

## FACT SHEET

# Restoring roads and bridges across Fiji

**Project Name:** Fiji Transport Infrastructure Restoration

### AIFFP INVESTMENT

**LOAN:** AUD57.1 million

**GRANT:** AUD14.7 million

### PARTNERS

Republic of Fiji Government

Fiji Roads Authority (FRA)

### CONSTRUCTION

2022 onwards

### COMPLETION

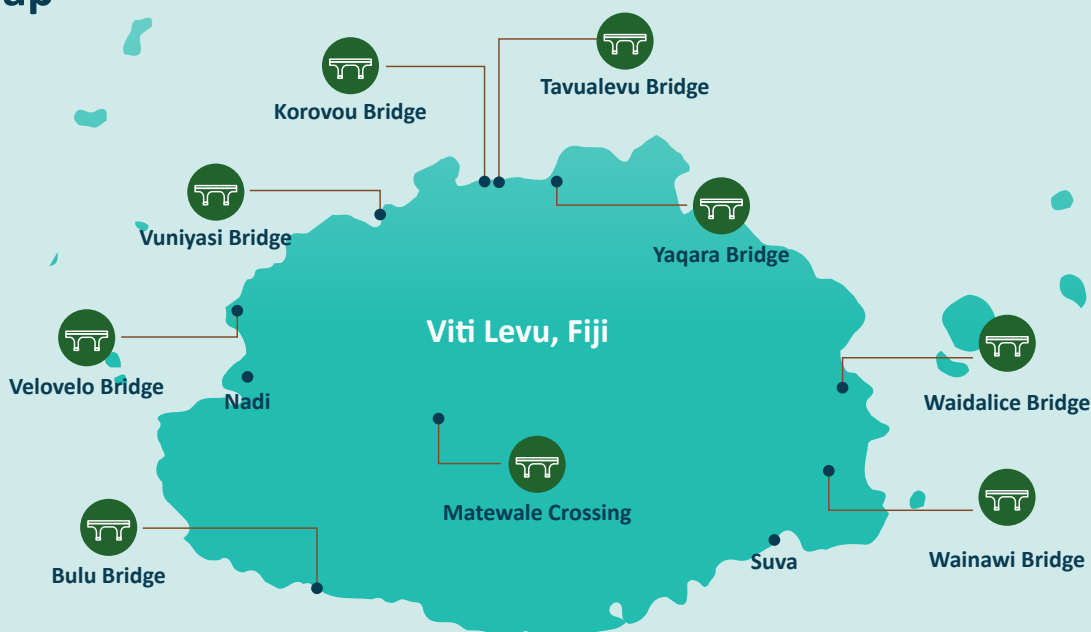
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## About the project

Australia, through the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP), has provided a loan and grant package to the Republic of Fiji Government for upgrades to critical transport infrastructure. The works involve the renewal or resealing of more than 1.5 million square metres of road surface and the replacement of nine critical bridges. In addition to major economic disruption as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Fiji has experienced three cyclones in the past two years which have caused hundreds of millions of dollars worth of

damage to infrastructure and livelihoods. The climate-resilient upgrades will not only improve transport connectivity for remote and rural communities to access essential services such as health and education, but also help reduce travel time and costs. In addition, the project includes institutional strengthening support for Fiji Roads Authority as the implementing partner, with activities including development and revision of policies and procedures, strategic planning, and occupational health and safety training.

## Map



## Infrastructure highlights

In partnership with governments and private sector firms in the Pacific, the AIFFP facilitates the delivery of high quality, resilient infrastructure. This project's anticipated infrastructure footprint will include:



**1.5 million**  
SQUARE METRES OF  
ROAD SURFACE



**9 BRIDGES**  
8 COMPLETED



**100-YEAR**  
DESIGN LIFE  
FOR BRIDGES



**ROADS WITH  
SAFETY MEASURES**  
SUCH AS GUARDRAILS  
AND FOOTPATHS



**ROADS WITH  
DRAINAGE**  
SUFFICIENT FOR  
SIGNIFICANT  
RAINFALL EVENTS

## Impact at a glance

Across all its projects, 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 equality, disability and social inclusion; and quality and integrity.

This project aims to deliver quality and resilient transport infrastructure that enables improved access to markets, health and education opportunities and services. Its impact to date includes:

### GENDER EQUALITY, DISABILITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

The project is focused on delivering **safer roads, reduced travel costs, and heightened economic activity** especially for women and those with disabilities.

Women vendors in these communities now have **improved access to nearby markets** to sell their produce and **make a living for themselves and their families**.

FRA has a strong commitment towards equality and inclusivity, and is working with AIFFP to increase its internal capacity. The project includes training for FRA staff on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH) to contribute to **lasting organisational change**.

### CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Climate change and high rainfall impacts the quality of roads, and **developing climate resilient infrastructure is inherent to the project**. Bridges being built by the project are designed to withstand a **1 in a 100-year rainfall event**. The construction of the bridges will also allow for safe crossing during significant rainfall events. For example, the Matewale Bridge replaces a crossing that was previously not safe to cross after a major rainfall event, causing major disruption to local communities.

### SAFEGUARDS AND LOCAL CONTENT

The AIFFP in partnership with Australia Pacific Training Coalition supported FRA to run **General Construction Safety Induction training** to 65 FRA staff across Fiji, ensuring that workers on construction sites are well-versed in **identifying hazards and implementing effective safety protocols**.

This partnership developed **curriculum that meets international training and assessment standards** and FRA's specific legal and operational requirements for safely constructing and maintaining Fiji's transport infrastructure. The project is **contributing significantly to jobs and income for local communities** who are hired and trained by roads contractors to undertake roles such as grass cutting, concrete line drainage, maintaining retaining walls and traffic control. It is estimated that by the end of the project, **an estimated 1,000 Fijians will be employed**.



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