

The World Bank in 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 assist in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, bolster industries such as agriculture and fisheries, and support anti-corruption and governance reforms.

The World Bank is also providing world leading knowledge and analysis for the country through wide ranging surveys on COVID's lasting impacts on local communities, conducting public expenditure reviews, and reviewing how local adaptation efforts are being stretched by climate change. Total World Bank financing for Solomon Islands is approximately \$432.66m, including IDA, partner and Trust Fund contributions.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Energy & Extractives



The World Bank is supporting the Tina River Hydropower 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.

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 (SIRAP) 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.

Social & Jobs



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.

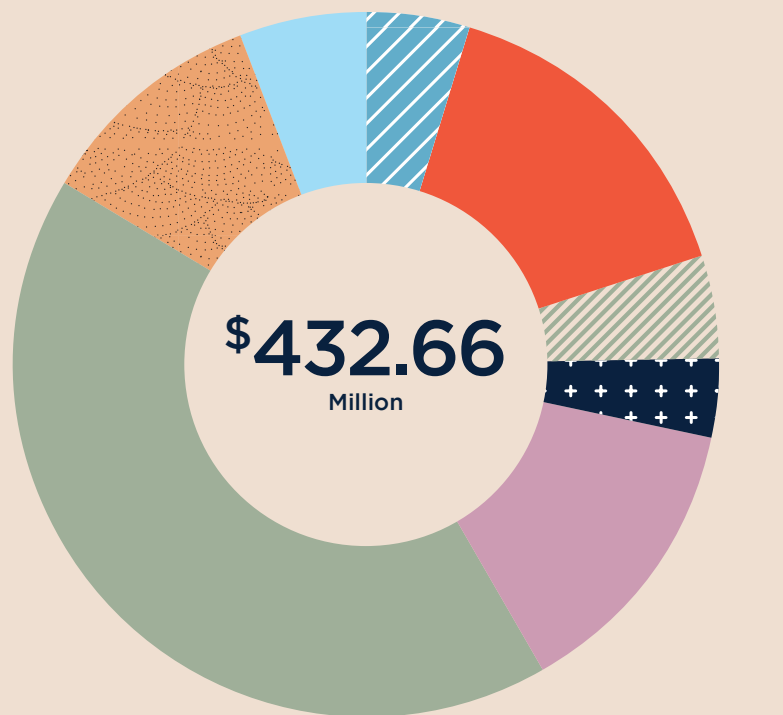
Governance & Resilience



The World Bank committed a total of US\$30 million supporting sustainable growth in Solomon Islands alongside moves to fight corruption, grow businesses and improve public financial management. This assistance, delivered through two operations, is supporting the country to meet the challenges of COVID 19's impact on economic growth and government revenue.

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 aligns with government systems by consolidating local government spending and supports community engagement in prioritizing the investments and support they need.

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* based on FY23 (1 July 2022) data.

Current Projects

As of the 1 July 2022 there are 11 active projects.

Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project II

Agriculture and Rural Transformation Project

Integrated Economic Development and Community Resilience Project

Sustainable Mining Technical Assistance Project

Tina River Hydropower Development Project

Electricity Access & Renewable Energy Expansion Project

Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program

Transition to Sustainable Growth Policy Operation

Community Benefit Sharing Pilot Project

Community Access & Urban Services Project

Roads & Aviation Project

Urban Water Supply & Sanitation Sector Project

COVID-19 Emergency Response Project