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# Introduction to ADB Operations and Projects **PHILIPPINES**

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**Solving Complex  
Challenges Together**

# ADB in the Philippines



- **A founding member and the host country of ADB**
  - Shares: 252,912 (2.377% of total shares)
  - Votes: 291,459 (2.192% of total membership, 3.376% of total regional membership)
- **Biggest source of manpower of ADB – Out of nearly 4,200 employees, 50% are Filipino.** This doesn't include thousands of Filipino professional contractors, consultants, and administrative service crew.
- **Philippine Country Office (Philippine Resident Mission)** was established in 2000.
- ADB Governor for the Philippines is the Secretary of Finance, **Frederick Go.**
- ADB is the **second biggest source of official development assistance** for the Philippines after Japan
- The Philippines is ADB's **leading client for public-private partnership operations**, and is an important market for private sector partnerships

# ADB's Partnership with the Philippines

**PDP STRATEGY FRAMEWORK**  
Medium-term plan towards  
Economic and Social Transformation

**COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP  
STRATEGY (CPS) 2024-2029**  
Building towards a Prosperous  
and Climate-Resilient Future

\* PDP = Philippine Development Plan

**Promote Human and  
Social Development**



**PILLAR 1**

Intensifying  
**human capital development**  
through innovative solutions and  
sustainable social protection programs

**Expand and Upgrade Infrastructure,  
Promote Trade and Investments**

**Enabling Environment, Governance**



**PILLAR 2**

**Boosting Economic  
Competitiveness  
and Quality  
Infrastructure**

**Climate and Disaster  
Risk Resilience**



**PILLAR 3**

Building sustainable and  
resilient economies through  
**nature-based development  
and disaster resilience**

## ADB Value Addition



Capability to coordinate  
integrated solutions to address  
multisectoral challenges



Embedding climate  
action across all  
ADB operations



Catalyzing private  
sector-led  
development



Expanding partnerships with the  
development community and  
other stakeholders

# Crosscutting Priorities Across CPS Pillars



**PILLAR 1**  
Intensifying  
human capital development



**PILLAR 2**  
Boosting Economic  
Competitiveness  
and Quality  
Infrastructure



**PILLAR 3**  
Building sustainable and  
resilient economies through  
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## Digital Transformation

- Modernize government systems (e-government, digital public financial management, digital tax administration)
- Expand digital infrastructure to connect remote areas
- Promote shared digital infrastructure and attract private investment (broadband, towers, data centers)
- Strengthen policies and institutions for whole-of-government digitalization
- Support the Department of Information, Communication and Technology and agencies to harmonize sector digital efforts

## Governance and Institutional Capacity

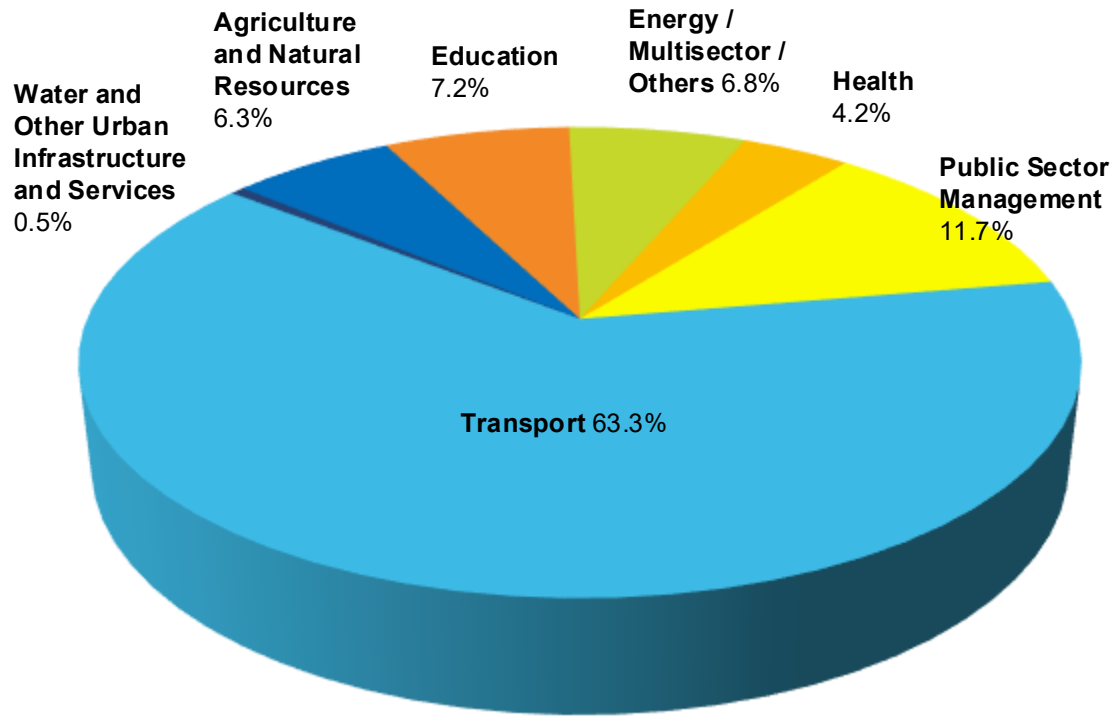
- Reduce women's time poverty through better workplace and care-support policies
- Integrate prevention of gender-based violence and sexual exploitation into all operations
- Address malnutrition and adolescent pregnancy through education, health, and social protection programs
- Strengthen gender-responsive climate and disaster policies

## Promoting Gender Equality

- Strengthen public financial management and digital governance to improve service delivery
- Improve procurement and budget execution, including e-procurement for large projects
- Advance local and national frameworks for private sector participation (PPP Code implementation)
- Build government capacity to plan, implement, and monitor reforms (including Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability, climate- and gender-responsive assessments)
- Support Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao institutions and regulatory systems

# Active Philippine Portfolio, as of December 2025

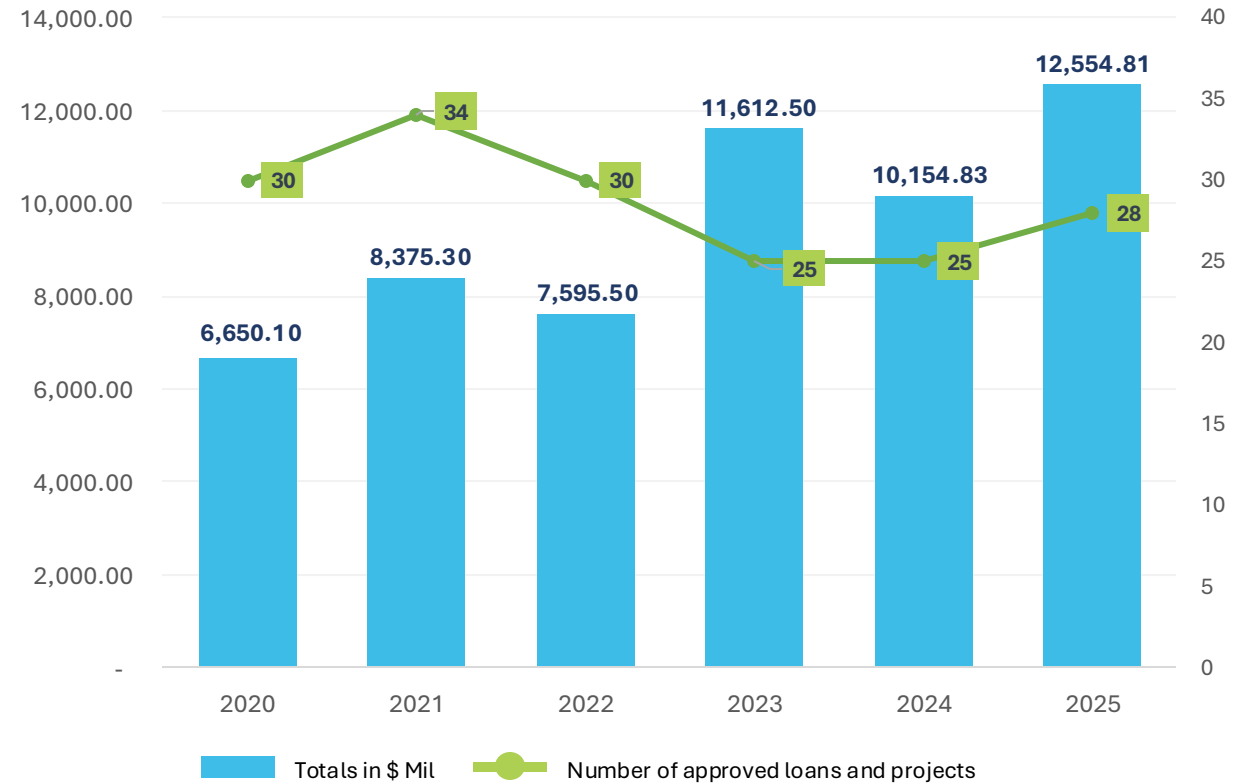
## Active PHI Project Portfolio



**No. of Projects: 28**

**Total Active Portfolio Amount: \$12,554 million**

## Portfolio Trend Committed Loans and Grants, 2020-2025 (in \$ million)



# Pillar 1 Intensifying Social and Human Capital Development

Critical to reducing poverty, and enhancing productivity



Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)



Walang Gutom (Zero Hunger)  
Food Stamp Program



Universal Healthcare



JobStart Philippines



# Pillar 2 Boosting Economic Competitiveness and Quality Infrastructure

A focus on **transformative infrastructure development** is already yielding dividends.



## **Infrastructure Preparation and Innovation Facility**

Gamechanger to ensure quality at entry and readiness.



## **North South Commuter Railway**

Largest ADB project in Asia Pacific region at \$7 billion.



## **Davao Public Transport Modernization**

First citywide public transport modernization in the Philippines with innovative social development aspects.



## **Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge**

Next longest and iconic bridge across Manila Bay.



# Pillar 3 Nature-Based Development and Disaster Resilience



Ayala Electric Mobility Ecosystem Project



Integrated Flood Resilience and Adaptation Project

**Accelerating climate actions** for resilient, low-carbon economy **through promoting sustainable energy.**



The Philippine Climate Change Action Program



Ayala Electric Mobility Ecosystem Project



Integrated Flood Resilience and Adaptation Project



Marine Ecosystems for Blue Economy Development Program



Second Disaster Resilience Improvement Program



Buskowitz Rooftop Solar Project

# Digital Transformation Initiatives

## **Expanding secure digital infrastructure to close access gaps**

- Infrastructure components in railway projects and transport modernization project in Davao
- shared towers and broadband investments supported through private-sector operations
- Government digital services

## **Supporting e-governance, digital ID, data governance, cybersecurity**

- Policy support to streamline business registration, regulatory systems, and digital public services

## **Integrating smart technologies across infrastructure and social sectors**

- Intelligent transport systems in railway and transport modernization project
- digital tools for food e-voucher

## **Upskilling workforce and enabling MSME digitalization**

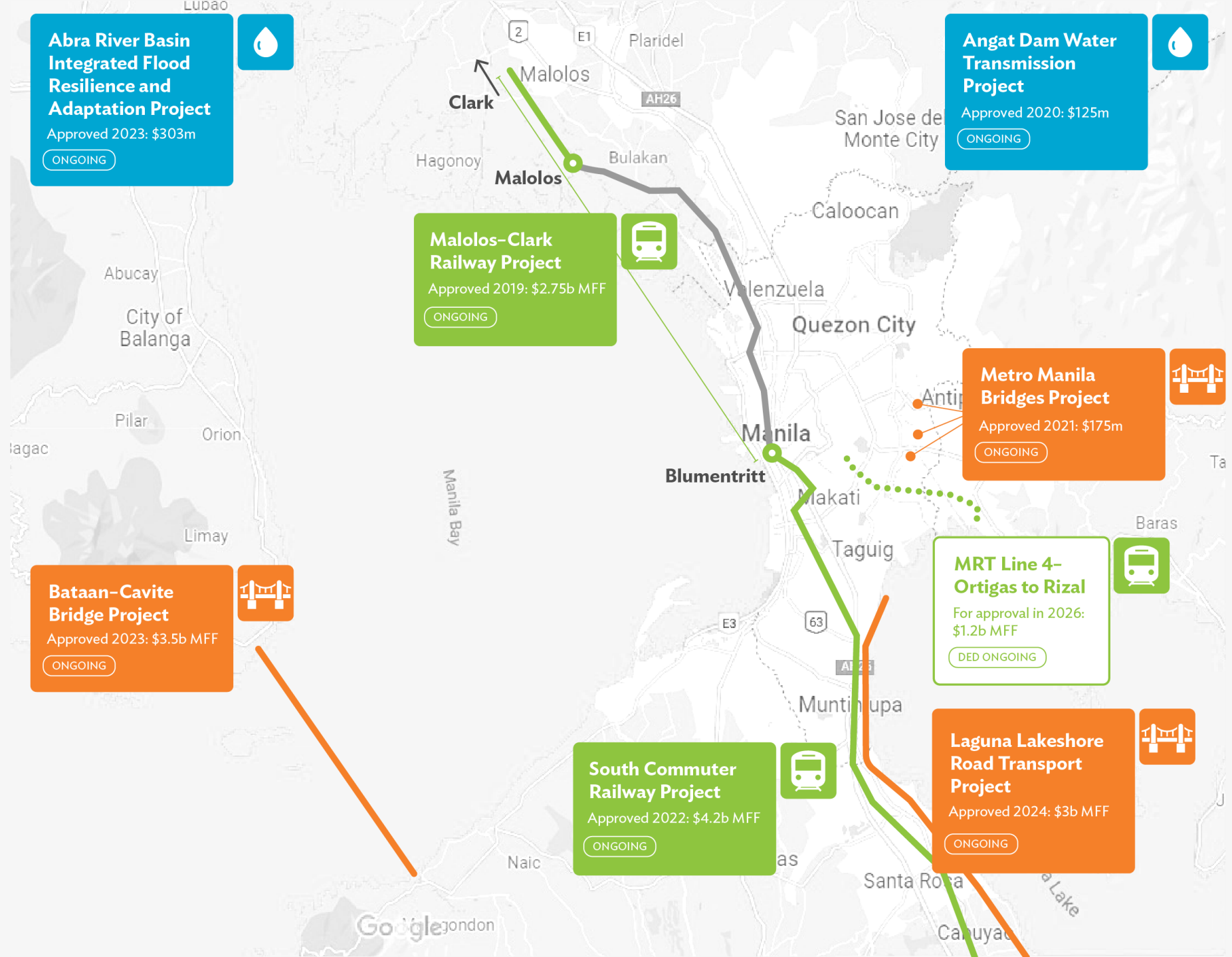
- Skills development initiatives under social protection and youth employment programs;
- MSME digital adoption support under ongoing policy operations

## **Expanding digital payments and financial inclusion platforms**

- expanding digital credit, payments, and financial access nationwide

# Infrastructure Projects in the Philippines

Metro Manila and Luzon Region



# Infrastructure Projects in the Philippines

Mindanao



# ADB is also supporting infrastructure development via Public-Private Partnerships and private sector cooperation.



NAIA rehabilitation and modernization



Maynilad Infrastructure Development

## Public-Private Partnerships

### Transaction Advisory Services

Prepare and structure PPP transactions for government agencies on a case-by-case basis, with fee repayment arrangements.

**Privatization of state assets:** Caliraya–Botocan–Kalayaan (CBK) Hydroelectric Power Project

**Hybrid O&M models for sovereign investments:**

North–South Commuter Railway, Davao Public Transport, Bataan–Cavite Interlink Bridge

**Hybrid O&M models for existing assets:** Ninoy Aquino International Airport rehabilitation, Automated Fare Collection System

## Private Sector Operations

### Investment Banking

Market Based Transactions

Transactions across a diverse set of sectors including power generation, renewable energy, transport and roads, digital connectivity, food retail, education, green and affordable housing, air transport, and investments in banks and private equity funds

# 2025 Commitments at a Glance

## 2025 Milestones

**\$4.15B**

ADB financing committed to support **social protection & jobs, infrastructure & connectivity, climate & disaster resilience, and financial sector reforms;**

**\$780M**

Sovereign cofinancing mobilized

### ● Social and Human Capital Development

- Reducing Food Insecurity and Undernutrition with Electronic Vouchers (REFUEL) Project
- Business and Employment Recovery Program (SP2).

### ● Boosting Economic Competitiveness and Quality Infrastructure

- Malolos–Clark Railway Project (Tranche 2)
- Business Environment Strengthening with Technology (BEST) Program

### ● Nature-based development and disaster resilience

- Marine Ecosystems and Blue Economy Program
- Disaster Resilience Improvement Program
- Insurance Sector Reform Program.

### ● Private Sector Development and Capital Mobilization

- \$145 million cornerstone investment in **Maynilad Water Services Inc** to expand and modernize water and wastewater infrastructure in Metro Manila
- \$30 million loan to **Fuse (GCash)** to broaden financial inclusion nationwide
- Privatization of the **Caliraya-Botocan-Kalayaan (CBK) Hydroelectric Power Plants**, raising \$700 million in private sector financing with ADB as transaction advisor.

# Supporting Current PHI Priorities, 2026-2028

Education	Health	Social Protection and Resilience	Food Security	Jobs	Infrastructure Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Strengthening the PHI <b>science education system</b> to improve STEM learning</li> <li>✓ Enhancing facilities in local universities and colleges to <b>drive industry-led learning and innovation</b> focused on priority and high-value industry sectors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Policy support to secure <b>universal access to health care services</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Improving health facilities</b> in key regional hospitals to provide specialized services, including urgent care</li> <li>✓ Forming <b>medical schools</b> in state universities to provide additional health services and develop a pipeline of health professionals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Flood resilience and adaptation</b> through nature-based solutions</li> <li>✓ <b>Eradicating hunger and malnutrition</b></li> <li>✓ Conditional cash transfers <b>targeting the poorest</b> population</li> <li>✓ Strengthening the <b>insurance</b> sector</li> <li>✓ Building <b>local resilience</b> by reducing exposure of communities to nature-based hazards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Supporting agriculture SMEs</b> through logistics and green technology investments, certification, access to capital, green technology, and expanded operations</li> <li>✓ Policy support to promote a <b>sustainable blue economy</b> through integrated marine and coastal management</li> <li>✓ Resilient and efficient <b>irrigation</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Policy support for <b>skills development</b> to sustainably respond to a future-ready economy</li> <li>✓ Policy support to strengthen the <b>business environment with technology</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Accelerating <b>implementation of infrastructure flagship projects</b></li> <li>✓ Promoting <b>public mass transportation</b> solutions</li> <li>✓ Improving <b>connectivity between economic growth areas</b></li> </ul>

## Support to Other Priorities

- **Energy security** through de-risking geothermal resource exploration, expanding electrification investments nationwide, supporting energy efficiency in government facilities, grid expansion
- **Digital transformation** through investments in government cloud and national data centers



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