



# Papua New Guinea: Highlands Region Road Improvement Investment Program, Project 3 (additional financing)

Project Name	Highlands Region Road Improvement Investment Program, Project 3 (additional financing)	
Project Number	40173-045	
Country	Papua New Guinea	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant	
Source of Funding / Amount	Grant 0729-PNG: Highlands Region Road Improvement Investment Program, Project 3 (additional financing)	
	European Union	US\$ 1.11 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Road transport (non-urban)	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	Project 3 outputs will include (i) improvements to 113.5 km of priority national roads identified in the National Transport Development Plan (NTDP), 2006-2010 of the Highlands Core Road Network (HCRN), with design considerations for all road users including pedestrians and public motor vehicles; (ii) maintenance arrangements for 200 km of the HCRN; (iii) improved capacity of the National Road Authority (NRA) to plan and manage long-term road maintenance contracts; (iv) more efficient Department of Works and Implementation (DOW) capable of implementing and delivering road improvements with attention to safeguards capacity, an improved asset management system of the HCRN and consulting support to pilot community-based road maintenance; and (v) improved road safety capacity of the National Road Safety Council (NRSC).	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The Highlands region is a major contributor to the PNG economy through its agricultural and mineral exports. It is also home to 40% of the country's population, who rely almost exclusively on the road network for movement of people and goods. The road network is vulnerable because of the mountainous terrain, the fragile geological conditions, and the climate. The Government and its development partners have invested significantly in improving the road network, but a lack of regular maintenance has left the network in a poor condition. There is a need to (i) initiate a program of regular maintenance on all HCRN roads that are in good condition, and (ii) improve those HCRN roads that are in a poor condition and ensure that routine maintenance begins on these roads as soon as the improvement works are done.	
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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	Nation-wide	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
Responsible ADB Officer	Ganiga, Ganiga Gomara	
Responsible ADB Department	Pacific Department	
Responsible ADB Division	Papua New Guinea Resident Mission	

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	16 Apr 2022
Fact Finding	27 May 2020 to 27 May 2020
MRM	09 Jul 2020
Approval	26 Jun 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	31 Jul 2020

## Grant 0729-PNG

Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	1.11	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	1.11	-	0.00	0.00	%

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