

Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea (PNG) is the most linguistically diverse country in the world. It has a remarkable abundance of resources, and a population of over 11.78 million people, 85% of whom live in rural areas. The World Bank's long-term support to PNG is focused on improving livelihoods, strengthening macro and fiscal resilience, ensuring effective services reach people, diversifying the economy and creating jobs.



Social Sustainability & Inclusion



To address the issue of youth unemployment, the US\$35m (PGK79 million) *Urban Youth Employment Project II* (UYEP II) is helping young Papua New Guineans get involved in meaningful work and make a fresh start. In Port Moresby, its predecessor, *the Urban Youth Employment Project*, helped 18,500 long-term unemployed young people – 40% of whom are women – undertake training and fully-subsidized work placements, creating over 815,000 days of work. UYEP II extends the program into Lae, PNG's industrial hub and second largest city.

Agriculture & Food



The US\$40 million (approx. PGK142 million) *PNG Agriculture Commercialization & Diversification Project* builds on the success of the Productive Partnership in Agriculture Project, which supported more than 67,000 coffee and cocoa farmers to build their skills, productivity, and access to markets. The new project is continuing to support coffee and cocoa growers, as well as farmers of small livestock and crops such as coconut and spices.

Transport



The US\$107.55 million (approx. PGK381 million) *Resilient Transport Project* is funding rehabilitation of key sections of the Ramu and Hiritano highways, and fund extended maintenance of nearly 200kms of critical highway links. The project builds upon the success of the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project, which has already restored over 236 kilometers of roads across PNG, including over 50 bridges in six provinces, benefitting an estimated 1.3 million people.

Health, Nutrition & Social Protection



The US\$90 million (approx. PGK318 million) *PNG Child Nutrition and Social Protection Project* supports implementation of the 'PNG CARES' (Community-based Approach to Reduce and End Stunting) initiative, delivering improvements to nutrition-focused health services at provincial health centres throughout the country. The project also supports village health authorities and church health organisations to deliver community-level education on topics critical to the health and nutrition during the vital first 1,000 days of children's lives.

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Current Projects

Project Name	Focus area		Total commitment in US\$m (includes IBRD, IDA, Other and Co-Financing)
Water Supply and Sanitation Development Project	Water & Sanitation	●	70
Rural Service Delivery Project	Social Sustainability and Inclusion	●	23
Emergency Tuberculosis Project	Health, Nutrition & Social Protection	●	15
PNG Agriculture Commercialization & Diversification Project	Agriculture and Food	●	40
Urban Youth Employment Project II	Social Sustainability and Inclusion	●	35
Papua New Guinea Resilient Transport Project	Transport	●	108
Improving Access to and Value from Health Services in PNG: Financing the Frontlines	Health, Nutrition & Social Protection	●	30
Energy Utility Performance and Reliability Improvement Project	Energy	●	30
Papua New Guinea COVID-19 Emergency Response Project	Health, Nutrition & Social Protection	●	30
Enhancing Labor Mobility from Papua New Guinea	Health, Nutrition & Social Protection	●	32
Child Nutrition and Social Protection Project	Health, Nutrition & Social Protection	●	90
TOTAL			503