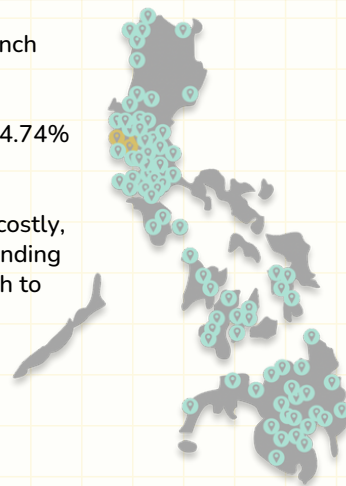


FUNDING THE STATUS QUO OVER SUSTAINABILITY?

ADB's Role in the Philippines' Fossil Fuel Dependence

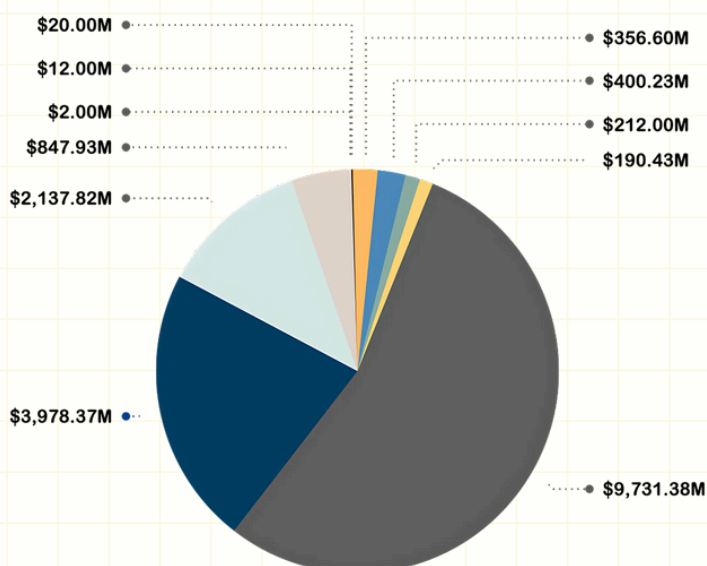
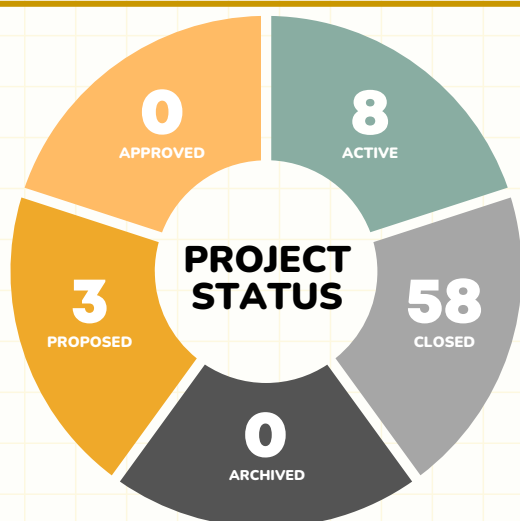
The Asian Development Bank's (ADB) energy investments in the Philippines entrench fossil fuel dependence and oligopolistic power sector, failing to support a just and sustainable transition. A staggering 54.4% of funding (\$9.73B) goes to electricity transmission and distribution, reinforcing centralized power structures, while only 4.74% (\$847.9M) is allocated for energy efficiency.

This disregard for community-led renewable solutions keeps Filipinos locked into costly, outdated, and destructive energy systems. This infographic exposes how ADB's funding choices prioritize profit over people, deepen inequality, and block the country's path to clean energy sovereignty.



Legend

- Project Location
- Project Location (Proposed)



Proposed – Under review, not yet approved for funding or implementation.



Approved – Sanctioned with funds allocated but not necessarily used.



Active – Approved and currently in progress.



Closed – Completed with all activities and reports finalized.



Archived – Stored for reference, no longer tracked or updated.

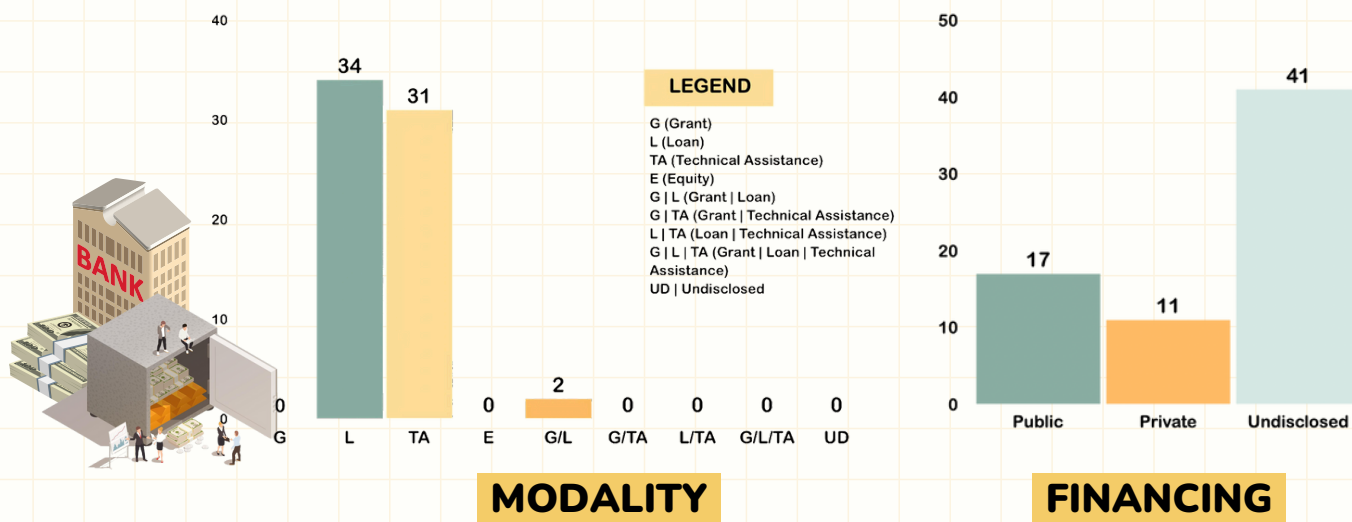
TOTAL ADB ENERGY PROJECTS 69

TOTAL ADB FINANCIAL COMMITMENT (US\$B) \$17.89 B

TOP-FUNDED: POWER TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION

\$9.73 M





SAFEGUARDS CATEGORY

ADB Safeguard Policies minimize the environmental and social impacts of projects, ensuring protection and sustainability. Projects are classified by risk to determine necessary assessments and mitigation. They focus on three key areas to ensure responsible and sustainable development:



Environment – Minimizes harm through assessments, management, and sustainability.






Involuntary Resettlement – Ensures fair compensation, livelihood restoration, and consultation.



Indigenous Peoples – Protects rights, culture, land, and promotes inclusive development.

CATEGORIES

- **A** | High risk with major, lasting impacts. Needs a full assessment.
- **B** | Moderate risk with local impacts. Needs a basic assessment.
- **C** | Low risk, minimal impact. Only basic screening needed.
- **FI** | ADB funds banks or institutions that lend to subprojects, assessed based on their impact.
- **FI - C** | No expected adverse impacts from subprojects.

CAT			
A	1	0	0
B	7	4	2
C	6	9	11
FI	1	1	1
FI-C	0	0	0
No Classification	54	55	55



WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON?

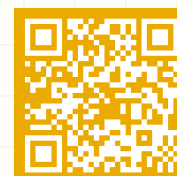
ADB's energy funding in the Philippines sacrifices communities and the environment for corporate gain. Nearly half (46.73%) of projects lack environmental safeguards, enabling unchecked destruction. Resettlement protections are just as weak, with 47.07% of funding (\$8.42B) failing to protect displaced families, exposing them to forced evictions and exploitation.

Indigenous communities face even greater neglect—47.07% of projects exclude Indigenous safeguards, while only 12.4% (\$2.2B) falls under the weakest protection category. ADB's reckless funding fuels displacement, land grabs, and environmental devastation, proving once again that its priorities lie with profit, not people.

ADB's energy funding in the Philippines prioritizes profit-driven, large-scale projects over people, sustainability, and justice. With nearly half of its projects lacking environmental, resettlement, and Indigenous safeguards, ADB enables pollution, displacement, and corporate control over energy. Instead of supporting a just transition, its investments reinforce fossil fuel dependence, marginalize communities, and ignore clean, decentralized solutions. Without drastic changes, ADB will continue to fuel inequality, environmental destruction, and energy injustice—leaving Filipinos to bear the cost of its reckless agenda.

IT'S TIME TO REJECT FOSSIL FUEL DEPENDENCE AND DEMAND A JUST, RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITION THAT PRIORITIZES FILIPINOS—NOT CORPORATIONS.

NEED DEFINITIONS? SCAN THE CODE.



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