

Solomon Islands

The World Bank's expanding portfolio in Solomon Islands is focused on improving transport links across the country, increasing access to cheaper, more reliable electricity, strengthening resilience, creating jobs, and achieving sustainable growth. Support to the nation has deepened over the past several years to include efforts to bolster industries such as agriculture and fisheries while strengthening transparency, governance, and resilience. The World Bank is also providing world leading knowledge and analysis for the country, including public expenditure reviews, and analysis into local climate adaptation efforts.



Energy



The World Bank is supporting the Tina River Hydropower Development Project that will curb Solomon Islands' reliance on imported diesel, lowering power prices for families and businesses across the country.

Additional work in solar has enabled over 2,400 new electricity connections for low-income households, community infrastructure, and microenterprises in urban and rural areas.

The World Bank is also financing an additional 2.25 MW of grid connected solar through the Solomon Islands Electricity Access and Renewable Energy Expansion Project which will more than double the amount of grid-connected solar.

Governance & Resilience



The World Bank committed a total of US\$30 million supporting sustainable growth in Solomon Islands, alongside moves to grow businesses and improve public financial management.

Additionally, a new Integrated Economic Development and Community Resilience Project will increase the provision of more climate resilient infrastructure and services for rural communities. This project supports communities to prioritize the investments and support they need.

Transport



The World Bank is supporting road and aviation connections across Solomon Islands with over US\$140 million combined under the Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project and the project's Second Phase. These projects are upgrading key connection roads and bridges in Malaita and Western Province, international airports in Honiara and Munda, and a provincial airfield in Santa Cruz (Lata), Temotu. These investments will benefit tens of thousands of Solomon Islanders with positive impacts on multiple sectors including tourism, fisheries, agriculture, health, and education.

Jobs & Social Protection



More than 18,000 young people have undertaken over one million days of work and training through the Rapid Employment Project and its successor, the Community Access and Urban Services Enhancement Project, which has expanded from Honiara to other major towns, including Auki, Gizo, Noro and Munda.

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Current Projects

Project Name	Focus area		Total commitment in US\$m (includes IBRD, IDA, Other and Co-Financing)
Tina River Hydropower Development Project	Energy	●	134
Community Access and Urban Services Enhancement Project	Social Sustainability and Inclusion	●	22
GEF Electricity Access and Renewable Energy Expansion Project	Energy	●	17
Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project	Water	●	30
Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project	Transport	●	51
GEF Electricity Access and Renewable Energy Expansion Project	Energy	●	1
Solomon Islands Sustainable Mining Development Technical Assistance Project	Extractives	●	5
Solomon Islands Agriculture and Rural Transformation Project	Agriculture and Food	●	15
Integrated Economic Development and Community Resilience Project	Social Sustainability and Inclusion	●	24
Solomon Islands COVID-19 Emergency Response Project	Health, Nutrition & Population	●	13
Second Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project	Transport	●	89
Solomon Islands: Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program - Second Phase for Economic Resilience	Environment, Natural Resources & the Blue Economy	●	14
Solomon Islands Community Benefits Sharing Project - Phase 2	Social Sustainability and Inclusion	●	5
The First Solomon Islands Resilience Development Policy Operation with a Catastrophe Drawdown Option	Economic Resilience Commitment	●	20
Building Capacity in Statistics and Audit in the Solomon Islands (CAPSA)	Poverty and Equity	●	6
TOTAL			404