



FOSSIL FUELS OVER REAL SOLUTIONS

How ADB is Blocking Thailand's Clean Energy Future

Asian Development Bank's (ADB) energy projects in Thailand reinforce fossil fuel dependence while neglecting truly sustainable solutions. With \$1.4B (18.8%) funneled into conventional energy, ADB fuels climate harm instead of supporting a just transition. Meanwhile, energy efficiency receives only 1.3% of funding, exposing its weak commitment to real sustainability.

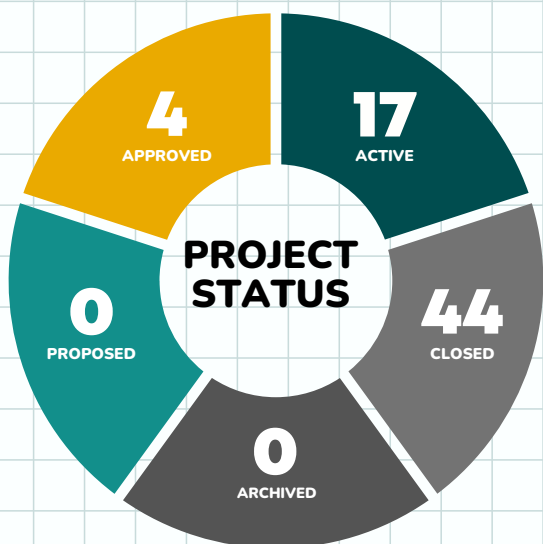
Prioritizing outdated energy models and corporate interests over people-centered renewables, ADB's approach raises concerns about long-term environmental and social impacts. Its strategy follows a broader trend of multilateral banks backing fossil fuels while making token sustainability efforts. By locking Thailand into carbon-intensive infrastructure, ADB delays a clean energy transition and overlooks demand-side solutions like efficiency.

This infographic highlights critical gaps in ADB's strategy, questioning whether its investments align with Thailand's long-term sustainability and energy transition goals.



Legend

Project Location



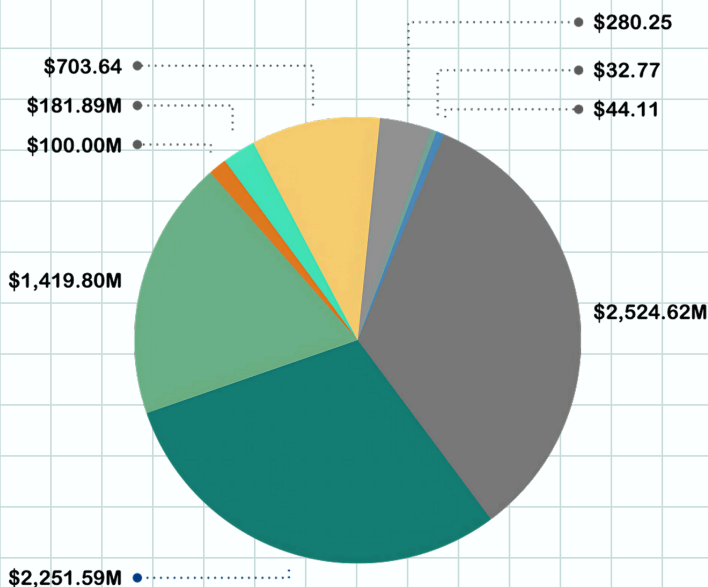
Proposed – Under review, not yet approved for funding or implementation.

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.



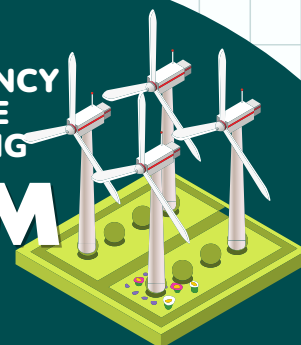
- Electricity Transmission and Distribution
- Energy Sector Development and Institutional Reform
- Conventional Energy Generation
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation
- Oil and Gas Transmission and Distribution
- Renewable Energy Generation - Solar
- Renewable Energy Generation - Wind
- Renewable energy generation - biomass and waste
- Solar & Wind

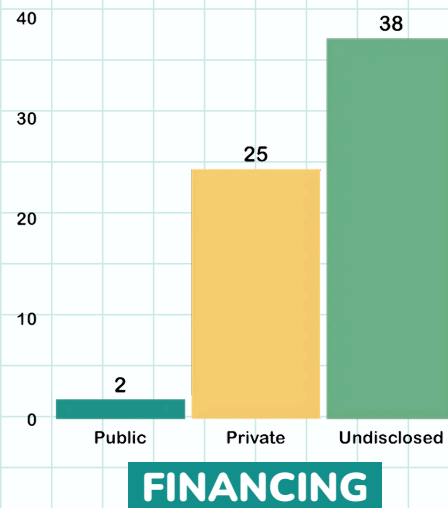
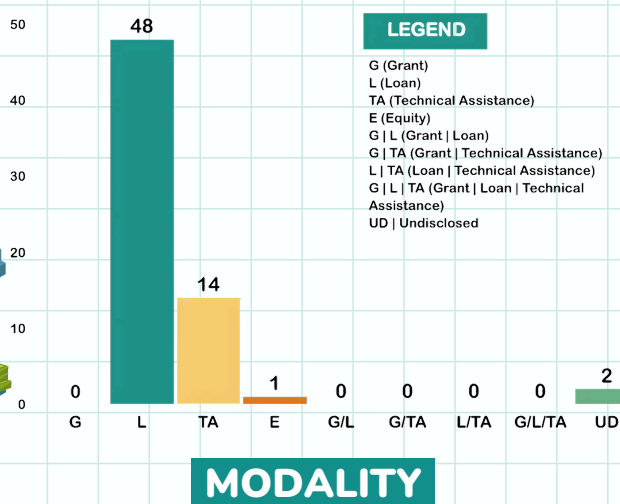
TOTAL ADB ENERGY PROJECTS 65

TOTAL ADB FINANCIAL COMMITMENT (US\$B) \$7.54B

ENERGY EFFICIENCY RECEIVED THE LEAST FUNDING

\$100 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	6	0	0
B	14	4	2
C	3	9	11
FI	0	1	1
FI-C	0	0	0
No Classification	42	55	55



WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON?

ADB's energy projects in Thailand prioritize profit over environmental and social justice, with most funding lacking clear safeguards. Over 73% of projects (\$5.5B) have no environmental protections, risking biodiversity loss, pollution, and ecological destruction. Resettlement policies are severely underfunded, with 74.82% of projects (\$5.64B) failing to ensure fair compensation and protection for displaced communities. Indigenous rights are neglected, with only 0.99% of funding (\$75M) allocated to projects with Indigenous safeguards, leaving communities vulnerable to displacement and cultural erosion.

Without stronger commitments to sustainability, resettlement justice, and Indigenous protections, ADB's energy agenda continues to fuel exploitation rather than equitable development in Thailand.

ADB's energy investments in Thailand heavily favor large-scale infrastructure and conventional energy while neglecting environmental and social safeguards. Over 73% of projects (\$5.5B) lack clear environmental protections, and 74.82% (\$5.64B) ignore resettlement and Indigenous rights, prioritizing profit over sustainability and social justice. Minimal investment in renewables and community-focused solutions highlights ADB's failure to support a just energy transition. Without stronger safeguards and a shift to clean, people-centered energy, ADB risks worsening inequality, environmental destruction, and long-term harm to Thai communities.

ADB MUST STOP FUNDING HARMFUL ENERGY PROJECTS AND PRIORITIZE SUSTAINABLE, COMMUNITY-LED SOLUTIONS THAT PROTECT PEOPLE, ECOSYSTEMS, AND INDIGENOUS RIGHTS IN THAILAND.

NEED DEFINITIONS? SCAN THE CODE.



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