

 Early Warning System

ADB-48444-004

Sustainable Highlands Highway Investment Program, Tranche 1



### Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Papua New Guinea
<b>Specific Location</b>	Provinces of Western Highlands, Jiwaka, Simbu, Eastern Highlands and Morobe
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
<b>Status</b>	Approved
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	B
<b>Voting Date</b>	2017-07-10
<b>Borrower</b>	National Parliament of Papua New Guinea, Department of Works
<b>Sectors</b>	Transport
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Grant, Loan
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 313.50 million
<b>Loan Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 302.00 million
<b>Grant Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 11.50 million



### Project Description

According to ADB's website, the Highlands region of Papua New Guinea (PNG) consists of seven landlocked provinces where approximately 40% of the population resides, most of whom are involved in rural smallholder agricultural production. Aside from abundant and underemployed labor resources, the region is endowed with agricultural and mineral resources which serve as an engine of growth for the national economy. The 1,200 km long 2-lane national Highlands Highway is the lifeline for the Highlands region connecting 1,800 km of regional and feeder roads and servicing the region's people particularly those in the rural hinterland. The highway traverses the Highlands region connecting it to the coastal provinces and the country's main port in Lae.

The expected impacts of the project are:

1. Increased opportunity for equality and prosperity in rural areas (Development Strategic Plan, 2010-2030)
2. Attainment of well-integrated, safe, affordable, and financially and environmentally sustainable transport systems that efficiently serve the economy and people of PNG (National Transport Strategy, 2014-2030)
3. Improved access to health and education, and living standards of the people of PNG (National Strategy for Responsible Sustainable Development for Papua New Guinea)



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No contact information provided at the time of disclosure

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### Bank Documents

- [Project Disclosure PDF](#) [Original Source]
- [Sustainable Highlands Highway Investment Program - Tranche 1: Social Safeguards Due Diligence Report](#) [Original Source]



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### Other Related Projects

- ADB-48444-002 Multipartner Financing Facility for the Highlands Highway
- ADB-48444-001 Multipartner Financing Facility for the Highlands Highway