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# Why Asia is a Region for Economic Growth and Business Opportunities

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# Why Asia and the Pacific?

- Fastest growing region.
- Scale + rising consumers.
- Supply chains are being re-wired (opportunity, not retreat).
- Deep regional integration.
- FDI remains resilient and increasingly strategic.
- Innovation & digitalization advantage.



# Growth is expected to moderate in 2026

Subregion/Economy	GDP Growth		
	2024	2025	2026
<b>Developing Asia</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Developing Asia excluding the PRC	5.1	5.4	4.9
<b>Caucasus and Central Asia</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Kazakhstan	5.0	5.8	4.5
<b>East Asia</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.1</b>
People's Republic of China	5.0	5.0	4.3
Hong Kong, China	2.5	3.4	2.6
Republic of Korea	2.0	0.9	1.7
Taipei,China	4.8	7.3	4.0
<b>South Asia</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.0</b>
India	6.5	7.2	6.5
<b>Southeast Asia</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.4</b>
Indonesia	5.0	5.0	5.1
Malaysia	5.1	4.5	4.3
Philippines	5.7	5.0	5.3
Singapore	4.4	4.1	2.1
Thailand	2.5	2.0	1.6
Viet Nam	7.1	7.4	6.4
<b>The Pacific</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.4</b>

# Current Regional Trends: A More Fragmented, Competitive Environment



- Rising geopolitical and economic volatility.
- Major-power rivalry reshaping trade and supply chains.
- Production shifting to build resilience.
  - Southeast Asia benefiting from relocation
  - India emerging as an alternative hub
- Localized conflicts increasing risk.

# What This Means for Developing Countries

- Balancing growth, resilience, and geopolitics.
- Trade uncertainty, higher financing costs, and fiscal trade-offs.
- Opportunities are shifting—not disappearing.
  - FDI is relocating
  - Infrastructure, energy, digital, and logistics are strategic
- Fast-adapting, open economies will capture investment and jobs



# Overview of ADB

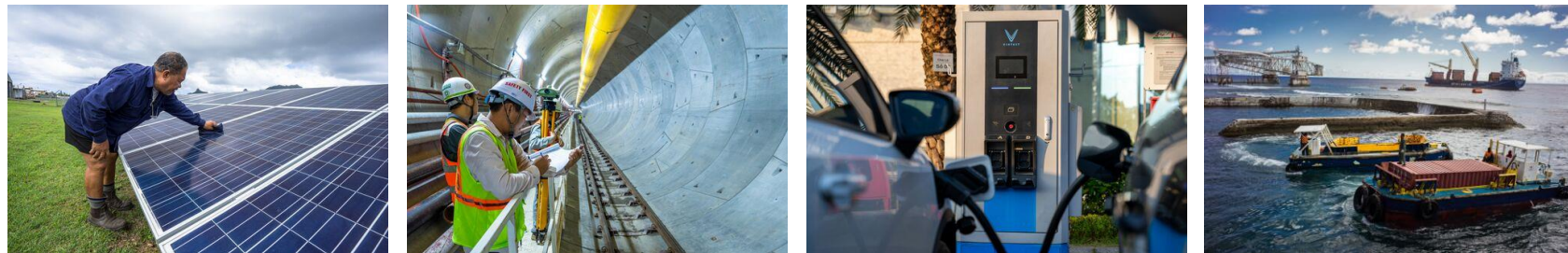




# ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

- Founded in 1966
- A multilateral development bank
- 69 members
  - 50 regional members
  - 19 non-regional members
- Japan and the United States are the 2 largest members
- Annual operations – \$29 billion (2025)
- Headquarters in Manila, Philippines
- 44 field offices
- Staff – over 4,000, including 1,500 internationally recruited staff

# ADB's LOCAL CHARACTER



- Focusing on Asia and the Pacific.
- Prioritizing support for small economies [fragile and conflict affected states and small island developing states (FCAS and SIDS)].
- Promoting regional cooperation and public goods.
- Developing domestic financial markets.

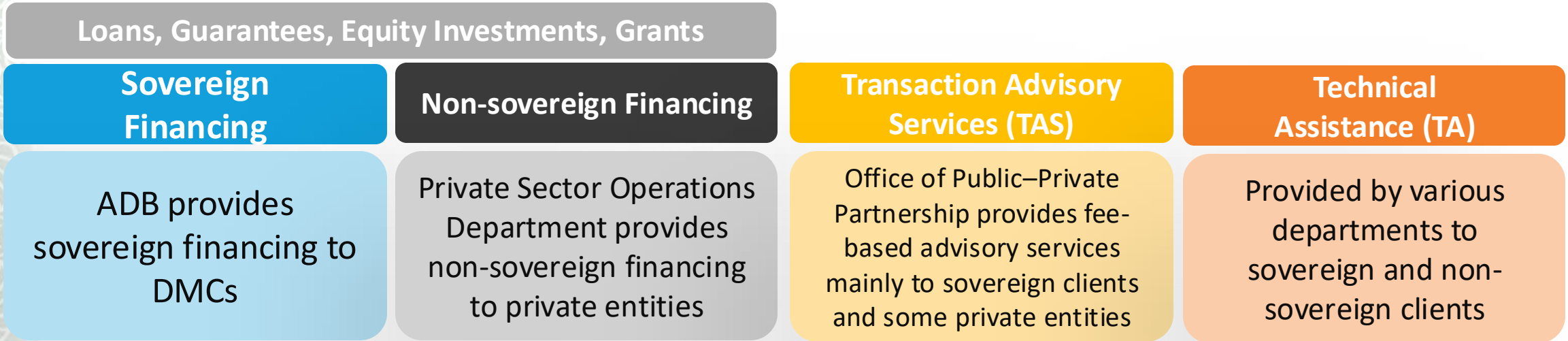
# ADB's CORE BUSINESS



- Finance
- Knowledge and technical assistance
- Partnerships and cofinancing

# Products and Services

ADB supports its developing member countries (DMCs) through:



## Funding Sources

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular ordinary capital resources (OCR) [Market-based]</li> <li>• Concessional OCR [Concessional terms]</li> <li>• Asian Development Fund (ADF) [Grants]</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TA Funds [Mostly Grants], Special Funds [Grants and Loans], and other Trust Funds [Grants]</li> <li>• Cofinancing [Loans and grants]</li> </ul> |
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# ADB's Lending Operations in 2025



# ADB's 2025 COMMITMENTS

TOTAL 2025 OPERATIONS

**\$29.3  
BILLION**



**\$29.0 billion** in loans, grants, and investments



**\$286 million** for technical assistance



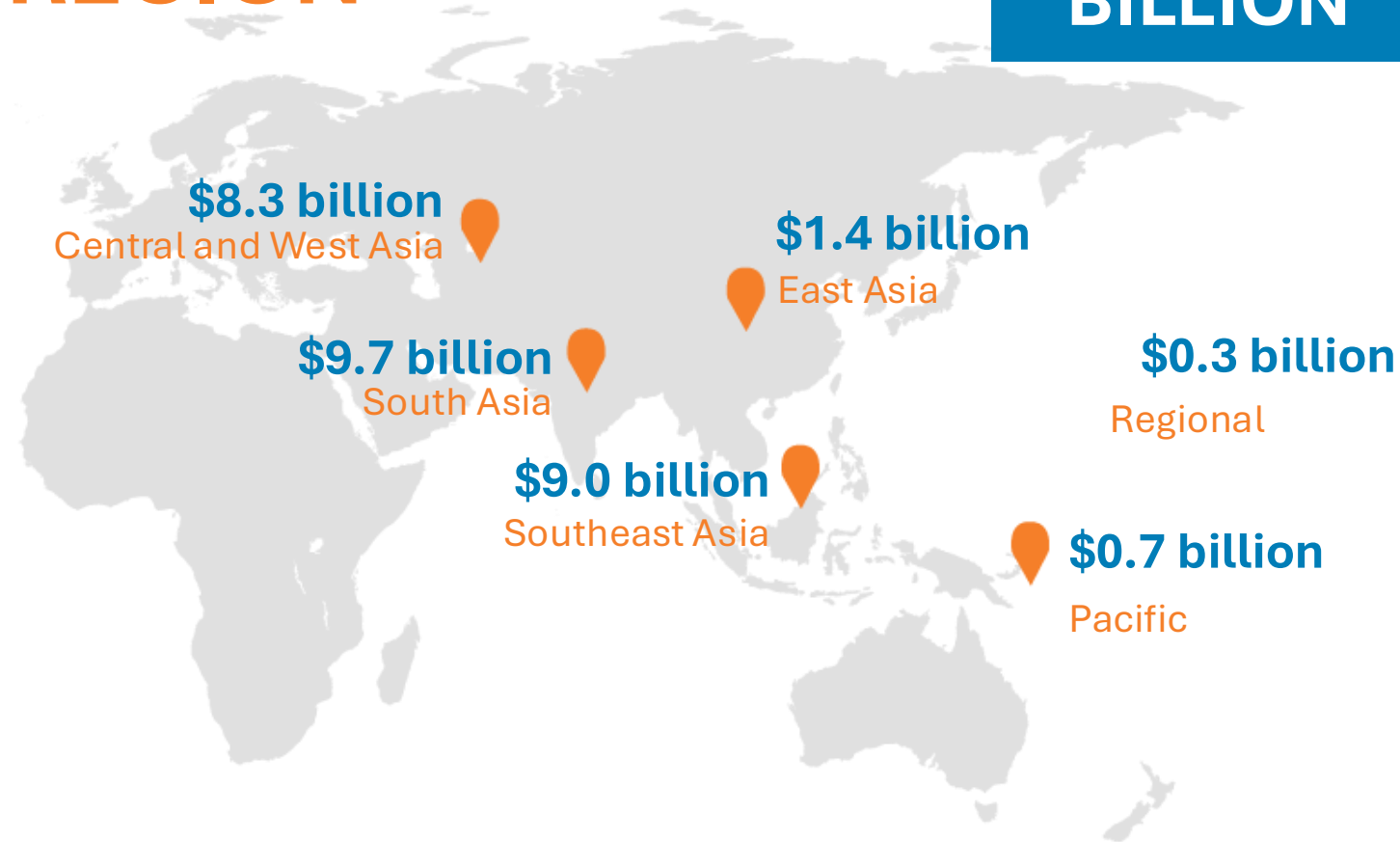
**\$14.7 billion** from cofinancing partners including Trust Funds

*Note: Figures are preliminary and subject to change.*

# ASSISTANCE BY REGION

TOTAL 2025 OPERATIONS

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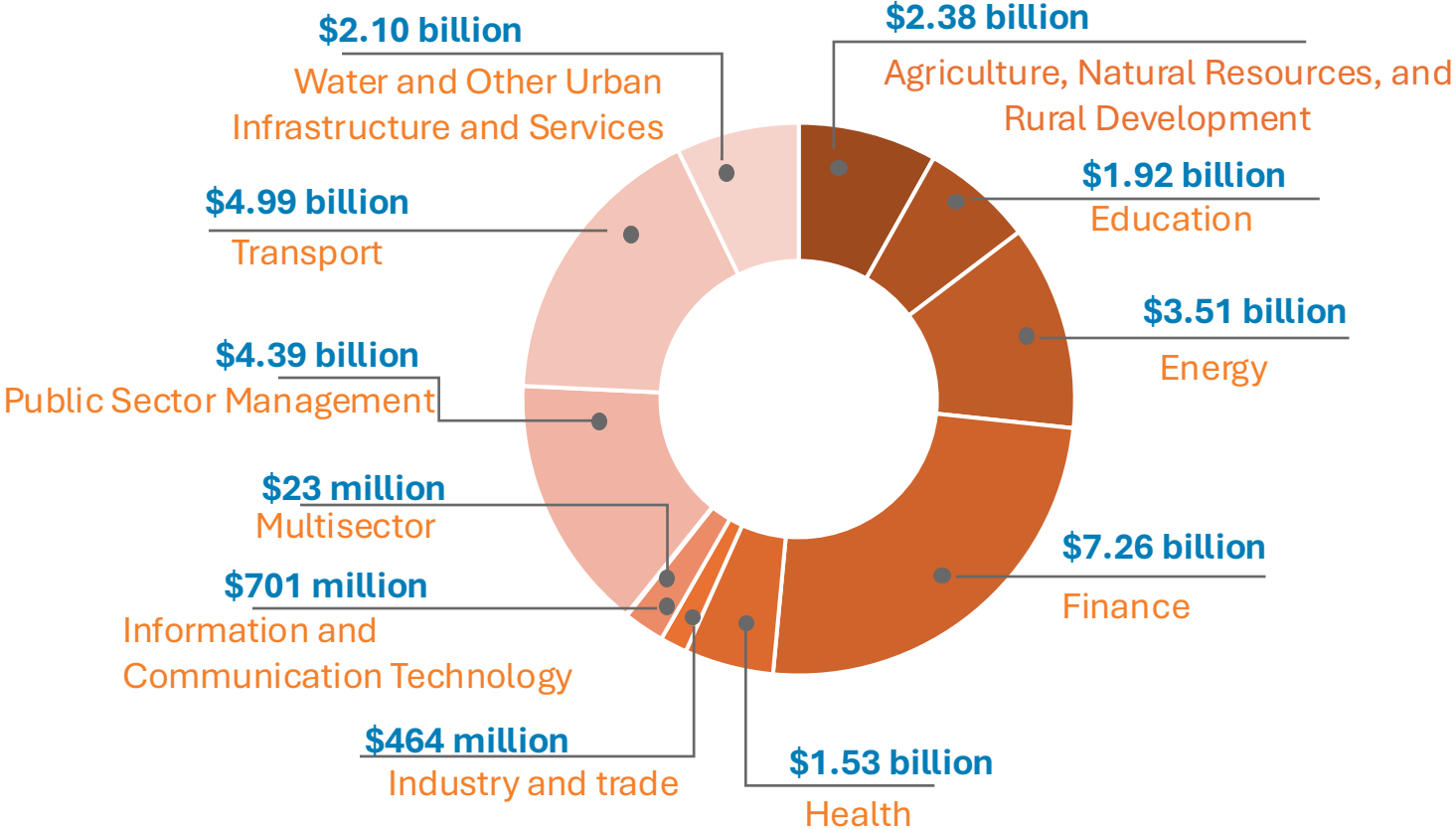
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# ASSISTANCE BY SECTOR

## TOTAL 2025 OPERATIONS

**\$29.3  
BILLION**

*Note: Numbers may not sum exactly due to rounding.*



# Why Hawai'i?

- US membership means business opportunities for US firms.
- Our work needs the quality and innovation of US firms.
- We are making substantial efforts to increase the presence of US firms.



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