



Papua New Guinea: Preparing the Land and Maritime Transport Projects

Project Name	Preparing the Land and Maritime Transport Projects	
Project Number	53092-002	
Country	Papua New Guinea	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9890-PNG: Preparing the Land and Maritime Transport Projects	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 2.50 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Transport policies and institutional development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	<p>The TRTA will (i) support the assessment of the existing transport sector strategy, road map, policy framework, and medium to long-term investment plan to ensure reliable, inclusive, and sustainable operation of the programs; (ii) review of the feasibility study and detailed engineering designs, to be prepared through a separate project readiness financing (PRF), to ensure optimized engineering solutions and measures, including measures for climate change adaptation; (iii) design the social development and poverty component for the proposed transport program; and (iv) prepare ADB loan processing documents, including a sector assessment, financial analysis, financial management assessment, procurement risk assessment, risk assessment and management plan, poverty and social assessment, gender analysis and gender action plan, climate risk and vulnerability assessment, and assessment of implementation arrangements of ensuing projects.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The Development Strategic Plan (DSP) 2010-2030 of the Government of Papua New Guinea (GoPNG) recognizes the northern region corridor as one of the most critical economic corridors in Papua New Guinea (PNG). The northern region corridor program has been identified as a priority investment in both the Medium-Term Development Plan III (MTDP III, 2018-2022) and the PNG National Road Network Strategy (2018-2037). The northern road corridor starts at the Indonesian -PNG border at Wutung near Vanimo (capital of West Sepik Province) and extends southeast along the northern coast to Wewak (capital of East Sepik Province), Angoram and Madang (capital of Madang Province), then farther south via Lae (capital of Morobe Province) and finally to Kerema (capital of Gulf Province) on the south coast of New Guinea island. The total length of the northern region corridor is 1,457 km. It connects the ports of Vanimo, Wewak, Madang, and Lae to the Highlands highway and southern region corridor. The existing northern region road is largely in very poor condition. Significant parts are unpaved earth roads and many of them are single lanes that need to be widened to two lanes. The route includes three missing links: (i) Vanimo-Aitape (106 km), (ii) Bogia-Angoram (101 km), and (iii) Wau-Malalaua (133 km). Vanimo and Wewak ports are potential hubs for palm oil exports and are in poor condition and require upgrading in terms of channel dredging, wharf extension and general infrastructure updates. Vanimo and Wewak have no customs facilities. Servicing international maritime trade from Vanimo and Wewak to Indonesia and beyond will play a key role in the economic growth of the northern coast area.</p> <p>The transaction TA (TRTA) facility will provide project preparation support and capacity building to a series of ensuing projects, comprising: (i) Northern region road corridor from Wutung to Angoram (Momase international highway), (ii) Northern region road corridor from Lae to Malalaua via the Wau-Bulolo highway (Trans-Island Highway); and (iii) Highlands Region Road Improvement Investment Program (Phase 2). All ensuing projects are in the transport sector. The TRTA is listed in the current county operations business plan (COBP).</p>	
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Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome		
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs		
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Port Moresby	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		

During Project Implementation

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	05 Dec 2019
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	06 Dec 2019

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
2,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500,000.00	-	0.00

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