Providing safer and more reliable roads for the people of Papua New Guinea.

**Papua New Guinea Additional Financing for the Second Road Maintenance & Rehabilitation Project**

Improve the condition and safety of selected roads to support more reliable travel for Papua New Guineans.

Build skills in road management to ensure long-term benefits for local communities.

Increase the participation of communities in maintaining the country’s road network.

**Background**

A large part of Papua New Guinea’s road network is in poor condition. For many people travel by road can be impossible, unsafe, or expensive. Without reliable access to roads people cannot reach schools, hospitals and markets when needed, and goods and services become unavailable.

The poor condition of PNG’s road network is due to historical underfunding of maintenance, rugged terrain, and periods of heavy rainfall. The participation of communities to carry out routine maintenance activities holds promise.

**About the Project**

This is the second phase of the Roads Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project. The primary goals are to:

- Improve the quality of road sector assets in an effort to ensure good condition and safety on selected roads;
- Pilot alternative approaches to road maintenance; and
- Enhance road-related economic opportunities for women.

The additional financing will be used to improve connectivity and facilitate trade and access to markets by rehabilitating national and provincial roads. In turn this is expected to support economic growth.

The project will upgrade priority roads in a number of coastal provinces and pilot an integrated maintenance program for the Hiritano highway, a major economic lifeline for the region, which connects Gulf and Central Provinces. Road maintenance programs will engage local communities, and are expected to create more than 1,100 days of employment.

The project will upgrade, restore, and maintain existing roads and bridges in project areas, while promoting long-term, effective road maintenance by providing training, supervision and technical advice to road authorities and private contractors.

Technical support will focus on:

- Coordinating project activities and support implementation;
- Supporting private contractors to participate in pilot road maintenance programs; and
- Strengthening the capacity of authorities responsible for road maintenance.

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**Implementing Agency:** Department of Works and Transport