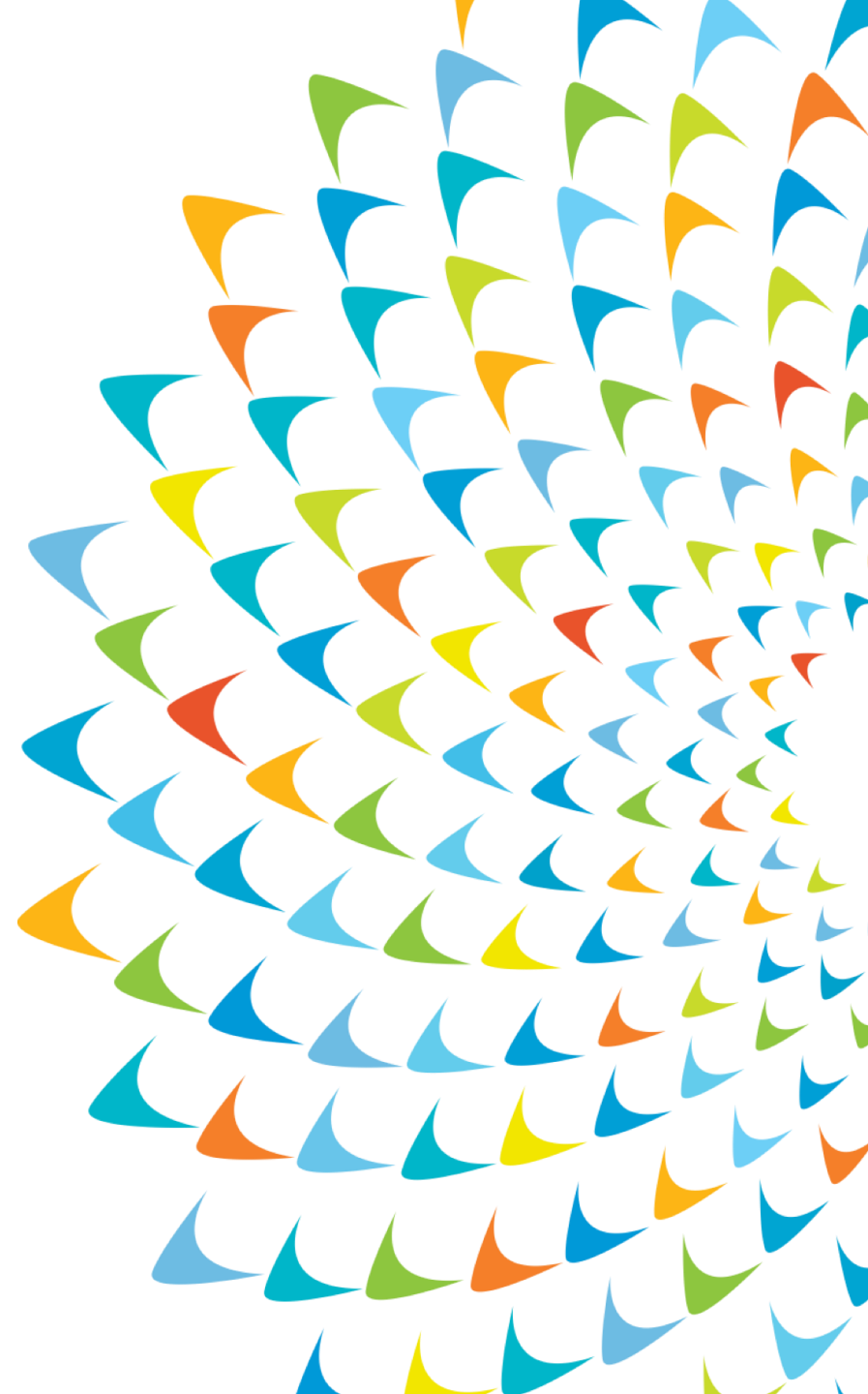




ADB's Support to Travel and Tourism

First meeting of the ICAO APAC COVID-19 Contingency and Recovery
Planning Group (ACCRPG/1)
June 5, 2020

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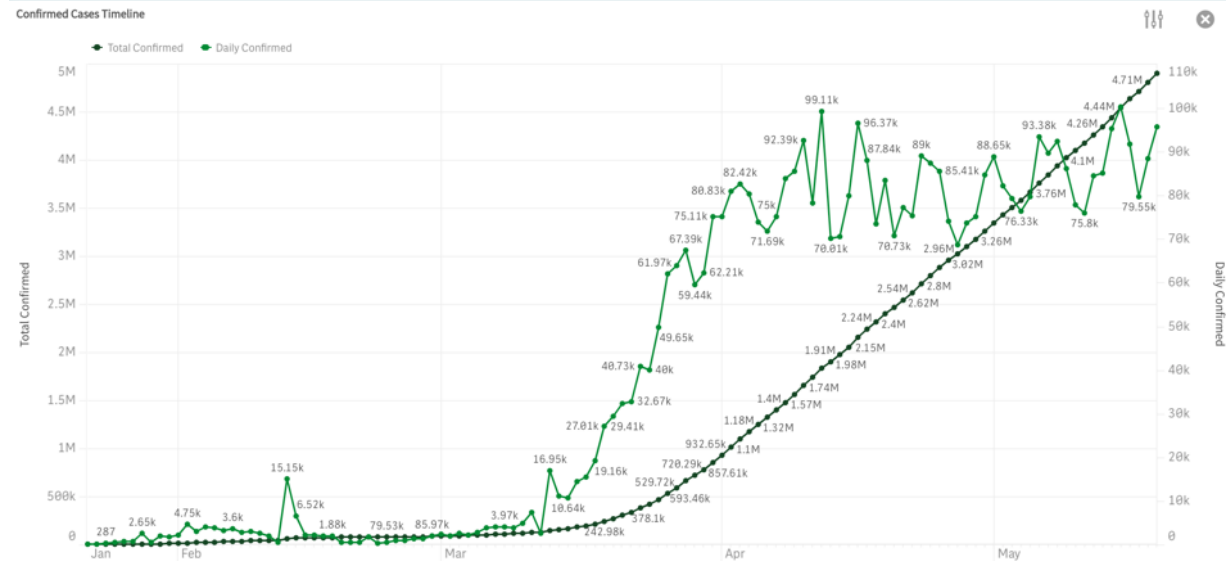




COVID-19 Situation: Epidemiology

Globally as of 4th June:

- 6 551 290 confirmed cases
- 386 795 deaths

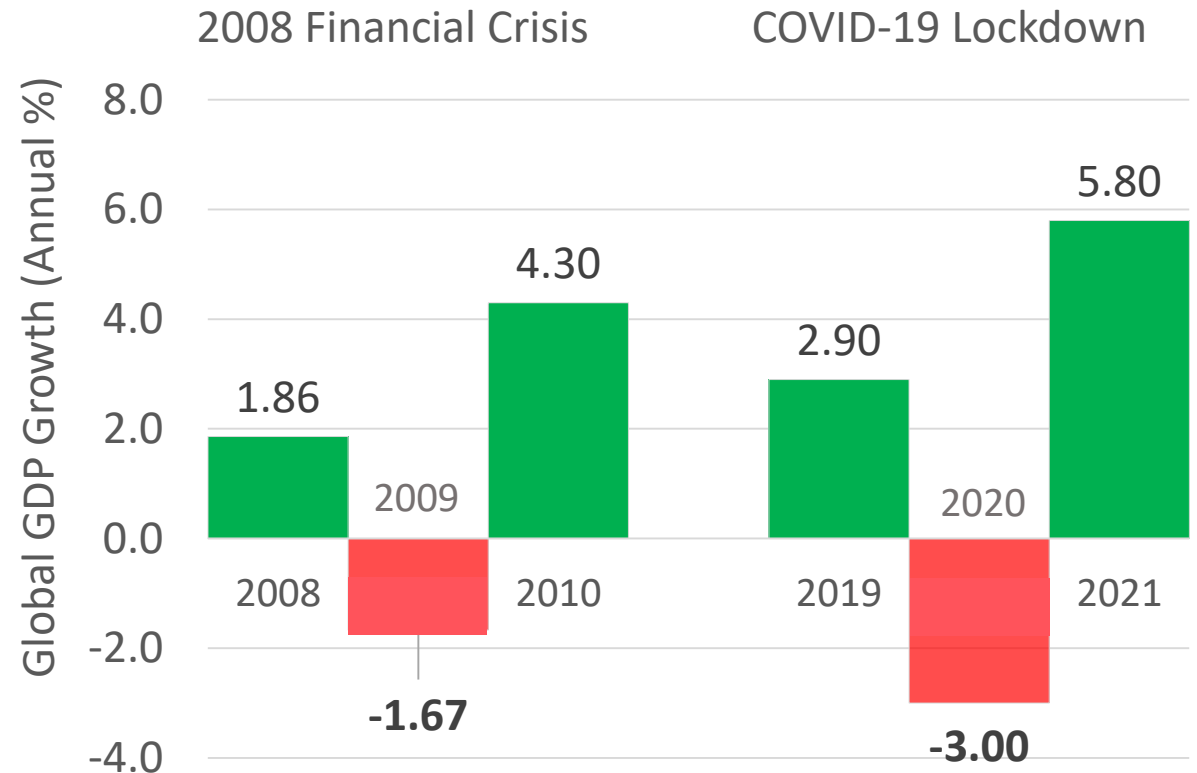


Source: World Health Organization



COVID-19 Situation: Economic Impact

- COVID-19 will cause the global economy to contract by almost twice as much as the recent financial crisis
- Economic growth in Asia and the Pacific will fall to 2.2% from a projected 5.5%
- Part of this contraction is due to the pandemic's negative impact on travel and tourism



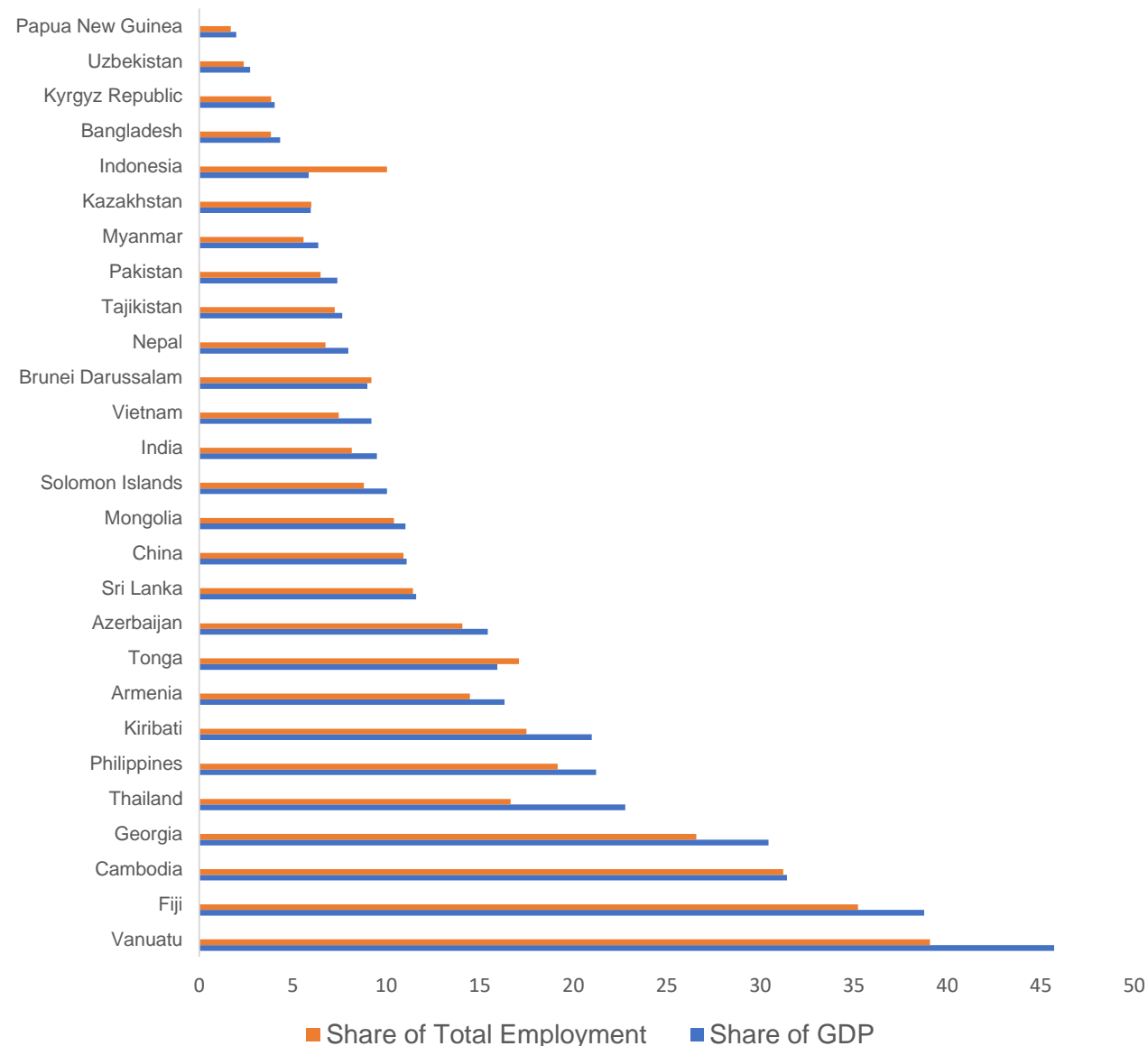
Source: International Monetary Fund



COVID-19 Situation: Travel and Tourism

- Tourism and travel comprise a large share of GDP and employment in Asia-Pacific
- COVID-19 has had a severe negative impact on this sector
- Recovery of the tourism sector is critical to continued economic development

Travel and Tourism
(% of GDP and % of Employment), 2019



Source: World Bank



ADB Support to Travel and Tourism Sectors

Prior to the pandemic, ADB supported travel and tourism at regional and country levels:

- Investment in **infrastructure**
- Supporting **compliance** with health and safety standards
- Building **technical capacity**
- Strengthening **regional cooperation and integration**

\$20 billion has been allocated for COVID-19:

- **Financing response** activities
- **Convening partners** to share knowledge and strengthen coordination
- **Generating evidence** to inform policy and implementation



ADB Support to the Aviation Industry

- \$480 million in Papua New Guinea
 - Improvements to comply with ICAO safety and security standards
- \$80 million in Nepal
 - Improving airports and civil aviation safety standards
- Up to \$100 million in Fiji
 - Stabilizing and recovery from COVID-19





ADB Support to the Tourism Sector:

- **Greater Mekong Subregion Sustainable Tourism Development Project**
 - \$10 million for Lao PDR
 - \$60 million for Vietnam
- **Sustainable Tourism Development in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Region**
 - \$38 million for Mongolia
 - \$10 million for Tajikistan
- **South Asia Tourism Infrastructure Development Project**
 - \$12 million for Bangladesh
 - \$32.75 million for India
 - \$12.75 million for Nepal



Best Practices for COVID-19 Response

- **Problem:** COVID-19 will likely change travel forever. Defining international guidelines requires an inclusive process
- **Solution:** ADB, ICAO, IATA, PATA are convening partners and organizations from across private sector and government to inform health standards for the future of travel (customer journey)

Priority Travel Health Areas	
Areas for cooperation	Examples of potential interventions
Strengthening management and planning	Clear, consistent and enhanced communication; adequate supply of PPE; staff training; Crisis Coordination Teams
Introducing transmission barriers	Use of face masks and/or other PPE; restricting access to high-risk areas; introduce capacity limits, physical barrier, touchless/cashless transactions to help maintain social distancing
Enhancing sanitation	Introducing enhanced cleaning regimes; hygiene-enhanced security; clean kits for passengers
Promoting health screening	Non-intrusive temperature screening; health declaration form; COVID-19 testing; “one stop-security arrangements”



Conclusion

- On June 19 ADB, IATA, ICAO, and PATA are convening a meeting to reach consensus on priority activities for investment
- ADB and ICAO will engage with countries to implement the recommendations from this meeting (starting discussion with government of Fiji)
- This can serve as a blueprint for re-opening the travel sector across member countries