

PILOT PROGRAM FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE		
Request for Payment of MDB Preparation and Supervision Costs¹		
1. Country/Region:	The Pacific Region	2. CIF Project ID#: (Trustee will assign ID)
3. Project Title:	Pacific Resilience Program (PREP)	
4. Tentative Project Funding Request (in USD million)²:	<i>At time of SPCR Submission:</i> US\$ 6.114 million in grants [including PPG of US\$ 0.32 million]	<i>At time of project approval:</i> US\$ 6.114 million in grants [including PPG of US\$ 0.32 million]
5. Request for MDB Preparation and Supervision Costs (in USD million):	US\$ 0.6 million in total (see below) Already approved: US\$ 0.325 million Final Request: US\$ 0.275 million	<i>MDB: World Bank</i> <i>Date:</i> <i>April 23, 2015</i>
6. Request for 50% of MDB Preparation and Supervision Costs at the time of SPCR endorsement?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> approved on 4/30/2012 No <input type="checkbox"/>	First submission <input type="checkbox"/> Final submission <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Project Financing Category	a - Investment financing - additional to ongoing MDB project <input type="checkbox"/> b - Investment financing - blended with proposed MDB project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c - Investment financing - stand-alone <input type="checkbox"/> d - Capacity building - stand alone <input type="checkbox"/>	
8. Expected project duration (no. of years)	5 years (Project closing date is: 30-Dec-2020)	

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

Justification for proposed stand-alone financing in cases of above 7 c or d³: N/A

The project was conceived as a stand-alone regional project and was prepared until recently. After the region developed its regional *Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific* (SRDP), the Bank is supporting its implementation in various ways including support to the regional organizations. It is thus providing IDA and other TF funded support and it made sense to blend this PPCR regional component with the IDA regional and national supported program.

The team is requesting adjusting the **total MPIS fee to US\$0.6m** for this PPCR Pacific Regional component (instead of US\$0.49m as the suggested benchmark for blended project) given the complexity of the implementation support that would be required and the geographic isolation of the Pacific Island Countries (PICs) and the regional organizations. This would mean remaining amount to be **requested for SPN for would be \$0.275m**. The team's rationale for requesting more than the benchmark for blended project are as follows:

Remaining amount to be requested for SPN for the PREP project

1. The PPCR funding is largely going to the Secretariat for Pacific Community (SPC). The approach being taken by the PPCR supported activity, integrating climate risk and resilience to development, is relatively new area of work for SPC and thus there is limited capacity for such work. It would therefore require considerable support from the Bank team to ensure timely progress and successful outcomes particularly in synthesizing innovative solutions in climate resilience in key sector of relevance to the Pacific and testing them and making them accessible to the countries as inputs into community driven development and in design of future investment preparation as well as for supporting the development of a high quality risk information platform that can be used by all Pacific Island Countries and for measuring progress towards resilience.
2. The regional activities require close interaction and just in-time use of knowledge and information in Tonga and Samoa and over time in other countries which could include Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Federated State of Micronesia. In Tonga, Bank's engagement would build on, as stated in the PAD, activities being implemented by ADB. Support from the Bank team will be critical to ensure closer links to Ministry of Finance and effective use of the knowledge and information being generated in SPC. With the Bank's support, the outcome will be to ensure effective and timely progress on resilience in agriculture and fisheries and implementation of resilient codes for public buildings including schools and hospitals in both of these countries and would complement the PPCR nationally funded activities;
3. The task team will provide support to the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS) for coordination across the other two regional components of the PPCR Regional Program and will require the Bank and ADB to work together including the delivery of the programmatic M&R at the regional level. These activities would require additional effort from the task team and is envisaged to be possible with the total MPIS budget of \$600,000.

The requested budget would be as follows:

Staff needs, travel and associated costs	Amount (US\$)
Shared cost for consultant to provide procurement support to SPC	100,000
Shared cost of 2 missions per year for DC based senior specialist staff to ensure continuity	60,000
Shared cost of 4 missions per year for Sydney based staff to SPC in Suva, Fiji as well as Samoa, and Tonga	65,000
Cost of junior consultant to provide support to missions and development of knowledge products and platforms on part-time basis	50,000
Cost of safeguard, Financial management and procurement (to be provided through IDA)	0
	\$275,000

In conclusion, the team envisages the need for resources more than a blended single country project. With these resources, the team is providing support to two regional organizations and two countries and preparation of potential investments in other countries that are informed by the knowledge and information produced by SPC through the PPCR support. There will also be need for coordination with ADB. All these are necessary components of

transformational change of having regional organizations in the Pacific generate knowledge on climate risk and resilient options and support its use in development processes of countries.

³ 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.