Asian Development Bank
Assistance for COVID-19 Response in the Pacific

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Support Provided

Emergency Assistance for Health Response

- Asia-Pacific Disaster Response Fund: $18.5 million for Pacific developing members
- Regional collaboration with UNICEF to fund test kits, PPE, and medical supplies: $7.9 million

General Budget Support

- Contingent disaster financing: Paid out for 7 countries: $45.9 million. Replenished: $94 million
- Policy-based loans topped up: FIJ $200 million; Tonga $12.2 million
Ongoing Support and Future Priorities

Technical Assistance

• Economic and fiscal planning, social protection rapid assessments
• Safe reopening of borders: Airport authorities in FIJ, COO, SAM

Future Priorities

• Facilitating economic recovery – advice to help restore tourism, budget support, infrastructure investment, leveraging ICT
• Public financial management – fiscal and debt management, domestic resource mobilization, state-owned enterprise reform

Vaccines and Health System Strengthening

• Existing ADB vaccines project – SAM, TON, TUV, VAN – increased funding
• Planning: Nationwide strategies, registration, communication/awareness
• Systems strengthening: Cold chain and supply chain, human resources, risk management systems
• Financing: purchasing vaccines and other associated goods and services