

FACT SHEET

Maintaining the Wau Highway in Papua New Guinea

Project Name: Connect Papua New Guinea – Roads Repair

AIFFP INVESTMENT

AIFFP loan: AUD61.6 million
AIFFP grant: AUD14.7 million

PARTNERS

Government of Papua New Guinea
Papua New Guinea Department of Works

COMMENCEMENT

2022

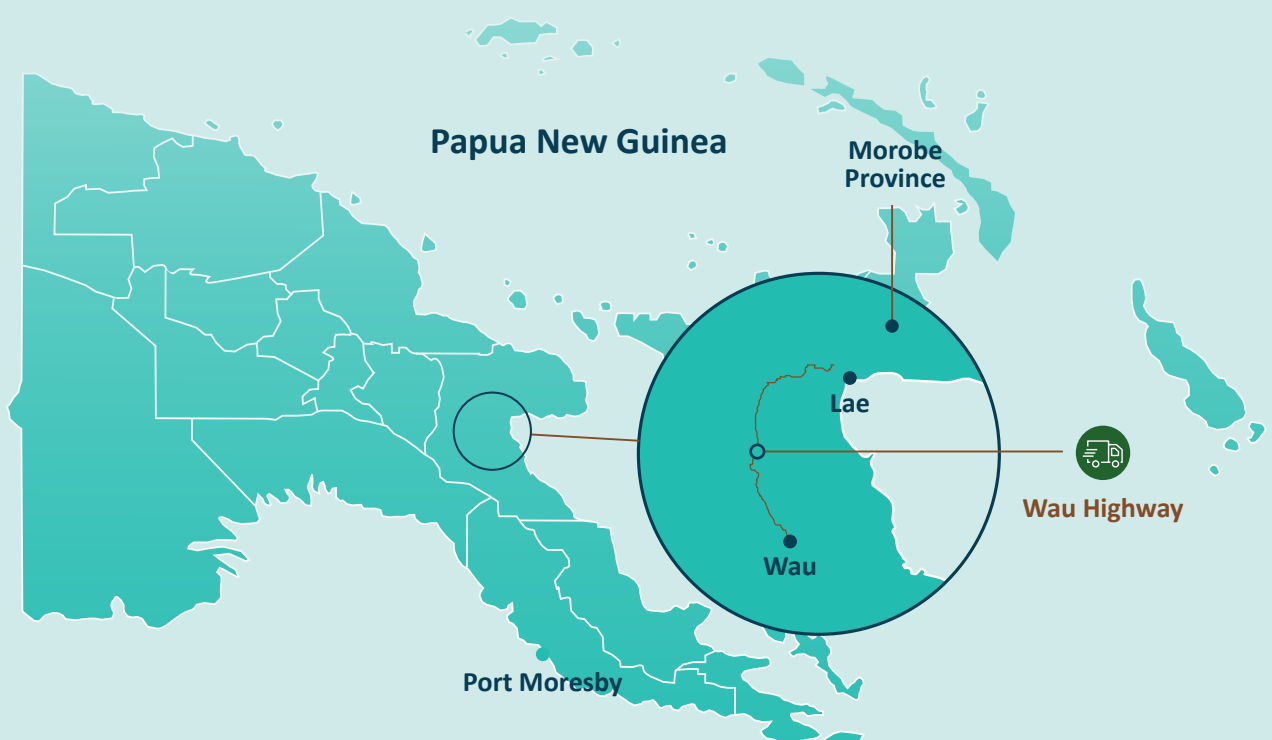
COMPLETION

2027

About the project

Australia, through the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP), has provided a grant of AUD76.3 million to the Government of Papua New Guinea for the maintenance of the Wau Highway.

Map



Infrastructure highlights

The road works will facilitate improved access for remote communities to essential services, and make travel safer through measures such as bridge designs which account for both vehicle and pedestrian use.



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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.

The project will improve transport connectivity for remote, rural and agricultural communities, including to essential services such as health and education. Its anticipated impact will include:



LOCAL CONTENT

The project's long-term maintenance contracts are expected to **generate local jobs** through contracts with local firms, **80 per cent** of which target **semi-skilled** or **low-skilled workers from local areas**.

GENDER EQUALITY, DISABILITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

Improved health and safety will be a focus of this investment, particularly during construction implementation, through the **provision of training on HIV/AIDS awareness, gender-based violence education, child protection** and other **health and safety issues** with construction-adjacent communities.



CLIMATE RESILIENCE

This project considers the need for roads to **be climate resilient**, particularly with regards to ensuring roads have **adequate drainage solutions**, with climate change expected to **increase the potential** for **significant rainfall events in PNG**.

