

August 8, 2013

Approval by mail: Endorsement of Additional Grant resources to further advance the objectives of the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR) for Tonga (ADB)

Dear PPCR Sub-Committee Members:

In November 2012, the PPCR Sub-Committee allocated additional grant resources to PPCR pilot countries and invited each country to prepare, for endorsement by the Sub-Committee, a concept or concepts for programs/projects that further advance the objectives of its Investment Plan.

Please find attached a concept note, submitted by the Government of Tonga and the Asian Development Bank, proposing to add the USD 5.0 million in additional grant resources allocated to the SPCR for Tonga. The SPCR for Tonga will be implemented through one project with several components. The additional USD 5.0 million is to be allocated as follows:

1. Evacuation and Post-Disaster Access roads (4 roads totalling 6 kms) in Eastern Tongatapu and the Island of Eua, the improvement of which will benefit some 5,093 residents (Census 2011). Estimated cost USD 2.4 million.
2. Coastal Protection: construction and monitoring of five sections of coastline (2.75 kms) in Eastern Tongatapu using different hard and soft engineering and bioengineering techniques to control coastline erosion, and limit sediment runoff, which will benefit 2,164 residents (Census 2011). Estimated cost USD 2.6 million.

Communication from the Government of Tonga confirming the proposed allocation of resources to this SPCR is also attached.

The PPCR Sub-Committee is requested to approve the following decision:

The PPCR Sub-Committee endorses the allocation of an additional USD 5.0 million in PPCR grant resources to the project entitled: *the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR) for the Kingdom of Tonga*, and in particular, for the following components:

USD 2.4 million - Evacuation and Post-Disaster Access roads in Eastern Tongatapu and the Island of Eua

USD 2.6 million - Coastal protection: construction and monitoring of five sections of coastline in Easter Tongatapu.

The original SPCR for Tonga was endorsed by the PPCR Sub-Committee in April 2012.

If we do not receive an objection to this proposed decision by close of business on **August 22, 2013**, the decision will be approved.

Sincerely,

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