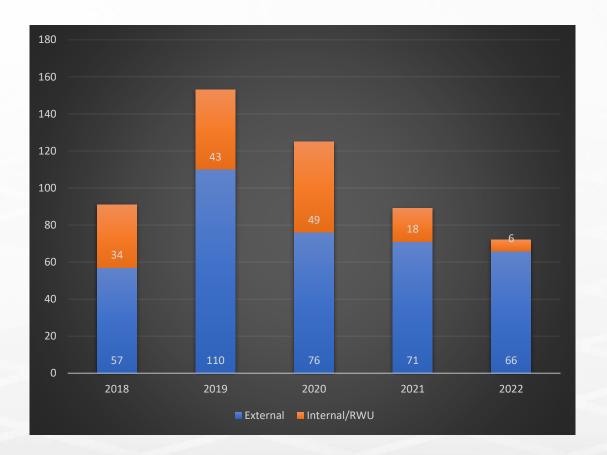


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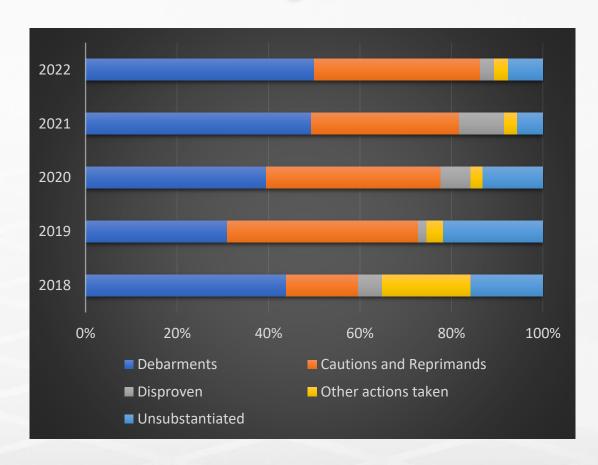




## **Closed Investigations**



#### **External Investigations Outcome**

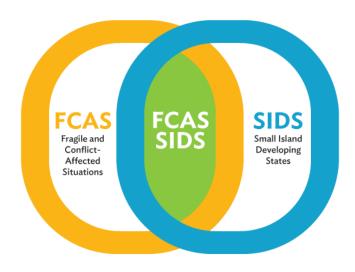


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## FCAS and SIDS



Afghanistan Lao People's Democratic Republic Myanmar Federated States of Micronesia Kiribati Marshall Islands Nauru Palau Papua New Guinea Solomon Islands Timor-Leste Tuvalu Cook Islands Fiji Maldives Niue Samoa Tonga Vanuatu

**Source:** https://www.adb.org/what-we-do/topics/fcas-sids/overview

#### **FCAS**

- political instability
- weak governance and institutional capacity,
- economic and social insecurity, and
- greater vulnerability to the effects of climate change and natural hazards

#### SIDS

- small size and remote locations
- narrow asset bases
- complicate public service delivery
- exposed to external economic shocks, natural hazards, and the impacts of climate change





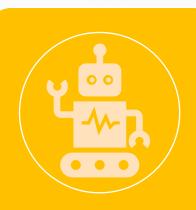
## New challenges affecting investigations



**Political** 



Economic



Technology



Changed rules of engagement



Due Process

**Investigation Challenges** 





### **Lessons Learned**

In-Depth "Classified" Radio Use of Remote Local Technology Experience Research Interviews Silence Partners Verification Retainer Provide every Remote **Traditional** with other **Advantages Meeting Tools** Firms opportunity, sources Evidence to Case **Alternate Employees** Use SocMed Management **Pitfalls** support sources claims **Systems** Remain **OCR Partners** flexible Monitoring **Tools** Adapt, Evolve OR Fail





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