



ADB MARKET BRIEF:

The Pacific Islands

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Introduction

This summary report includes **US\$ 422.68 million** worth of projects in the Pacific Islands for which Asian Development Bank technical and/or financial assistance has been planned or approved. Opportunities for U.S. firms in ADB-assisted projects in the Pacific Islands including the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesian Federated States, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu currently exist in these sectors: agriculture and natural resources, education, energy, environment, finance and industry, health, transport and communication, urban development and other sectors.

Absent from this summary are the island nations of Fiji and the Solomon Islands. There are no ADB projects in the 2001-2003 pipeline for these countries, although in the near future this may change. Included in this market brief are summaries of the political condition and the economic potential for Fiji and the Solomon Islands. Also included is information regarding the Pacific Islands Business Network. PIBN serves as an information conduit to provide purchasing agents, overseas investors, and individual consumers with details about products and services available in United States - Pacific Island Nations Joint Commercial Commission member states.

Planned projects totaling **US\$ 345.95 million** are those identified by the ADB and governments of The Pacific Islands as eligible for ADB-funded technical assistance or ADB loans as part of the ADB Country Assistance Plan for 2001-2003 in the Pacific Islands.

Approved projects totaling **US\$ 76.73 million** for 2000 include ADB grants to the governments of Pacific Islands to fund public tenders for technical assistance contracts as well as ADB loans to the governments of Pacific Islands to fund public tenders for physical and social infrastructure development or technical assistance.

The Country Assistance Plans used by the ADB allow U.S. firms to take a strategic approach to business opportunities supported by the ADB. The ADB's three-year advance programming gives U.S. firms early notification of projects under consideration by the ADB so that U.S. firms may begin to research the opportunities, develop relationships with key contacts, and prioritize opportunities to better position themselves for success. The Commercial Service offers a combination of market research, key introductions, counseling, promotional events and advocacy to help U.S. firms enter, access and expand in markets in the Pacific Islands and forty-two other Asian markets in which the ADB operates.

\$ 345.95 million	ADB Projects Planned for the Pacific Islands 2001-2003
\$ 65.53 million	ADB Loans Approved for the Pacific Islands in 2000
\$ 11.19 million	ADB Technical Assistance Programs Approved for the Pacific Islands in 2000
\$ 422.68 million	Total ADB Direct Market Stimulus for the Pacific Islands 2000 - 2003

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1. India
2. Pacific Islands
3. People's Republic of China
4. Philippines
5. Vietnam

**I. PLANNED ADB PROJECTS FOR THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
(2001-2003)**

SECTORS	Total Planned Loan Projects (US\$ million)	Total Planned TA Programs (US\$ million)	TOTAL (US\$ million)
Agriculture & Natural Resources	34	2.4	36.4
Education	20	2.5	22.50
Energy	5	.10	5.1
Environment	22.5	1.7	24.2
Finance and Industry	37	5.25	42.25
Health	45	.4	45.4
Transport & Communications	43.5	2.15	45.65
Urban Development	0	.5	.5
Others	112.5	11.45	123.95
TOTAL PLANNED ADB PROJECTS	US\$ 319.5 million	US\$ 26.45 million	US\$ 345.95 million

IA AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES SECTOR

Summary of Planned Loan Projects and TA Programs in the Agriculture & Natural Resources Sector for the Pacific Islands (2001-2003)			
ADB Countries	Total Planned Loan Projects (US\$ million)	Total Planned TA Programs (US\$ million)	Total (US\$ million)
Marshall Islands	0	0.35	0.35
Papua New Guinea	25	1.45	26.45
Samoa	4	0	4.00
Vanuatu	5	0.60	5.60
TOTAL	US\$ 34 million	US\$ 2.4 million	US\$ 36.4 million

MARSHALL ISLANDS

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Community-Based Coastal Resources Development	POHQ	AOTA	350
		<i>Subtotal</i>	350
Total planned TA program for Marshall Islands			US\$ 0.35 million

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

LOAN APPLICATIONS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2002		
Smallholder Agro-Industry	POHQ	15
Rural Sector Linkages	POHQ	10
	<i>Subtotal</i>	25

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2002			
Sandaun/East Sepik Sustainable Development	POHQ	PPTA	500
2003			
Enga/Southern Highlands Sustainable Development	POHQ	PPTA	600
Rural Development	POHQ	AOTA	350
	<i>Subtotal</i>		1,450

Total planned loan projects and TA programs for Papua New Guinea	US\$ 26.45 million
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SAMOA

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2002		
Agriculture Development and Agro-Processing	POHQ	4
	<i>Subtotal</i>	4

Total planned loan projects for Samoa	US\$ 4 million
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VANUATU

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2003		
Agriculture and Fisheries Development Program	SPRM	5
	<i>Subtotal</i>	5

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Agriculture and Fisheries Development	POHQ	PPTA	400
2003			
Capacity Building in Agriculture and Fisheries Management (piggybacked to loan)	POHQ	AOTA	200
<i>Subtotal</i>			600

Total planned loan project and TA programs for Vanuatu	US\$ 5.6 million
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I.B EDUCATION SECTOR

Summary of Planned Loan Projects and TA Programs in the Education Sector for the Pacific Islands (2001-2003)			
ADB Countries	Total Planned Loan Projects (US\$ million)	Total Planned TA Programs (US\$ million)	Total (US\$ million)
Micronesia	0	0.40	0.40
Papua New Guinea	16	0.90	16.90
Samoa	0	0.80	0.80
Tuvalu	2	0.20	2.20
Vanuatu	2	0.20	2.20
TOTAL	US\$ 20 million	US\$ 2.5 million	US\$ 22.50 million

MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Basic Skills Development	POHQ	AOTA	400
<i>Subtotal</i>			400

Total planned TA program for Micronesia	US\$ 0.4 million
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2003		
Adult Formal Education	POHQ	16
<i>Subtotal</i>		16

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Adult/Informal Education	POHQ	PPTA	400
2002			
Technical and Vocational Education and Training	POHQ	PPTA	500
<i>Subtotal</i>			900

Total planned loan project and TA programs for Papua New Guinea	US\$ 16.9 million
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SAMOA

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2002			
Education and Youth Development	OPO	PPTA	400
2003			
Education and Youth Development	OPO	PPTA	400
<i>Subtotal</i>			800

Total planned TA programs for Samoa	US\$ 0.8 million
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TUVALU

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2002		
Tuvalu Maritime School Upgrade	POHQ	2
<i>Subtotal</i>		2

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2003			
Tuvalu Maritime School Strengthening	POHQ	PPTA	200
<i>Subtotal</i>			200

Total planned loan project and TA program for Tuvalu	US\$ 2.2 million
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VANUATU

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
200		
Skills Development Program	POHQ	2
<i>Subtotal</i>		2

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2002			
Capacity Building in Skills Dev't (piggy-backed to loan)	POHQ	AOTA	200
<i>Subtotal</i>			200

Total planned loan project and TA program for Vanuatu	US\$ 2.2 million
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I.C ENERGY SECTOR

Summary of Planned Loan Projects and TA Programs in the Energy Sector for the Pacific Islands (2001-2003)			
ADB Countries	Total Planned Loan Projects (US\$ million)	Total Planned TA Programs (US\$ million)	Total (US\$ million)
Samoa	5	0.10	5.10
TOTAL	US\$ 5 million	US\$ 0.1 million	US\$ 5.1 million

SAMOA

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2001		
Afulilo Augmentation	POHQ	5.0
<i>Subtotal</i>		5.0

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Loss Assessment for Electric Power Corporation	OPO	AOTA	100
<i>Subtotal</i>			100

Total planned loan project and TA program for Samoa	US\$ 5.1 million
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I.D ENVIRONMENT SECTOR

Summary of Planned Loan Projects and TA Programs in the Environment Sector (2001-2003)			
ADB Countries	Total Planned Loan Projects (US\$ million)	Total Planned TA Programs (US\$ million)	Total (US\$ million)
Cook Islands	4.5	-	4.50
Papua New Guinea	18.0	1.00	19.00
Vanuatu	-	0.70	0.70
TOTAL	US\$ 22.5 million	US\$1.7 million	US\$ 24.2 million

COOK ISLANDS

LOAN APPLICATIONS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2001		
Waste Management	SPRM	2.0
2002		
Water Supply and Sewerage	SPRM	2.5
<i>Subtotal</i>		4.5

Total planned loan project for Cook Islands	US\$ 4.5 million
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

LOAN APPLICATIONS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2001		
Coastal Water Fisheries Management & Development	POHQ	8
2003		
Coastal Environment	POHQ	10
<i>Subtotal</i>		18

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Coastal Waters Environment	POHQ	PPTA	400
2003			
Rural Water and Sanitation	POHQ	PPTA	600
<i>Subtotal</i>			1,000

Total planned loan projects and TA programs for Papua New Guinea	US\$ 19 million
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VANUATU

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2002			
Urban Sanitation, Public Health and Environment Project	POHQ	PPTA	500
2003			
Capacity-Building in Urban Sanitation, Public Health and Environment	POHQ	AOTA	200
<i>Subtotal</i>			700

Total planned TA programs for Vanuatu	US\$ 0.7 million
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I.E INDUSTRY & FINANCE SECTOR

Summary of Planned Loan Projects and TA Programs in the Finance & Industry Sector (2001-2003)			
ADB Countries	Total Planned Loan Projects (US\$ million)	Total Planned TA Programs (US\$ million)	Total (US\$ million)
Marshall Islands	10	0.700	10.700
Micronesia	12	0.200	12.200
Nauru	0	0.700	0.700
Papua New Guinea	0	0.500	0.500
Samoa	0	1.200	1.200
Tonga	10	1.200	11.200
Tuvalu	0	0.250	0.250
Vanuatu	5	0.500	5.500
TOTAL	US\$ 37 million	US\$ 5.25 million	US\$ 42.25 million

MARSHALL ISLANDS

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2001		
Financial Sector Program Loan	POHQ	10
<i>Subtotal</i>		10

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2002			
Microfinance	POHQ	PPTA	400
Support of Private Sector Unit II	POHQ	AOTA	300
<i>Subtotal</i>			700

Total planned loan project and TA programs for Marshall Islands	US\$ 10.7 million
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MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2001		
Private Sector Development	POHQ	12
<i>Subtotal</i>		12

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Private Sector Development	POHQ	AOTA	200
<i>Subtotal</i>			200

Total planned loan project and TA program for Micronesia	US\$ 12.2 million
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NAURU

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Strengthening Banking and Corporation Laws	POHQ	AOTA	250
Small Business Development and Microfinance	POHQ	AOTA	150
Privatization Strategy and Support	POHQ	AOTA	300
<i>Subtotal</i>			700

Total planned TA programs for Nauru	US\$ 0.7 million
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2003			
Small/Medium Enterprise Development	POHQ	PPTA	500
<i>Subtotal</i>			500

Total planned TA program for Papua New Guinea	US\$ 0.5 million
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SAMOA

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Development of Non-banking Financial Institutions	OPO	AOTA	300
Implementation of Privatization Strategy Phase 2	OPO	AOTA	300
2002			
Economic Sector Planning and Management	OPO	AOTA	600
<i>Subtotal</i>			1,200

Total planned TA programs for Samoa	US\$ 1.2 million
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TONGA

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2001		
Economic and Public Sector Reform	POHQ	10
<i>Subtotal</i>		10

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Economic and Public Sector Reform Phase I	POHQ	AOTA	600
2003			
Economic and Public Sector Reform Phase II	POHQ	AOTA	600
<i>Subtotal</i>			1,200

Total planned loan project and TA programs for Tonga	US\$ 11.2 million
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TUVALU

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Microfinance and Institutional Enhancement	POHQ	AOTA	250
<i>Subtotal</i>			250

Total planned TA program for Tuvalu	US\$ 0.25 million
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VANUATU

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2001		
Rural Financial Services	POHQ	5
<i>Subtotal</i>		5

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Capacity Building in Rural Financial Services (piggybacked to loan)	POHQ	AOTA	200
2002			
Private/Financial Sector Development	POHQ	PPTA	300
<i>Subtotal</i>			500

Total planned loan project and TA programs for Vanuatu	US\$ 5.5 million
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IF HEALTH SECTOR

Summary of Planned Loan Projects and TA Programs in the Health Sector for the Pacific Islands (2001-2003)			
ADB Countries	Total Planned Loan Projects (US\$ million)	Total Planned TA Programs (US\$ million)	Total (US\$ million)
Nauru	5	-	5.00
Papua New Guinea	40	0.40	40.40
TOTAL	US\$ 45 million	US\$ 0.4 million	US\$ 45.4 million

NAURU

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2001		
Health and Water Supply Loan	POHQ	5
<i>Subtotal</i>		5

Total planned loan project for Nauru	US\$ 5 million
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2003		
Health Sector Development Program II	POHQ	40
<i>Subtotal</i>		40

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2002			
Health Sector	POHQ	PPTA	400
<i>Subtotal</i>			400

Total planned loan projects and TA program for Papua New Guinea	US\$ 40.4 million
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I.G TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Summary of Planned Loan Projects and TA Programs in the Transport & Communications Sector for the Pacific Islands (2001-2003)			
ADB Countries	Total Planned Loan Projects (US\$ million)	Total Planned TA Programs (US\$ million)	Total (US\$ million)
Marshall Islands	6.0	-	6.00
Papua New Guinea	30.0	1.35	31.35
Samoa	7.5	0.80	8.30
TOTAL	US\$ 43.5 million	US\$ 2.15 million	US\$ 45.65 million

MARSHALL ISLANDS

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2001		
Outer Island Transport Infrastructure	POHQ	6
<i>Subtotal</i>		6

Total planned loan project for Marshall Islands	US\$ 6 million
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2002		
Road Sector (Road Management/Regular Maintenance)	POHQ	30
<i>Subtotal</i>		30

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Road Sector	POHQ	PPTA	400
Maritime Administration	POHQ	AOTA	350
2003			
Transport Infrastructure	POHQ	PPTA	600
<i>Subtotal</i>			1,350

Total planned loan project and TA programs for Papua New Guinea	US\$ 31.35 million
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SAMOA

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2003		
Telecommunications and IT	POHQ	7.5
<i>Subtotal</i>		7.5

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Telecommunications Sector Study	OPO	AOTA	200
2002			
Telecommunications and IT	OPO	PPTA	300
2003			
Telecommunications and IT Phase II	OPO	AOTA	300
<i>Subtotal</i>			800

Total planned loan projects and TA programs for Samoa	US\$ 8.3 million
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I.H URBAN DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

Summary of Planned Loan Projects and TA Programs in the Urban Development Sector (2001-2003)			
ADB Countries	Total Planned Loan Projects (US\$ million)	Total Planned TA Programs (US\$ million)	Total (US\$ million)
Papua New Guinea	0	0.50	0.50
TOTAL	US\$ 0 million	US\$ 0.5 million	US\$ 0.5 million

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2002			
Urban Informal Sector Development	POHQ	PPTA	500
<i>Subtotal</i>			500

Total planned TA program for Papua New Guinea	US\$ 0.5 million
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I.I. OTHER SECTORS

Summary of Planned Loan Projects and TA Programs in the Other Sectors (2001-2003)			
ADB Countries	Total Planned Loan Projects (US\$ million)	Total Planned TA Programs (US\$ million)	Total (US\$ million)
Cook Islands	3.0	1.50	4.50
Kiribati	8.0	1.00	9.00
Marshall Islands	5.0	1.80	6.80
Micronesia	0	1.40	1.40
Papua New Guinea	89.0	3.80	92.80
Samoa	0	0.10	0.10
Tuvalu	0	0.15	0.15
Vanuatu	7.5	1.70	9.20
TOTAL	US\$ 112.5 million	US\$ 11.45 million	US\$ 123.95 million

COOK ISLANDS

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2003		
Outer Islands Development	POHQ	3
<i>Subtotal</i>		3

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Utilities Management and Regulation	POHQ	AOTA	100
Improving the Performance of Front Line Services	POHQ	AOTA	100
Outer Islands Development	SPRM	PPTA	300
2002			
Support for Reform Program Phase I	POHQ	AOTA	200
Local Government Capacity Building	POHQ	AOTA	300
2003			
Support for the Reform Program Phase II	POHQ	AOTA	500
<i>Subtotal</i>			1,500

Total planned loan project and TA programs for Cook Islands	US\$ 4.5 million
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KIRIBATI

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2002		
Outer Island Development Program	POHQ	8
<i>Subtotal</i>		8

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Poverty Assessment and Strategy	POHQ	AOTA	150
Community Development & Participation (Phase II)	SPRM	AOTA	150
Strengthening Operation & Maintenance Capacity of Public Utilities Board	SPRM	AOTA	200
2002			
Outer Islands Development Program Implementation	POHQ	AOTA	300
Aerial Photography of Kirimati Island	POHQ	AOTA	200
<i>Subtotal</i>			1,000

Total planned loan project and TA programs for Kiribati	US\$ 9 million
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MARSHALL ISLANDS

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2001		
Outer Island Basic Social Services	POHQ	
<i>Subtotal</i>		5

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Outer Island Basic Social Services	POHQ	PPTA	300
Strategic Advisory Team	POHQ	AOTA	600
2002			
Outer Island Social Services Management	POHQ	AOTA	300
2003			
Strategic Advisory Team II	POHQ	AOTA	600
<i>Subtotal</i>			1,800

Total planned loan project and TA programs for Marshall Islands	US\$ 6.8 million
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MICRONESIA

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
State Government Capacity Building I	POHQ	AOTA	500
2002			
Public Enterprises Privatization and Corporate Governance III	POHQ	AOTA	400
State Government Capacity Building II	POHQ	AOTA	500
<i>Subtotal</i>			1,400

Total planned TA programs for Micronesia	US\$ 1.4 million
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

LOAN APPLICATIONS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2001		
Public Sector Reform Program	POHQ	60
2002		
Provincial/Local Level Management	POHQ	15
2003		
Sandaun/East Sepik Sustainable Development	POHQ	14
<i>Subtotal</i>		89

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Public Services Reform Cluster TA	POHQ	AOTA	750
Provincial/Local Level Public Services Reform	POHQ	PPTA	300
Poverty Analyses	POHQ	AOTA	400
2002			
Provincial/Local Level Public Services Management	POHQ	AOTA	500
Statistical Systems	POHQ	AOTA	600
Urban Informal Sector Development	POHQ	PPTA	500
2003			
Governance	POHQ	AOTA	500
Central Agencies Capacity Building	POHQ	AOTA	250
<i>Subtotal</i>			3,800

Total planned loan projects and TA programs for Papua New Guinea	US\$ 92.8 million
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SAMOA

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Household Income Survey for Poverty Assessment	OPO	AOTA	100
<i>Subtotal</i>			100

Total planned TA program for Samoa	US\$ 0.1 million
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TUVALU

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Preparation of an Economic Report 2001	POHQ	AOTA	150
<i>Subtotal</i>			150

Total planned TA program for Thailand	US\$ 0.15 million
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VANUATU

LOAN APPLICATION PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	AMOUNT (\$ million)
2002		
Outer Islands Infrastructure Development	SPRM	7.5
<i>Subtotal</i>		7.5

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PLANNED

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DIVISION	TYPE OF TA	AMOUNT (\$ 000)
2001			
Frontline Services Performance Enhancement II	SPRM	AOTA	150
Comprehensive Reform Program Sustainability II	SPRM	AOTA	400
Capacity-Building of the Legal Sector	SPRM	AOTA	300
2002			
Capacity Bldg. in Infrastructure Mgmt. (piggy-backed to loan)	SPRM	AOTA	150
Comprehensive Reform Program Sustainability III	SPRM	AOTA	300
Vanuatu National Council of Women Phase II	SPRM	AOTA	200
2003			
Preparation of an Economic Report	POHQ	AOTA	200
<i>Subtotal</i>			1,700
Total planned loan projects and TA programs for Vanuatu		US\$ 9.2 million	

II. PROJECTS APPROVED FOR THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (2000-2001)

II.A APPROVED LOANS

SECTORS	TOTAL AMOUNT (US\$ million)
Education	23.825
Finance and Industry	13.095
Transportation and Communication	20.6
Other	8.019
TOTAL APPROVED LOAN PROJECTS	US\$ 65.539 million

Country	Project Name	Sector	Loan No	Amount (US\$ millions)	Approval Date
Marshall Islands	Skills Training and Vocational Education	Education	1791	6.825	11/29/00
Micronesia Fed. States	Basic Social Services	Other	1816	8.019	12/20/00
Papua New Guinea	Rehabilitation of the Maritime Navigation Aids System	Transportation	1754	20.6	09/12/00
	Micro finance and Employment	Finance & Industry	1768	9.595	10/19/00
	Provincial Towns Water Supply and Sanitation	Environment	1812	15.345	12/14/00
Samoa	Education Sector	Education	1752	7	11/5/00
	Small Business Development	Finance & Industry	1785	3.5	11/21/00
Solomon Islands	Post- Conflict Emergency Rehabilitation	Education	1823	10	12/21/00

II.B APPROVED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

SECTORS	TOTAL AMOUNT (US\$ million)
Agriculture and Natural Resources	1.463
Education	1.803
Finance and Industry	2.529
Health	.286
Transportation and Communication	1.720
Urban Development	2.218
Other	1.180
TOTAL APPROVED TA PROJECTS	US\$ 11.199 million

Country	Project Name	Sector	TA NO.	Amount (US\$ million)	Approval Date
Cook Islands	Preparation of an Economic Report	Finance & Industry	3509	180,000	09/27/00
	Review of the Superannuation and Insurance Schemes	Finance & Industry	3554	100,000	12/6/00
Fiji Islands	Strengthening Debt Management	Finance & Industry	3391	150,000	01/14/00
	Preparation of Medium-Term National Development Plan	Finance & Industry	3408	150,000	03/02/00
	Capacity Building of the Native Land Trust Board in Preparing Land Maps and Establishing Land Boundaries	Urban Development	3424	140,000	03/31/00
	Fiji Development Bank Review	Finance & Industry	3536	150,000	05/10/00
Kiribati	Public Service Reform	Urban Development	3404	150,000	02/18/00
	Outer Islands Development Program	Urban Development	3593	350,000	12/18/00
Mars hall Islands	Strengthening the Capacity of the Ministry of Finance	Finance & Industry	3418	150,000	03/21/00
	Outer Island Transport Infrastructure	Transportation & Communication	3506	340,000	09/29/00
	Community Based Coastal Marine Resources	Agriculture & Natural	3522	298,000	10/25/00

	Development	Resources			
	Reviewing the Health Management Information Systems	Health	3611	100,000	12/21/00
Micronesia Fed. States	Improving Capacity in Performance-Based Public Finance Management Implementation	Finance & Industry	3431	500,000	04/25/00
	Improving Access to Laws	Education	3510	300,000	09/29/00
Nauru	Strengthening the Ministry of Finance and Supporting the Bureau of Statistics	Finance & Industry	3684	300,000	12/14/00
Papua New Guinea	Strengthening the Financial Management of the Health Sector	Health	2772	186,000	02/18/00
	Review of Mining and Hydrocarbon Tax Regimes	Agriculture & Natural Resources	3444	325,000	05/1900
	Review of Constraints to Informal Sector Development	Finance & Industry	3507	225,000	09/29/00
	The Governance of the Public Sector Reform Program	Urban Development	3280	381,000	10/26/00
	Agro Industry Development	Agriculture & Natural Resources	3545	500,000	11/15/00
	Coastal Fisheries Management and Development	Agriculture & Natural Resources	3604	340,000	12/20/00
	Community Water-Transport Project	Transportation & Communication	3615	580,000	12/21/00
	Rehabilitation of the Maritime Navigation Aids System	Transportation & Communication	3619	800,000	12/19/00
Samoa	Education Support	Education	3498	820,000	09/05/00
	Capacity Building of Financial and Business Advisory Intermediaries	Finance & Industry	3549	500,000	11/21/00

	Capacity Building for Urban Planning and Management	Urban Development	3566	500,000	12/11/00
Solomon Islands	Strengthening Public Sector Management	Urban Development	3419	550,000	03/23/00
	Nonformal Education and Training	Education	3426	250,000	04/06/00
Tonga	Preparation of Economic Report	Finance & Industry	3430	124,000	04/24/00
	Poverty Assessment	Urban Development	3432	147,000	04/25/00
Tuvalu	TA to Upgrade the Tuvalu Maritime Training Institute	Education	3565	250,000	12/11/00
Vanuatu	Institutional Strengthening of the Vanuatu National Council for Women	Other	3427	150,000	04/12/00
	Skills Development	Education	3437	183,000	05/11/00
	Institutional Support to Central Agencies for the Comprehensive Reform Program-Phase III	Other	3449	700,000	05/26/00
	Capacity Building of the Legal Sector	Other	3613	330,000	12/21/00

IIIA POTENTIAL TRADE & INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN FIJI FOR AMERICAN COMPANIES 2001-2003

Summary

Since the mid-90s Fiji's economy has shown positive growth, which attracted American investment, goods and services. The opening of the Cost-U-Less chain store, American investment in the tourism industry and the increasing presence of American goods and services in Fiji was evidence that the country was turning more towards the United States as a reliable, competitive supplier of quality goods and services. The local international airline, Air Pacific, also became a supporter of Boeing Aircraft and has plans to continue with the Boeing fleet in the future.

The U.S. Embassy in Fiji has made trade and investment its top priority. The Embassy has continuously and aggressively promoted American investment, goods and services and as a result, has seen positive results. The current and past Ambassador came to Fiji with a very strong business background and revamped the commercial unit to be more proactive and respond to the needs of Fiji businesses efficiently and effectively.

Unfortunately the political upheaval of May 2000 badly affected Fiji's ability to attract investments as well as its confidence and business environment. Investors are adopting a "wait and see" attitude. Major importers are just making ends meet and have no commitment to invest in marketing more products and exploring other options.

Future Opportunities

The current political impasse is expected to be resolved after the general elections in August 2001. Most countries, including the European Union, have suspended their aid to Fiji until democracy is fully restored. As a result, all major projects in the country have been put on hold. Once Fiji moves back to constitutional democracy major projects in water supply, electricity, road upgrading and new bridges worth millions of dollars will be reinitiated after the suspended aid is restored. There will be opportunities in other sectors, such as tourism, which took a major bashing during Fiji's political crisis.

Embassy Suva is working very closely with the U.S. Commercial Service of the American Embassy in Sydney, other U.S. missions in the region and the Joint Commercial Commission based at the Pacific Islands Development Program at the East West Center, University of Hawaii. Recently, a Pacific Basin Business Network was established to bring together all of these U.S. entities to process all trade and investment opportunities in the region. All trade and investment opportunities emanating from the region will be transmitted to the FCS office in Sydney, which will then forward it to American businesses through their various programs.

The Embassy will closely monitor trade and investment opportunities in Fiji after the elections in August 2001 and will ensure the opportunities are forwarded to American businesses.

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IIIB POTENTIAL TRADE & INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS FOR AMERICAN COMPANIES 2001-2003

Summary

Experts see no prospects of attractive business opportunities in the Solomon Islands in the near term. As a consequence of ethnic tension on Guadalcanal from late 1998 until the end of last year, the economy has been in a sustained tailspin. Tightening exchange controls now limit imports to essential items only.

While ethnic conflict has faded in recent months, the economic consequences of the turmoil on Guadalcanal endure. The country's most important source of export earnings, Solomon Islands Plantations Limited, closed down its oil palm plantation more than a year ago. And last year an important gold mining operation closed, followed by the shutdown of a Japanese-sponsored tuna cannery. As a result, the country's principal source of foreign exchange earnings is now a trickle of log exports.

Future Outlook

In the short run, the macroeconomic outcome in Solomon Islands largely depends upon the capacity of the government to re-instate sound fiscal management and to reduce the risks encountered by foreign investors. It will also be vitally important to renew emphasis on good governance in the public sector. Under an appropriate policy environment, multilateral lenders and the Solomons' bilateral development partners should be able to help create the conditions for sustained economic recovery. Once that process is underway, U.S. firms may once again see important opportunities in the Solomons. But this is currently a distant prospect.

The U.S. Embassy Port Moresby PNG serves the Solomon Islands. It will continue to monitor trade and investment opportunities in the Solomon Islands.

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The Pacific Islands Business Network

The Pacific Islands Business Network (PIBN) is a project of the United States-Pacific Islands Nations Joint Commercial Commission (JCC) being carried out by the Pacific Islands Development Program of the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawai'i. PIBN serves as an information conduit to provide purchasing agents, overseas investors, and individual consumers with details about products and services available in JCC member Pacific Island states. Via this new and expanding Website: www.pidp.ewc.hawaii.edu, specific information about these products and services is available in electronic form over the Internet and has the potential to reach millions of users. PIBN is an attempt to harness the power of computer and telecommunications technology to project Pacific Island products to distant markets. In addition to individual business information, country profiles are provided with information pertinent to doing business within that country. Pacific Islands and United States businessmen can register for inclusion on the PIBN through the forms available on-line.

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AOTA	Advisory and Operational Technical Assistance
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AWEH	Education, Health and Population Division, ADB
AWFN	Forestry and Natural Resources Division West, ADB
AWWU	Water Supply, Urban Development and Housing Division West, ADB
IWFI	Financial Sector and Industry Division West, ADB
IWTC	Transport and Communications Division West, ADB
OPO	Office of the Pacific Operations
POHQ	Pacific Operations Division
PPTA	Project preparatory Technical Assistance
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SPRM	Southern Pacific Regional Mission

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| 3. Bhutan | 14. Maldives | 25. Sri Lanka |
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| 7. Fiji Islands | 18. Nauru | 29. Tonga |
| 8. India | 19. Nepal | 30. Tuvalu |
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AUS Australia
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FIJ Fiji Islands
FSM Federated States of Micronesia
HKG Hong Kong SAR, China
INO Indonesia
JPN Japan
KIR Kiribati
KOR Korea, Republic of
LAO Lao People's Democratic Republic
MAL Malaysia
MLD Maldives
MON Mongolia
MYA Myanmar
NAU Nauru
NZL New Zealand
PHI Philippines
PNG Papua New Guinea
PRC People's Republic of China
RMI Marshall Islands
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