Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea (PNG) has a remarkable diversity of resources, and a population of over 8 million people, 85% of whom live in rural areas. The World Bank's long-term support to PNG is focused on improving livelihoods, strengthening resilience, ensuring effective services reach people, diversifying the economy and creating jobs.

**Transport**
Now in its second phase, the World Bank's Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project has already restored more than 160 kilometers of roads across PNG, benefitting an estimated 1.3 million people (27% of PNG's population).

**Agriculture & Food**
The PNG Agriculture Commercialization & Diversification Project builds on the success of the Productive Partnership in Agriculture Project that supported more than 67,000 coffee and cocoa farmers to build their skills, productivity and access to markets. The new project will also support opportunities in spices and small livestock.

**Social & Jobs**
In Port Moresby, the Urban Youth Employment Project has helped 18,500 long-term unemployed young Papua New Guineans – 40% of whom are women – undertake vocational training and fully-subsidized work placements, creating over 815,000 days of work. The project is expected to extend into the city of Lae, PNG's industrial hub, soon.

**Current Projects**
Agriculture Commercialization & Diversification Project
PNG COVID-19 Emergency Response Project
PNG Crisis Response and Sustainable Recovery DPO
Emergency Tuberculosis Project
IMPACT Health: Improving Access to Health Services in PNG
Rural Service Delivery Project
Urban Youth Employment Project II
PNG Road Rehabilitation Project II
Water & Sanitation Development Project
Energy Performance & Reliability Project

As of the 25 Aug 2021 there are 10 active projects.

**Health**
In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the World Bank has approved an emergency US$50 million (approximately PGK175m) to support the scale-up of deployment of COVID-19 vaccines to prioritized communities, prepare communities for vaccine delivery, and train vaccine delivery workers.

**Transport**
Now in its second phase, the World Bank's Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project has already restored more than 160 kilometers of roads across PNG, benefitting an estimated 1.3 million people (27% of PNG's population).