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Quick Facts

Countries	Papua New Guinea
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2021-08-06
Borrower	Independent State of Papua New Guinea
Sectors	Transport
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 375.00 million

Project Description

According to the bank's website, "access to basic services and the movement of goods and people is heavily reliant on the Highlands Highway. The mountainous terrain, poor highway conditions owing to a lack of systematic and consistent maintenance, coupled with washouts and landslides common during the rainy season make the highway unreliable and impassable at times. With climate change the frequency of extreme rain events are projected to increase. At present, more than 70% of the highway is in fair or poor condition, while for 90% of the road length, the safety rating for vehicle occupants and pedestrians is two star and below. In its current state, the road conditions pose serious road safety hazards to users and pedestrians, with levels of fatalities and injuries far in excess of comparable countries in Asia and the Pacific. High-potential agricultural products from the region bear high trade costs, limiting access to domestic and international markets. Poor road conditions and lack of adequate transport accessibility and services infrastructure such as bus stations and rest stops, and absence of logistic facilities for agricultural products restrict the development of value chains needed for perishable and high value products. Given the preponderance of rural population involved in agricultural livelihood activities, the present condition of the Highlands Highway is a major constraint hindering the region's future social and economic development and opportunities for sustainable and inclusive growth."

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Bank Documents

- Loan Agreement (Ordinary Operations [Concessional]) for Loan 4095-PNG: Sustainable Highlands Highway [Original Source]
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