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Asian Development Bank

Asia's Leading Multilateral Development Bank

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) aims to eradicate extreme poverty and foster inclusive and sustainable growth in the Asia-Pacific region by providing financial support and technical assistance to its member countries. It facilitates policy dialogue, offers advisory services and mobilises financial resources through co-financing operations. Thanks to its AAA credit rating, the Bank can borrow at attractive interest rates and lend to its borrowers on favourable conditions. The ADB includes the following two main entities:

- the ADB provides loans, grants and technical support to governments and the private sector
- the Asian Development Fund (ADF) provides grants and technical assistance to support the poorest member countries

Focus
Asia and the Pacific

Headquarters
Manila, Philippines

Established in
1966 (ADB); 1974 (ADF)

Member countries
ADB: 69, in 12 voting groups
ADF: 36

Borrowing countries
ADB: 41; ADF: 36

Lending volume 2025 (USD)
19 billion

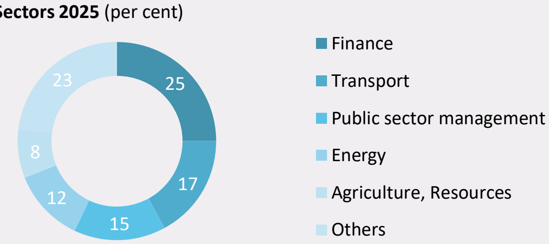
Total portfolio 2025 (USD)
117.8 billion

Operational Priorities

Addressing poverty and reducing inequalities	Making cities more liveable
Accelerating progress in gender equality	Strengthening governance and institutional capacity
Tackling climate change and building resilience	Fostering regional cooperation and integration
Promoting rural development and food security	

Portfolio

Sectors 2025 (per cent)



Regions 2025 (per cent)

ADB: Successful Cooperation with Switzerland for Over 50 Years

The ADB is a priority partner under Switzerland's International Cooperation Strategy for reducing poverty and promoting sustainable development in Asia. As a member of a voting group, Switzerland actively participates in the discussions and decisions of the ADB's governing bodies to fulfil its supervisory role as a shareholder. The State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) jointly determine the positions that Switzerland adopts within the ADB. Switzerland's strategic priorities include:

- Results-orientation, effectiveness, and targeted financing of development projects according to the Bank's core expertise and strategic priorities
- Adequate capitalisation and safeguarding the AAA-rating
- Compliance with international environmental, social and governance standards
- promoting the private sector and mobilising private capital, including in least developed and fragile countries
- Focus on renewable energy projects to support the energy transition
- Systemic coordination and collaboration with development partners

Swiss accession
1967 (ADB); 1974 (ADF)

Swiss voting group
Belgium, France, Israel, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland

Swiss voting share ADB
0.76%

Swiss paid in capital ADB (USD)
40.4 million

Swiss burden share ADF
0.58%

Swiss contribution to ADF 2025-28 (CHF)
10 million

Vietnam Fintech Programme

Small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are a critical part of Vietnam's economy. The objective of ADB's Vietnam Fintech programme is to improve SMEs' access to finance by enhancing the regulatory environment for innovative fintech solutions, developing a digital finance ecosystem and supporting the digital transformation of Vietnam's financial sector. New digital banking services and fintech applications will help to reduce lenders' transaction costs and improve access to the credit history of borrowers, thus making it more attractive for commercial banks to provide the SME segment with much needed capital. Part of a larger ADB financial sector technical assistance programme called Expanding Inclusive and Climate Finance in Vietnam, Switzerland is supporting the Vietnam Fintech Programme through SECO with a USD 5 million contribution.

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