

| PILOT PROGRAM FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE MDB Request for Payment of Implementation Services Costs ¹ | | | |
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| 1. Country/Region: | Pacific Region | 2. CIF Project ID#: | XPCRPC063A |
| 3. Project/Program Title: | Implementation of the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR): Pacific Region (Regional capacity development technical assistance) | | |
| 4. Request for project/program funding (USD million) ² : | <i>At time of SPCR submission:</i> Component 1 - \$2.375 million Component 3 - \$1.316 million | <i>At time of project approval:</i> Component 1 - \$2.375 million Component 3 - \$1.316 million | |
| 5. Estimated costs for MDB project implementation services (USD million) ³ : | <i>Initial estimate - at time of SPCR submission:</i> \$750,000 | MDB: Asian Development Bank (ADB) | |
| | <i>Final estimate - at time of project approval:</i> \$750,000 | Date: 30 April 2012 | |
| 6. Request for payment of MDB Implementation Services Costs (USD): | <input type="checkbox"/> First tranche: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Second tranche: Component 1 - \$229,226.00 Component 3 - \$145,774.00 Total of 2 components - \$375,000.00 | | |
| 7. Project/program financing category: | a - Investment financing - additional to ongoing MDB project <input type="checkbox"/> b - Investment financing - blended with proposed MDB project <input type="checkbox"/> c - Investment financing - stand alone <input type="checkbox"/> d - Capacity building - stand alone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 8. Expected project/program duration (no. of years): | Three (3) years | | |
| 9. Explanation of final estimate of MDB costs for implementation services: | <i>If final estimate in 5 above exceeds the relevant benchmark range, explain the exceptional circumstances and reasons:</i> | | |
| 10. Justification for proposed stand-alone financing in cases of above 7 c or d⁴: The Pacific islands lie in the midst of the world's largest ocean and include some of the world's smallest countries, which are generally dispersed and remote, have fragile environments, have small, scattered populations, and face similar challenges. The islands are highly vulnerable to a wide range of natural hazards, predominantly weather- and climate-related, which adversely affect lives, livelihoods, and economies. In particular, many inhabited low-lying atolls and islands are especially vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, particularly sea level rise. The economies of small islands are often narrowly based on subsistence and continue to suffer severe constraints from the economic impact of disasters. Under these conditions, it is beyond the capacity of any one Pacific small island country to deal with the | | | |

¹ In cases where the total requested payment request exceeds the relevant benchmark adopted by the SCF Trust Fund Committee, a detailed cost estimate based on quantitative assessments of inputs required (staffing arrangements and time, travel requirements, number of missions, etc) has to be provided to support the consideration of the fee request by the SCF Sub-Committee on an exceptional basis. Such an estimate would be accompanied by an explanation of the particular aspects of project design and/or implementation arrangements that are causing estimated MDB implementation support and supervision costs to exceed the benchmark.

² Including the preparation grant request

³ If the final MDB cost estimate exceeds the relevant benchmark, it needs to be supported by (i) a breakdown of costs of inputs required (staff/consultant time, travel, number of missions, etc) and (ii) by an explanation of the particular aspects of project design and implementation that drive MDB costs to exceed the benchmark (Item 9 in template).

⁴ The justification should include an explanation of (i) why no linkages to ongoing or planned MDB financing have been possible or pursued, and (ii) the expected effectiveness of the proposed stand-alone SCF project in addressing the objectives and priorities of the country investment plan/strategy; and a confirmation that the proposed project forms part of the MDB's agreed country assistance strategy.

enormity of challenges posed by climate change. Regional level support, which caters to the needs of these small island countries that are not included in the PPCR pilots, is necessary to develop replicable models and interventions and lessons learned, for application at the country level and, as a consequence, to achieve economies of scale. Accordingly, the Pacific Regional Strategic Program on Climate Resilience (SPCR) is designed as a regional project that will support Pacific island countries in capacity development for mainstreaming climate change adaptation (CCA) and related disaster risk reduction (DRR) into their national, sectoral, and local development programs, for the countries to become resilient to climate change and climate-related disasters. It will complement and build on country-track SPCRs in the Pacific region (Papua New Guinea [PNG], Samoa, and Tonga). The Pacific Regional SPCR will contribute to bringing about 'transformational change' in national programs integrating CCA and DRR in close collaboration and coordination with existing regional organizations, by increasing knowledge, promoting the replication of climate-resilient measures, and strengthening knowledge management and national capacities in monitoring and evaluation (M&E), particularly, but not exclusively, in the Pacific countries with no PPCR country tracks.

The regional program will afford the countries support that is best provided and cost effective on a regional, not national, basis, and complements, not duplicates, major CCA and related DRR initiatives being implemented with support from the region's other development partners. This support will include advice and information, training, regional mentoring and monitoring, coordination, and helping to share lessons learned and best practices. It will also promote replication, scaling-up, and leveraging of potential and critical investments.

The project is fully aligned with relevant national strategies, or equivalent, of the participating countries, and with regional strategies for addressing climate change in the Pacific region. It is also fully aligned with ADB's Pacific Climate Change Program which aims to ensure continued economic growth of Pacific developing member countries in the face of global climate change, by reducing their vulnerability to its risks and impacts.