



FACT SHEET

Powering homes and businesses in Papua New Guinea's Morobe and East New Britain provinces

Project Name: Laitim Hauslain (Power Sector Development Project)

AIFFP INVESTMENT

AIFFP loan: AUD73.6 million

AIFFP grant: AUD18.3 million

PARTNERS

Government of Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea Power Ltd

COMMENCEMENT

February 2026

COMPLETION

March 2027

About the project

Australia, through the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP), has provided AUD91.9 million to the Government of Papua New Guinea to increase access to affordable electricity. With around 13 per cent of Papua New Guinea's population having access to on-grid power, the project will provide support for medium and low voltage powerlines, transformers and household meter connections.

Map



Infrastructure by numbers

Australia's investment in Laitim Hauslain is expected to increase Papua New Guinea Power Limited's existing customer base by approximately 25 per cent. This outcome will improve the living standards of communities in cities, towns, and remote villages and enable schools and hospitals to deliver essential services.

Laitim Hauslain is the Australian Government's contribution to the Power Sector Development Project, which will be delivered jointly with the Asian Development Bank. The financing also forms part of Australia's support to the Papua New Guinea Electrification Partnership, a key strategic collaboration between Papua New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Japan.



BETWEEN
30,000-40,000
NEW CONNECTIONS TO
ELECTRICITY FOR THE
FIRST TIME



25 PER CENT
INCREASE IN
PNG POWER LTD
CUSTOMERS

Impact at a glance

The AIFFP prioritises lasting development and economic outcomes for people and communities. Its approach is guided by five impact areas: local content; climate resilience; social and environmental safeguards; gender and social inclusion; and quality and integrity.

With an additional 30,000 to 40,000 households, schools and health clinics to the electricity grid for the first time. Its anticipated impacts will include:



LOCAL CONTENT

Laitim Hauslain will provide employment opportunities for Papua New Guineans, as well as capacity and skills training opportunities for local contractors and communities.

GENDER EQUALITY, DISABILITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

The project will improve the living standards of communities across the two provinces, particularly benefitting women and girls as lack of access to electricity disproportionately impacts women and their economic empowerment.



CLIMATE RESILIENCE

The project design will consider the reliability, security and safety of electricity supplies to a range of contingencies, including resilience to storms and natural disasters.

