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NO NEW ASEAN-LABELED BOND ISSUANCES WERE RECORDED IN AUGUST. HOWEVER, MALAYSIA AND THAILAND BELATEDLY REPORTED ISSUANCES OF GREEN, SUSTAINABILITY, AND SUSTAINABILITY-LINKED BONDS AMOUNTING TO USD 941.26 MILLION, REFLECTING CONTINUED MOMENTUM IN THE REGION'S SUSTAINABLE FINANCE SPACE. AMONG THE SIX REPORTING ASEAN COUNTRIES, THE PHILIPPINES RETAINED ITS POSITION AS THE SECOND-LARGEST ISSUER OF ASEAN-LABELED BONDS.

TOTAL ASEAN–LABELED GREEN, SOCIAL, SUSTAINABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY-LINKED (GSS+) BONDS

As of 31 August 2025, the total amount of ASEAN-labeled Green, Social, Sustainability and Sustainability-Linked Bonds issued was USD71.48 billion, with Philippine issuers accounting for US$18.46 billion dollars or 26% of the total amount issued.

SEC PHILIPPINES BACKS BROADER REGIONAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AGENDA AT 2025 ASEAN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AWARDS

The Securities and Exchange Commission Philippines, as Chair and Secretariat of the ASEAN Capital Markets Forum (ACMF) Working Group on Corporate Governance, joined the 2025 ASEAN Corporate Governance Conference and Awards in Kuala Lumpur, which gathered over 400 regulators, investors, experts, and publicly listed companies (PLCs). The 2024 ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard results showed significant progress, with 250 companies earning ASEAN Asset Class recognition, up from 135 in 2019, reflecting stronger transparency and governance practices. Six Philippine firms made it to the ASEAN Top 50 PLCs, while 35 others received distinctions, underscoring the SEC's commitment to promoting accountability and sustainable corporate governance.

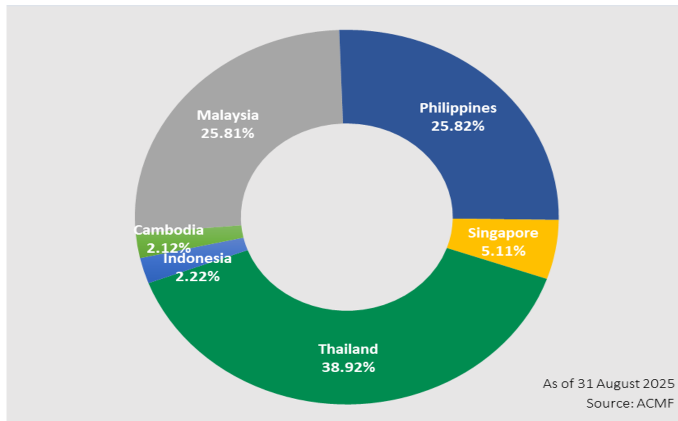
ERIA HOSTS KEY DIALOGUE ON ASEAN CARBON MARKET DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), together with Mitsubishi Research Institute (MRI), held a focused dialogue with ACMF Deputies under the ACMF Action Plan to advance the ASEAN Voluntary Carbon Market (VCM) ecosystem. Building on discussions from earlier 2025 meetings, the session was co-led with the Securities Commission Malaysia as part of its ASEAN Chairmanship. The meeting, which was held on 27 August 2025, aimed to finalize VCM guidance to support a credible and well-functioning regional framework. ERIA and MRI facilitated exchanges on practical measures, project progress, and feedback from regulators and market institutions to ensure integrity and interoperability. A final project report capturing these insights will be released in October 2025.

TOTAL ASEAN–LABELED GSS+ BOND ISSUANCES BY COUNTRY
(in USD Millions; figures may vary due to exchange rates)

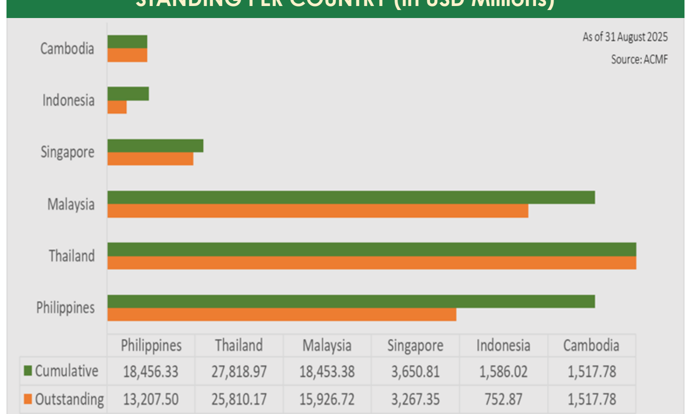
Country	As of 31 Aug 25	As of 31 Jul 25	% Change	RANK
Philippines	18,456.33	18,456.33	0.00%	2nd
Thailand	27,818.97*	27,525.20	1.07%	1st
Malaysia	18,453.38**	17,954.18	2.78%	3rd
Singapore	3,650.81	3,650.81	0.00%	4th
Indonesia	1,586.02	1,586.02	0.00%	5th
Cambodia	1,517.78	1,517.78	0.00%	6th

*This includes USD293.77 million issuances from Thailand on June 2025
**This includes USD647.49 million issuances from Malaysia on July 2025



All reported ASEAN-labeled bond issuances for August 2025 came belatedly from Thailand and Malaysia which amounted to USD941.26 million. Thailand's issuances were led by CK Power, which raised USD154.62 million through multiple tranches of green bonds to finance water power projects, complemented by Central Plaza Hotel Public Company Limited's USD46.38 million sustainability-linked bond and the Export-Import Bank of Thailand's USD92.77 million sustainability bond for SME-related projects. Meanwhile, Malaysia recorded more diverse issuances, highlighted by Malaysia Rail Link Sdn Berhad's USD473.40 million sustainability bond for the East Coast Rail Link project, along with smaller but notable green and sustainability bonds from Exsim Capital Resources Berhad, Zetrix AI Berhad, Global Vision Logistics Sdn Berhad, and Exio Logistics Sdn Berhad.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF GSS+ BONDS ISSUED AND TOTAL AMOUNT OUTSTANDING PER COUNTRY (in USD Millions)



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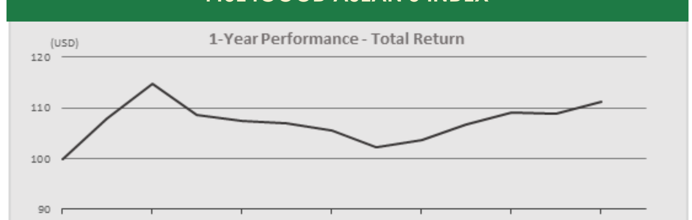
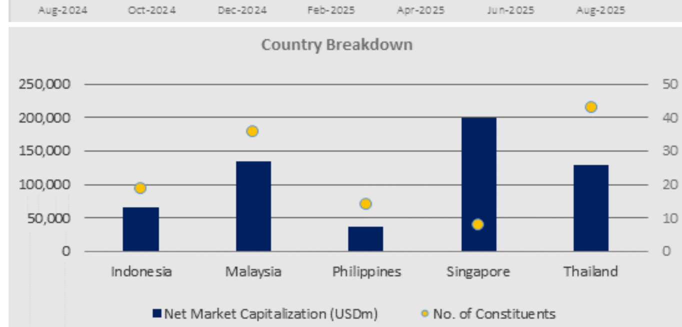
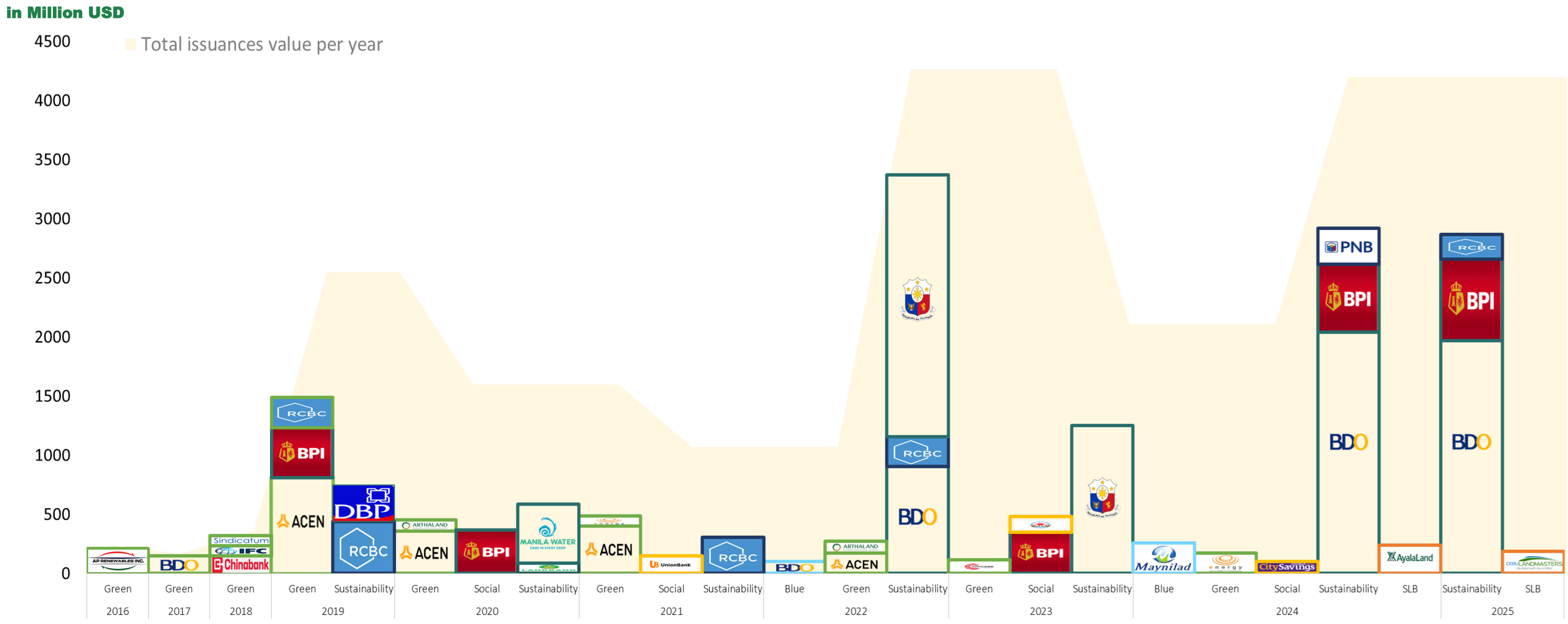




Data as of 31 August 2025
Source: FTSE Website

PHILIPPINE GSS+ BOND ISSUANCES*



*Includes Green Bonds that are issued prior to the release of the SEC GSS Bond Guidelines, as well as Sustainability and Blue Bonds that are not ASEAN-labelled.

PHILIPPINE SUSTAINABILITY NEWS UPDATE

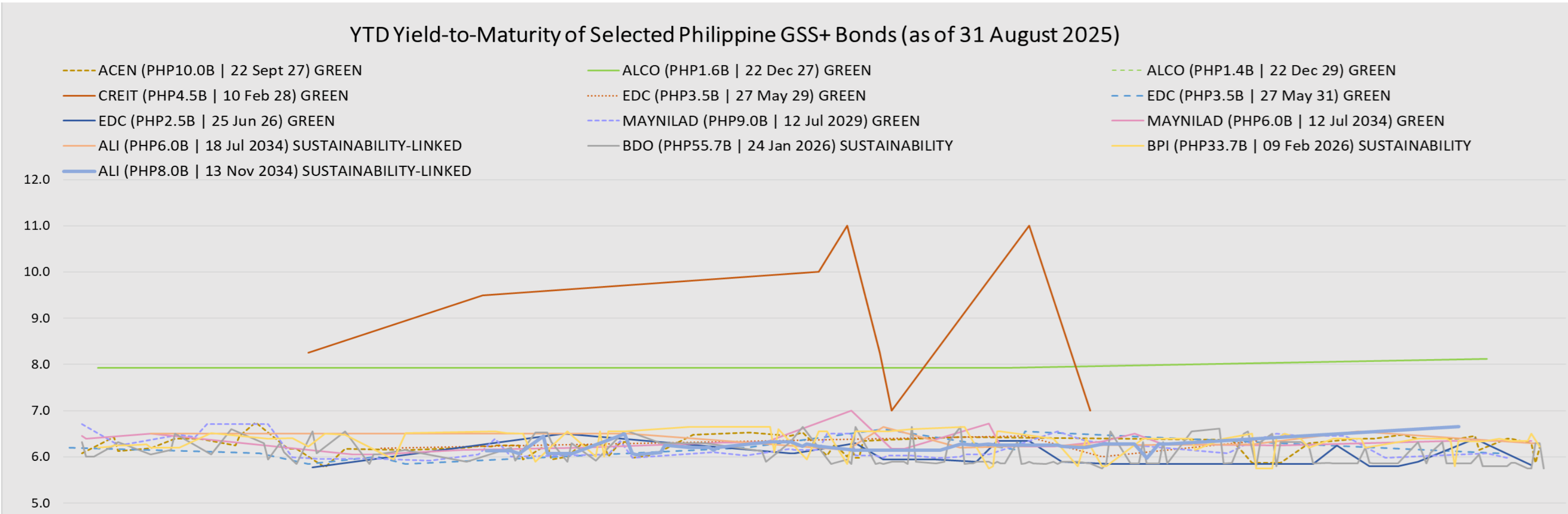
- SM Prime looking into green financing options.[1] SM Prime Holdings Inc. is exploring sustainability-linked financing, including green bonds, to broaden its funding sources and back projects with environmental and social benefits. President Jeffrey Lim emphasized that these instruments would complement the company's strong cash flow and access to traditional financing. The company also plans to raise up to PHP20 billion in the fourth quarter through a retail bond offering to refinance maturing debt. Highlighting its ESG commitment, SM Prime maintained its inclusion for the ninth straight year in the FTSE4Good Index, a global standard for companies that meet strict ESG standards.

- Unilever PH's Cavite factory taps solar power.[2] Unilever Philippines has installed a 1,211-kilowatt solar power system at its 7.5-hectare factory in General Trias, Cavite, reinforcing its commitment to decarbonization and long-term climate action. The solar panels, inaugurated in June 2025, are expected to generate 1,847 megawatt-hours annually, complementing the site's geothermal energy supply and supporting the company's 2030 goal of achieving full emissions reduction. The Cavite facility, which is one of the Unilever's largest food manufacturing hubs globally, produces popular brands like Lady's Choice and Knorr for both local and export markets. Employing over 700 people, the site has also expanded production capacity through automation, with more than 80 percent of its lines now fully automated.

- Department of Energy (DOE) said offshore wind auction on track this year.[3] The Marcos administration is set to hold the country's first offshore wind auction this year, offering 3,300 megawatts under the fifth green energy auction round. Energy Secretary Sharon Garin said the Department of Energy (DOE) is coordinating with agencies like the Philippine Ports Authority and the National Grid Corp. of the Philippines to address infrastructure needs, particularly for fixed-bottom offshore wind technology. The initiative aims to deliver the first output before 2028 and supports the government's goal of raising renewables' share in the energy mix to 35 percent by 2030 and 50 percent by 2040. As of July, the DOE had awarded 87 offshore wind service contracts with a combined potential capacity of 68 gigawatts.

- ACEN cited for strong sustainability practices.[4] ACEN Corp., the Ayala Group's listed energy arm, has been recognized for the third year in a row in the FTSE4Good Index Series for its strong ESG performance. It also earned an "A" rating from MSCI ESG Ratings, highlighting its ability to manage sustainability risks and advance its decarbonization strategy. The company stressed that sustainability serves as a key growth driver, strengthening investor confidence and long-term value creation. ACEN, which is on track to achieve 100 percent clean energy generation this year, also received an A- rating from CDP (formerly Carbon Disclosure Project) for its climate action and transparency.

- DOE sets public meeting on carbon credits.[5] The DOE held a public consultation on 19 August 2025 to draft guidelines for issuing, managing, and monitoring carbon credits in the energy sector. Carbon credits, generated from certified projects that cut or remove greenhouse gas emissions, were presented as tools to reduce emissions, attract clean energy investments, and support the Philippines' Paris Agreement commitments. The initiative followed a 2024 memorandum of understanding with Singapore on carbon credits under Article 6 of the agreement. Around 120 energy stakeholders participated in refining the draft policy to ensure credibility and investor confidence in climate solutions.



Data as of 31 August 2025 | Source: Philippine Dealing & Exchange Corp.

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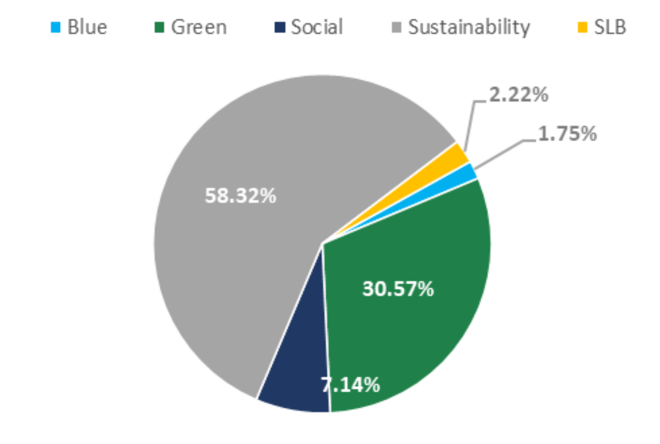
ASEAN-Labeled Bonds Issuances by Philippine Issuers



Blue	Green	Social
USD262.52M	USD4.58B	USD1.07B

Sustainability	Sustainability-Linked
USD8.74B	USD332.52M

As of August 2025, the total ASEAN-labeled bonds issued by Philippine entities (excluding BTr issuances), as confirmed by the SEC, amounted to USD14.98 billion. Sustainability bonds remain the largest segment, totaling USD8.74 billion or 58.32% of issuances, led by major banks including BDO, RCBC, BPI, PNB, DBP, and Manila Water Company. Green bonds follow at USD4.58 billion or 30.57%, driven mainly by AC Energy Finance, ACEN Finance, and other renewable energy and green infrastructure issuers. Social bonds reached USD1.07 billion or 7.14%, supporting inclusive finance through issuers such as ASA Philippines Foundation, BPI, City Savings Bank, and UnionBank. Sustainability-linked bonds (SLBs) amounted to USD332.52 million or 2.22%, contributed by Ayala Land and Cebu Landmasters. Blue bonds, represented solely by Maynilad Water Services' USD262.52 million issuance, account for 1.75% and target sustainable water and ocean-related projects.

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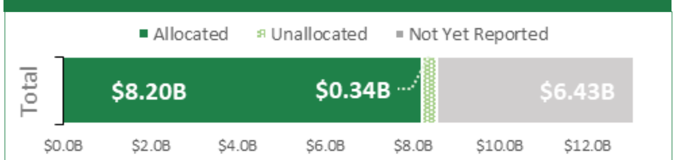
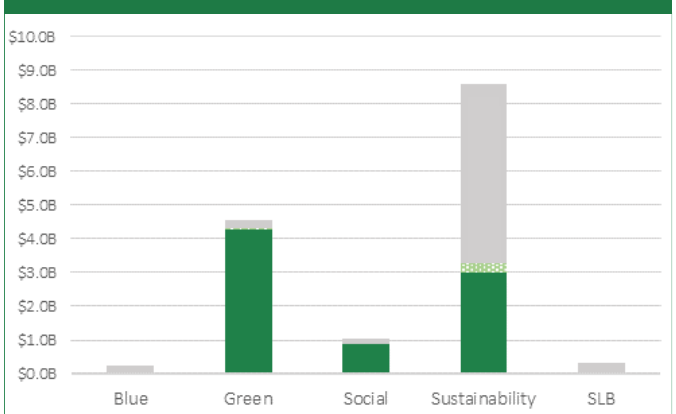
Percentage Allocation of Philippine-Issued ASEAN-labeled Bonds



Percentage Allocation of Philippine-Issued ASEAN-labeled Bonds by Category



Out of the USD14.98 billion ASEAN-Labeled GSS+ Bonds issued by Philippine companies, approximately USD8.20 billion (54.77%) has been successfully disbursed to eligible projects while USD342.14 million (2.28%) is yet to be disbursed to projects. A substantial USD6.43 billion (42.94%) is classified as "Not Yet Reported," since either the Allocation or Impact Report for these relatively recent issuances are not yet available. Within these categories, Green bonds have the highest disbursement rate, with 93.43% of proceeds already directed to eligible Green projects.

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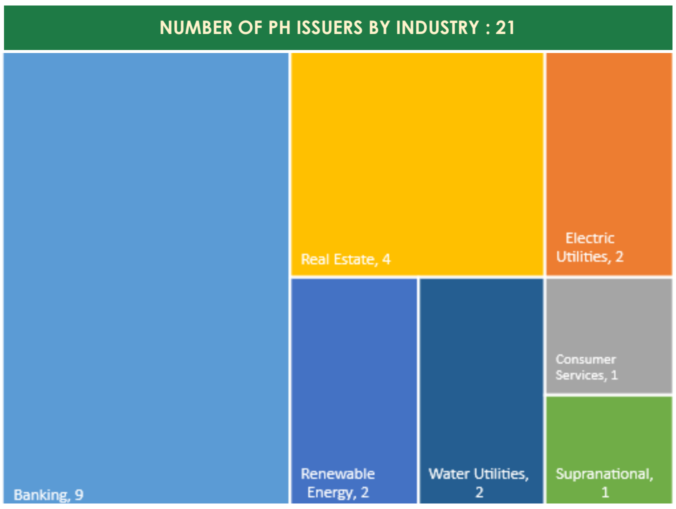
NUMBER OF PH ISSUERS BY INDUSTRY : 21



Turning Proceeds into Progress: Actual Projects Funded through ASEAN-Labeled Bonds

GREEN BONDS HIGHLIGHTS

Issuer: Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation

132.5MW Helios Solar Farm
Cadiz City, Negros Occidental, Philippines

Source: Embassy and Consular Office of France in Manila Website

330MW Solar Farm
Ninh Thuan, Vietnam

Source: BIM Group Website

RCBC allocated proceeds from its PHP15.0B RCB Fixed Rate ASEAN Green Bonds Due 2020 to finance and refinance loans in various eligible green projects, including renewable energy, energy efficiency, clean transportation, and sustainable water management. RCBC participated in 12 renewable and energy efficiency projects, including serving as the largest funder for a 132.5-MW solar farm in Cadiz, Negros Occidental, and as the sole lender for Southeast Asia's largest solar power plant, a 330-MW facility in Vietnam. The bank has committed to growing its sustainable portfolio ahead of its investments in coal and fossil fuels, aiming to rebalance its lending mix in line with climate goals and national priorities.

Source: RCBC 2019 Annual and Sustainability Report

Issuer: Bank of the Philippine Islands

BPI USD300M ASEAN Green Bond

Renewable Energy Projects
USD 270.80M
90.27%

- USD 235.21M
  Geothermal | Indonesia
- USD 31.99M
  Wind | Philippines
- USD 3.60M
  Solar | Philippines

Green Building Projects
USD 29.19M
9.73%

- USD 18.00M
  EDGE Compliant
  Visayas, Philippines
- USD 11.19M
  EDGE Compliant
  Luzon, Philippines

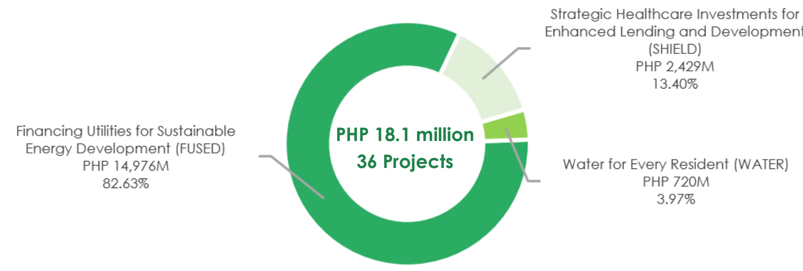
BPI allocated the proceeds of its USD300 million ASEAN Green Bond due 2024 to finance renewable energy and green building projects across Southeast Asia. The bulk of the proceeds, which was approximately USD235.21 million, was directed toward a geothermal project in Indonesia, highlighting the bank's regional support for clean energy development. Domestically, BPI funded wind and solar energy projects in Luzon, Philippines, amounting to USD31.99 million and USD3.60 million, respectively. In addition to renewable energy, BPI invested in green building initiatives, with USD18 million allocated to an EDGE-compliant development in the Visayas, and USD11.19 million to a similar project in Luzon. The use of proceeds reflects BPI's commitment to low-carbon infrastructure and sustainable development in both the Philippines and the broader ASEAN region.

Source: Sustainalytics Annual Review 2024

SUSTAINABILITY BONDS HIGHLIGHTS

Issuer: Development Bank of the Philippines

DBP PHP18.125B ASEAN Sustainability Bonds



FUSED	SHIELD	WATER
SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy SDG 13: Climate Action	SDG 3: Good Health and Well Being	SDG 3: Good Health and Well Being SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

DBP issued its inaugural Series A Fixed Rate DBP ASEAN Sustainability Bonds in November 2019, successfully raising P18.125 billion. The funds were channeled into three key DBP Loan Programs: the Financing Utilities for Sustainable Energy Development (FUSED), Strategic Healthcare Investments for Enhanced Lending and Development (SHIELD), and Water for Every Resident (WATER). The allocation breakdown shows that 82.63% of the proceeds, amounting to P14.976 billion, went to the FUSED program, supporting 15 projects aimed at sustainable energy development. The SHIELD program received 13.40% of the proceeds, or P2.429 billion, allocated across 14 projects focused on strategic healthcare investments. Lastly, the WATER program utilized 3.97% of the proceeds, totaling P720 million, for 7 projects dedicated to water supply initiatives. These allocations align with DBP's commitment to integrating environmental, social, and economic considerations into its operational goals, fostering sustainable growth and progress in the Philippines .