

Background

Cambodia's road network was largely destroyed during the long period of unrest in the 1970s and 1980s. What followed was a phase of rebuilding the primary and secondary road networks, and later critical provincial and rural linkages. During this period, the emphasis was on building the maximum kilometers of road in the shortest period of time, so as to provide the connectivity needed to support economic activity as quickly as possible.

The Cambodian government, with assistance from development partners, developed its road network from an estimated asset value of about US\$800 million in 2008 to approaching US\$2.6 billion in 2014.

The World Bank has supported Cambodia's road sector since the 1990s through projects including: the Road Rehabilitation Project, the Northeast Village Development Project, the Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project, the Provincial and Rural Infrastructure Project, the Ketsana Emergency Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Project, and the Road Asset Management Projects I and II. The World Bank has recognized the importance of roads in promoting economic growth, reducing poverty, boosting shared prosperity and reducing inequality.



About the Project

The project development objective is to improve the condition, safety and climate resilience of selected national road corridors in Cambodia. This objective will be achieved through intervention of:

- **Component A: Supporting Road Asset Management:**
 - Periodic maintenance and performance-based contracting for 218 km of existing bitumen-sealed roads along the selected National Roads 3 and 7 with an overlay of asphalt concrete, and replacement of current pavement with concrete pavement at flood prone areas.
 - Periodic maintenance and strengthening of 206 km of National Road 4, including upgrading overlay of asphalt concrete, shoulder replacement, and improving drainage and bridges along flood prone areas.
 - Implementation support for the civil works under the project and related technical capacity building activities.
- **Component B: System Upgrading and Capacity Development:**
 - System upgrading and technical capacity development for road asset management within the Ministry of Public Work and Transport.
 - Road safety awareness raising of communities and road safety audits
 - Enhancement of financial management and internal audit capacity of MPWT and the project team
 - Carrying out technical and financial audits of the project
 - Provision of technical assistance to enhance RAMO's procurement capacity
 - Provision of operational and technical support for the day-to-day management, monitoring and evaluation of project activities.
 - For National Road 4, upgrading existing weigh stations, and road safety, including installation of speed-limit zoning, safety corridors and guide-signs, solar powered lights and speed cameras.

Beneficiaries and Results

The project will benefit local residents living in Kampot, Preah Sihanouk, Tbong Khmom, Kandal, Kampong Speu, Koh Kong and Kratie provinces by reducing the time and difficulty of travel. Improved road safety signs will help to reduce accidents. The project will reduce flood risk and improve connectivity along the national road networks regionally and domestically.



Location:

Kampot, Preah Sihanouk, Kandal, Kampong Speu, Koh Kong, Tbong Khmom and Kratie provinces.

Financiers:

- International Development Association (World Bank), **US\$170 million**,
- Royal Government of Cambodia, **US\$7.8 million**

Implementing Agencies:

- Ministry of Public Work and Transport

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