

# ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK MEMBER FACT SHEET

## Samoa: 2020 Loans, Grants, Equity Investments, Technical Assistance, and Trade and Supply Chain Finance and Microfinance Program Commitments (\$ million)<sup>a</sup>

Product Type	Sovereign	Nonsovereign	Total
Grants	71.50	–	71.50
Technical Assistance <sup>b</sup>	6.41	0.42	6.83
Trade and Supply Chain Finance and Microfinance <sup>c</sup>	–	0.22	0.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>77.91</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>78.55</b>

– = nil, DMC = developing member country, TA = technical assistance.

Notes:

Commitment is the financing approved by ADB's Board of Directors or Management for which the legal agreement has been signed by the borrower, recipient, or the investee company and ADB.

Grants and TA include ADB-administered cofinancing.

<sup>a</sup> Numbers may not sum precisely because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup> Financing for TA projects with regional coverage is distributed to their specific DMCs where breakdown is available.

<sup>c</sup> ADB-financed commitments from nonsovereign revolving programs of which \$221.41 thousand is short-term.

## Samoa: Cumulative Loans, Grants, Equity Investments, Technical Assistance, and Trade and Supply Chain Finance and Microfinance Program Commitments<sup>a, b, c, d</sup>

Sector	Total No.	Total Amount (\$ million) <sup>a</sup>	% of Total Amount <sup>c</sup>	COVID-19 Response (\$ million) <sup>e</sup>
<b>Projects and Technical Assistance</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>506.55</b>	<b>99.89</b>	<b>34.89</b>
Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Rural Development	26	42.16	8.31	–
Education	10	35.03	6.91	–
Energy	34	107.25	21.15	–
Finance	16	28.24	5.57	0.50
Health	2	11.12	2.19	3.62
Industry and Trade	4	4.67	0.92	0.21
Information and Communication Technology	2	31.04	6.12	–
Multisector	8	41.33	8.15	–
Public Sector Management	34	66.99	13.21	30.36
Transport	11	120.63	23.79	–
Water and Other Urban Infrastructure and Services	10	18.08	3.56	0.20
<b>Trade and Supply Chain Finance and Microfinance<sup>f</sup></b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.22</b>
Finance	13	0.29	0.06	0.11
Industry and Trade	10	0.29	0.06	0.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>507.13</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>35.11</b>

– = nil, COVID-19 = coronavirus disease, DMC = developing member country, TA = technical assistance.

<sup>a</sup> Grants and TA include ADB-administered cofinancing.

<sup>b</sup> Includes sovereign and nonsovereign loans and technical assistance.

<sup>c</sup> Using primary sector in reporting of commitments.

<sup>d</sup> Financing for TA projects with regional coverage is distributed to their specific DMCs where breakdown is available.

<sup>e</sup> Numbers may not sum precisely because of rounding.

<sup>f</sup> ADB-financed commitments from nonsovereign revolving programs of which \$577.43 thousand is short-term.

Beyond COVID-19 recovery, ADB assistance to Samoa will focus on energy investments, upgrading port facilities, constructing climate-resilient roads, and fostering private enterprise to create more jobs.

## SAMOA

With a landmass of 2,934 square kilometers spread across two main islands (Savaii and Upolu) and several smaller ones, Samoa is dependent on fisheries and agricultural products for exports while importing most of its fuel and commodities. Approximately 70% of the population lives in rural areas and the majority of the workforce is engaged in subsistence activities.

Core development constraints include geographic isolation, capacity constraints in the public and private sectors, and high exposure to natural disasters and the effects of climate change.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has assisted Samoa since 1966, with investments in critical infrastructure and support for policy reforms, public financial management, and increased climate resilience. Samoa has made strong progress on achieving development priorities relating to poverty, gender, health, education, and environmental sustainability.

Since 1966, ADB has committed loans totaling \$190.9 million, grants of \$239.4 million, technical assistance worth

\$34.5 million, and ADB-administered cofinancing worth \$41.8 million for Samoa. Cumulative loan and grant disbursements to Samoa amount to \$283.4 million. These were financed by regular and concessional ordinary capital resources, the Asian Development Fund, and other special funds.

### ADB-SUPPORTED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

ADB assistance to Samoa focuses on providing budget support for COVID-19 recovery and projects to develop reliable and sustainable energy, safer and more efficient road and maritime transportation, and improved disaster resilience.

Although Samoa has remained COVID-19 free, a measles outbreak in late 2019 and travel restrictions



associated with the COVID-19 pandemic have impacted its economy significantly. In response, ADB provided \$20 million in budget support under the [Health Expenditure and Livelihoods Support Program](#) and \$1.5 million through the [Asian Pacific Disaster Response Fund](#), financed by the Government of Japan.

ADB committed the [Systems Strengthening for Effective Coverage of New Vaccines in the Pacific Project](#), including a grant of \$7.5 million for Samoa, to improve overall immunization rates and support greater efficiency of primary health services. As part of its COVID-19 response, ADB will consider additional financing to support COVID-19 vaccinations.

To improve the reliability of energy supply, ADB financed the [Power Sector Expansion Project](#) and the [Renewable Energy Development and Power Sector Rehabilitation Project](#). The first installed over 50% of Samoa's generation capacity and battery storage for grid stabilization. The second rehabilitated and constructed hydropower plants. In 2017, ADB signed its first nonsovereign transaction in Samoa through a loan of up to \$2 million for solar power generation. All these investments will contribute to Samoa's renewable energy target of 100% by the end of 2025.

In transport, ADB has supported a [project to enhance the safety, security, and sustainability of the main port in Apia](#), along with financing to upgrade Samoa's central cross-island road, which was committed in December 2020.

Samoa is prone to extreme weather events and disasters triggered by natural hazards. ADB has historically provided relief in the wake of such disasters. In 2017, the bank committed \$6 million under the [Pacific Disaster Resilience Program](#) as contingent financing for disaster response, early recovery, and reconstruction activity. In April 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, ADB expanded the program to include health emergencies and Samoa drew down \$2.9 million. The program was replenished for Phase 3 with a \$10 million grant in December 2020.

ADB also supports private sector development through the [Samoa Agribusiness Business Support Project](#), which commenced in 2014 and is cofinanced by the Government of Australia. The project facilitates access to financing and business support services to selected agribusinesses.

## NONSOVEREIGN OPERATIONS

As a catalyst for private investments, ADB provides financial assistance to nonsovereign projects and financial

intermediaries. Total commitments in loans and equity investments from ADB's own funds in 2020 amounted to \$1.4 billion for 38 transactions in economic and social infrastructure, finance sector, and agribusiness. ADB also actively mobilizes cofinancing from commercial and concessional sources. In 2020, ADB mobilized \$1.9 billion of long-term project cofinancing and \$3.3 billion of cofinancing through its [Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program](#) and [Microfinance Program](#). Total outstanding balances and commitments of nonsovereign transactions funded by ADB's own resources stood at \$14.3 billion as of 31 December 2020.

## PARTNERSHIPS

Since 2009, the Government of Samoa has partnered with ADB, the World Bank, and the governments of Australia and New Zealand to develop a joint policy action matrix for the country. Tasked with coordinating the implementation of development priorities, the process has since been embraced by the European Union, with specific support for the water sector.

ADB's [Pacific Private Sector Development Initiative](#) has been active in Samoa since 2008. This regional initiative works to reduce constraints of doing business, incentivize entrepreneurship and

### Samoa: Evaluation Results for Sovereign and Nonsovereign Operations, 2011–2020

	Total Number of Validated and Evaluated Projects and Programs	Evaluation Ratings		
		Highly successful and successful	Less than successful	Unsuccessful
Sovereign Operations	6	3	3	–
Nonsovereign Operations	1	–	–	1

– = nil, IED = Independent Evaluation Department.

Note: The figures indicate the number of sovereign and nonsovereign operations in the country that have been validated or evaluated by the IED and their overall performance ratings. The coverage consists of all validated or evaluated project completion reports and extended annual review reports circulated by ADB within the 10-year period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2020. See [evaluations](#) related to Samoa.

Source: IED success rate database (as of 31 December 2020).

### Samoa: Projects Cofinanced, 1 January 2016–31 December 2020

Cofinancing	No. of Projects	Amount (\$ million)
Sovereign <sup>a</sup>	2	16.65
Loan	1	5.00
Grants	2	11.65
Nonsovereign	1	1.00

<sup>a</sup> A project with more than one source of cofinancing is counted once.

### Samoa: Ordinary Capital Resources Nonsovereign Commitments by Product

	2020	2016–2020
Number of Transactions Signed (OCR)	–	1
Number of Transactions Signed (Programs)	9	23
	<b>Amount (\$ million)</b>	
Loans	–	2.00
Equity Investments	–	–
Guarantees	–	–
Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program and Microfinance Program	0.22	0.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>2.58</b>

– = nil, OCR = ordinary capital resources.

### Samoa: Portfolio Performance Quality Indicators for Sovereign Lending and Grants, 2019–2020

	2019 (\$ million)		2020 (\$ million)
	2019 (\$ million)	2020 (\$ million)	2020 (\$ million)
No. of Ongoing Loans <sup>a</sup> (as of 31 Dec 2020)			1
Contract Awards <sup>b,c</sup>	–	–	–
Disbursements <sup>b</sup>	–	–	–
No. of Ongoing Grants <sup>a,d</sup> (as of 31 Dec 2020)			7
Contract Awards <sup>b,c,d</sup>	0.14	1.06	1.06
Disbursements <sup>b,d</sup>	3.64	25.37	25.37
At Risk Projects (%) (as of 31 Dec 2020)			–

– = nil.

<sup>a</sup> Based on commitments.

<sup>b</sup> Includes closed loans/grants that had contract awards or disbursements during the year.

<sup>c</sup> Excludes policy-based, results-based, and financial intermediation/credit loans and grants.

<sup>d</sup> Includes only Asian Development Fund and other ADB special funds.

## Samoa: Share of Procurement Contracts for Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects

Item	2019		2020		Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2020)	
	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total
Goods, Works, and Related Services	–	–	23.00	0.10	152.85	0.07
Consulting Services	0.33	0.04	0.05	0.01	13.18	0.09
<b>Total Procurement</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>23.04</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>166.03</b>	<b>0.07</b>

– = nil, 0.00 = less than 0.005%.

### Top 5 Contractors/Suppliers from Samoa Involved in Goods, Works, and Related Services Contracts under ADB Loan and Grant Projects, 1 January 2016–31 December 2020

Contractor/Supplier	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Pacific Engineering Projects Ltd.	ENE	0.05
King Construction Ltd.	ENE	0.04
Others		28.67
<b>Total</b>		<b>28.75</b>

ENE = energy.

### Top 5 Consultants from Samoa Involved in Consulting Services Contracts under ADB Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects, 1 January 2016–31 December 2020

Consultant	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Individual Consultants	1.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.22</b>

investment, foster new business models, and remove barriers to women's full participation in the economy.

ADB also supports Samoa through the [Pacific Regional Infrastructure Facility](#), which provides technical advice on infrastructure development and sustainable infrastructure management and works to enhance the coordination of development partner investments in the Pacific.

### FINANCING PARTNERSHIPS

[Financing partnerships](#) enable ADB's financing partners, governments or their agencies, multilateral financing institutions, and commercial organizations to participate in financing ADB projects. The additional funds are provided in the form of loans and grants, technical assistance, and other [nonsovereign cofinancing](#) such as [B loans](#), [risk transfer arrangements](#), [parallel loans and equity](#), [guarantee cofinancing](#), and cofinancing for transactions under ADB's [Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program](#) and [Microfinance Program](#).

ADB began cofinancing operations in Samoa in 1984. Since then, sovereign cofinancing commitments for Samoa have amounted to \$109.6 million for eight investment projects, and \$2.63 million for seven technical assistance projects. Nonsovereign cofinancing for Samoa has amounted to \$1 million for one investment project and \$0.22 million for one technical assistance project.

A summary of projects with cofinancing from 1 January 2016 to 31 December

2020 is available at [www.adb.org/offices/south-pacific/cofinancing#samoa](http://www.adb.org/offices/south-pacific/cofinancing#samoa).

### PROCUREMENT

Each year, ADB provides loans, grants, and technical assistance to fund projects and activities in its developing member countries and several billion dollars in contracts to procure goods, works, and consulting services. Most contracts are awarded on the basis of international competition, which is open to firms and individuals from all ADB members.

#### Share of ADB's Procurement Contracts

##### [Goods, Works, and Related Services](#)

ADB's procurement contracts in Asia and the Pacific for goods, works, and related services under loan and grant operations totaled \$14.19 billion in 2019 and \$22.79 billion in 2020. Cumulative procurement since 1966 has been \$216.35 billion covering 222,415 contracts.

For contractors and suppliers from Samoa, 1,295 contracts worth \$152.85 million have been awarded since 1966.

##### [Consulting Services](#)

ADB's procurement contracts in Asia and the Pacific for consulting services under loan, grant, and technical assistance operations totaled \$756.72 million in 2019 and \$732.11 million in 2020. Cumulative procurement since 1966 has been \$14.13 billion covering 67,086 contracts.

For consultants from Samoa, 140 contracts worth \$13.18 million have been awarded since 1966.

### OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

ADB projects in Samoa continue to be affected by geographic isolation, capacity constraints, and issues related to environment and social safeguards. A submarine internet cable, which went live in 2018, has helped overcome the challenges of remoteness through improved connectivity, while the project to improve Apia's port will help reduce trade and transport costs.

Capacity constraints limit project implementation in Samoa, although the capacity of both the government and the overall economy is gradually increasing. The COVID-19 pandemic imposed serious challenges, with the government needing to assess impacts and formulate response measures rapidly. Improved internet connectivity allowed virtual engagements with development partners to seek expert support.

### FUTURE DIRECTIONS

ADB operations in Samoa are covered in the ADB country operations business plan, 2021–2023 for 11 small Pacific island countries. The business plan is targeting improvements to Samoa's growth prospects and overall living standards and is closely aligned with the government's Strategy for the Development of Samoa, 2017–2020.

Beyond COVID-19 recovery, ADB assistance to Samoa will focus on energy investments, upgrading port facilities, constructing climate-resilient roads, and fostering private enterprise to create more jobs. ADB will continue to help build sustainable capacity for sound economic and public sector management, and implement reforms of state-owned enterprises.





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[www.adb.org](http://www.adb.org)

Annual Report  
[www.adb.org/documents/series/adb-annual-reports](http://www.adb.org/documents/series/adb-annual-reports)

Asian Development Outlook  
[www.adb.org/publications/series/asian-development-outlook](http://www.adb.org/publications/series/asian-development-outlook)

ADB Data Library  
[data.adb.org](http://data.adb.org)

## ABOUT SAMOA AND ADB

### ADB Membership

Joined 1966

### Shareholding and Voting Power

Number of shares held: 348 (0.003% of total shares)  
Votes: 39,462 (0.297% of total membership,  
0.456% of total regional membership)

\*Overall capital subscription: \$5.01 million

\*Paid-in capital subscription: \$0.3 million

\*United States dollar figures are valued at rate as of 31 December 2020.

**Sili Sālā Epa Tuioti** is the Governor and **Leasiosiofa'asisina Oscar Malielegaoi** is the Alternate Governor for Samoa in ADB.

**Syurkani Ishak Kasim** is the Director and **Karen Murray** is the Alternate Director representing Samoa on the ADB Board of Directors.

**Masayuki Tachiiri** is the ADB Regional Director of the Pacific Subregional Office (SPSO) in Suva, Fiji. SPSO opened in 2004 and provides the primary operational link for activities between ADB and the governments of the subregion, the private sector, civil society stakeholders, and development partners. SPSO engages in policy dialogue, country partnership strategy development and programming, portfolio management, and knowledge-based solutions for the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Niue, Samoa, Tonga, and Tuvalu.

The ADB Pacific Country Office in Samoa strengthens the bank's presence in the country, working to enhance the relationship between ADB and the government, improve development partner coordination, and help build local capacity in the design and implementation of ADB-supported projects. The office is colocated with the World Bank Liaison Office, allowing for close collaboration between the two organizations.

The Samoa government agency handling ADB affairs is the Ministry of Finance.

## ABOUT THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

ADB is a multilateral development bank owned by 68 members, 49 from Asia and the Pacific and 19 from other parts of the world. ADB's main instruments for helping its developing member countries are policy dialogue, loans, equity investments, guarantees, grants, and technical assistance. In 2020, lending volume was \$26.9 billion (149 projects), with technical assistance at \$293.56 million (275 projects) and grant-financed projects at \$1.08 billion (62 projects). In addition, \$16.41 billion was generated for sovereign and nonsovereign cofinancing in the form of loans and grants, B loans, risk transfer arrangements, guarantee cofinancing, parallel loans, parallel equity, and cofinancing for transactions under ADB's Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program and Microfinance Program. From 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2020, ADB's annual lending volume averaged \$19.69 billion. In addition, investment grants and technical assistance funded by ADB and Special Funds resources averaged \$805.5 million and \$230.81 million respectively over the same period. As of 31 December 2020, the cumulative commitments excluding cofinancing were \$323.17 billion in loans for 3,369 projects in 44 countries, \$11.3 billion in 495 grants, and \$5.01 billion in technical assistance grants, including regional technical assistance grants.

### Notes:

Figures are estimated by ADB unless otherwise stated. "\$" refers to United States dollars.  
Data are updated as of 31 December 2020 unless otherwise indicated.