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# Papua New Guinea

### Health & Safety Snapshot and Case Studies



# In Context – PNG

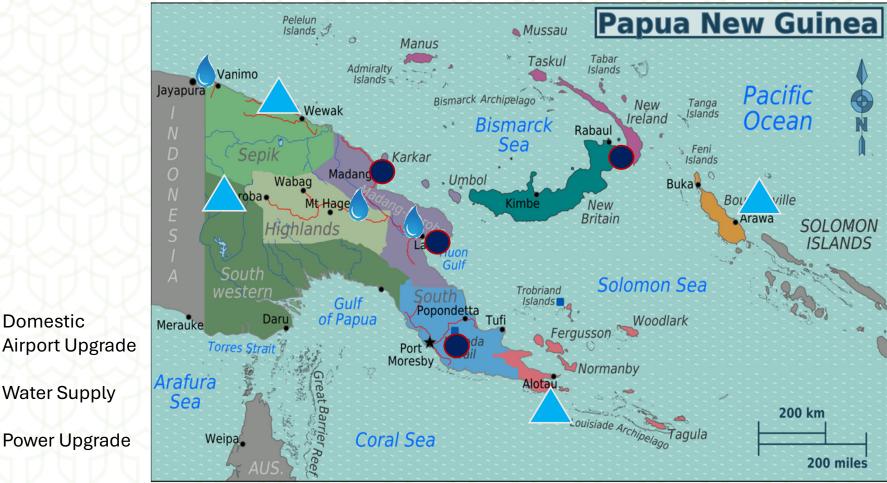
- Papua New Guinea (PNG) is geographically located north of Australia
- Shares the same border with Indonesia on the western part
- 4 Regions (Momase, Southern, Highlands and New Guinea Island)
- 22 Provinces
- National Capital City Port Moresby
- Total population 10 million
- Land mass 452,860 Km<sup>2</sup>
- Gain Independence in 16<sup>th</sup> September 1975
- 800+ different languages and culture



# **Country Portfolio – PNG**

- ADB is one of PNG's largest sources of official development assistance, with an average annual lending of \$364 million over 5 years from 2019 to 2023. ADB's support is aligned with the Government of Papua New Guinea's development plans, including the Medium-Term Development Plan IV 2023–2027, the Development Strategic Plan 2010–2030, and Vision 2050.
- As of 31 December 2023, ADB has committed 271 public sector loans, grants, and technical assistance totaling \$4.7 billion to PNG. ADB's current sovereign portfolio in PNG includes 15 loans and 2 grants worth \$1.28 billion.
- Case studies for H&S challenges and measures/actions: Civil Aviation Development Investment Project (CADIP II), Sustainable Highlands Highway Investment Program (SHHIP), PFR - Highlands Core Road Network Project, Power Sector Development Project (PSDP) and Building Resilience and Water Security.

# **Project Locations – PNG**



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## » Sector Led Challenges

EA	Issues	Mitigation Measures		
		<ol> <li>Enforcement of building board standards through provincial administrations</li> <li>More awareness through local media, meetings and school talks</li> </ol>		
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EA	Issues	Mitigation Measures	
PNG Power	Community Health & Safety	<ol> <li>Enforcement of building board standards through provincial administrations</li> </ol>	
	appendix of the state of t	<ul> <li>Ignorance to H&amp;S Awareness</li> <li>Building structures right under the HV transmission lines</li> </ul>	

## » Sector Led Challenges

EA	Issues	Mitigation Measures
Water PNG	1. Effect of religious beliefs on OHS requirements (behavioral issue)	<ol> <li>Eliminate through engineering design.</li> <li>Toolbox talks emphasizing the requirements of OHS</li> </ol>

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## » Sector Led Challenges

EA	Issues	Mitigation Measures
NAC - CADIP	1. Measurement of H&S implementation payment to contractor	BOQ for H&S and provide cost for value items.
	2. Mental wellbeing causing major accident on-site	EA to assist contractor to set-up a medium to address workers mental health e.g one on one interview at toolbox meeting

tem	Description		Unit	Qty	Rate	Total
	Occupational Health & Safety Requirement (OHSR)					
C	DHSP Documentation					
F	Preparation, Submission for Review and Approval inclduing any Amendm	ents	Lsum	1	6,000.00	6,000.00
C	OHSP Implementation					
H a	Awareness to Construction Personnel's on issues of Work Safety /Health and Hygiene/Plant & Equipemnt Safety/Traffic Mangt including distribution of awanreess materials such as posters and phamplets. This awanreness shall be done once every quarter.		ltem	9	500.00	4,500.00
a	Awareness to nearby communities on Health & Safety including distributi awanreess materials such as posters and phamplets. This awanreness sh done once every quarter.		ltem	9	500.00	4,500.00
5	Safety Induction		Item	4	1,000.00	4,000.00
E	Basic firefight prevention to be done 2 times in a year		Item	4	2,000.00	8,000.00
0	Documentation and Submission of Pandemic Response Subplan		Note			
l	mplementation of HIV/AIDs and Pandemic Plan Reposnse Subplan		Item	9	1,000.00	9,000.00
C	Documentation and submission of Hazard Reduction Subplan		Note			
l	mplementation of Hazard Reduction Subplan		ltem	9	200.00	1,800.00
S	Supply, Usage and Replenishment of First Aid Kit to attend to injuries.		Item	9	200.00	1,800.00
	Supply, Install and replenish Safety Signages		Item	15	200.00	3,000.00
	Supply & Install Signboard and Signage Canvas. Allow for canvas change nonths for a project duration of 2 years.	every 6	Lsum	1	19,000.00	19,000.00
5	Supply & Equip all workers with appropriate PPE including replacement		ltem	2	100,000.00	200,000.00
S	Supply & Install Fire Extinguisher		Item	4	500.00	2,000.00
5	Supply and usage of Breathalyser including replacement of consumables		ltem	9	400.00	3,600.00
	Supply & Provide Safety Scaffolds (Rails) / Harness and Caution Tapes / Barricade/Static Lines to prevent fall when working at height		Item	4	500.00	2,000.00
C	Communication for safety adherence		Item	9	500.00	4,500.00
F	Provisional		Item	18	1,000.00	18,000.00
			Carr	ied to Sumr	nary	291,700.00
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206	Implementation of Site-Specific Environmental Management Plan (SSEMP).	item		1	100,000.00	100,000.0
207	Implementation of HIV/AIDS, Occupational Health, Safety and Security (OHSS) Plans	item		1	50,000.00	50,000.0
208	Implementation of Gender Action Plan.	item		1	50,000.00	50,000.0

Total cost generated forms part of the OHS implementation cost in the BOQ

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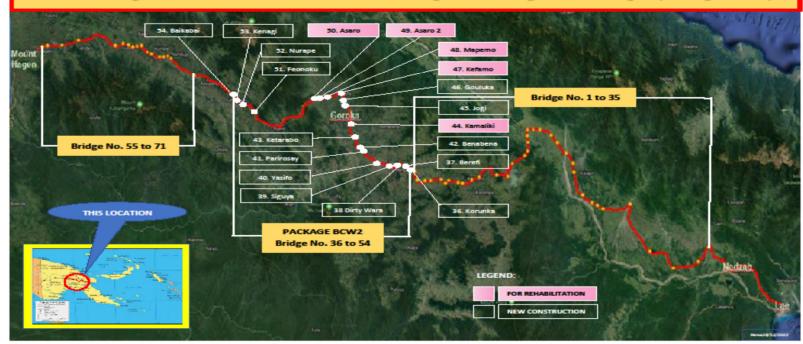
## » Sector Led Challenges

EA	Issues	Mitigation Measures
Department of Works & Highways	L	
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Acc	ess Steps and Ha	ved SAFETY through Provision of and Rails to Wash Bays near Bridge Tranche 2 (BRIDGE WORKS)



#### LOCATION MAP

Sustainable Highlands Highway Investment Program (SHHIP), Tranche 2 Detailed Design, Construction and Rehabilitation of Bridges from Henganofi to Mangiro (Package BCW2)



# Country specific H&S Challenges – PNG

- » Geographical led Challenges
- 1. Landform poses a challenge in ensuring employees have accessibility to health services
- 2. Lack of adequate healthcare and infrastructure and services
- Obstacles that hinder the ability of employees and employer to adhere to H&S regulation e.g. limited resources, insufficient medical supplies, shortage of medical personnel particularly in rural or remote areas

SUBCASE 1: Improved HEALTH & HYGIENE through Provision of Roadside Market Stalls, Water Supply and Sanitary Facilities under SHHIP - Tranche 1 (ROAD WORKS)

### **UNHYGENIC VENDING PRACTICES**

- SIPs captured under the Loan Covenant but No proper Designs, Drawings and Cost allocated in the BOQ.
- Vendors previously sell market produce on the ground attracting dust, dirt, bacteria and contagious diseases
- Vendors fetched Dirty Water with Buckets sometimes at a far distance to wash and freshen Market Produce
- Vendors relieved themselves in nearby bushes where flies transmit disease

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### POSITIVE OUTCOMES AFTER HYGENIC INTERVENTIONS

- Designs undertaken with additional Funding sort through State Funding (GoPNG) under Variations
- Proper Elevated Market Benches to prevent intrusion of Dirt, Dust and Bacteria
- Clean Water Supply to prevent contamination of market produce and avoid walking long distances to fetch water
- Proper Toilets = proper disposal of Human Waste reducing risk of disease

# SUBCASE 1: BEFORE AND AFTER PICTORIAL ILLUSTRATIONS – MARKET STALLS



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### **POSITIVE IMPACT AFTER SOLUTION**





### SUBCASE 1 (CONT'D): BEFORE AND AFTER PICTORIAL ILLUSTRATIONS – SANITARY FACILTIES

#### **POSITIVE IMPACT AFTER SOLUTION**



SUBCASE 2: Improved SAFETY through Provision of Gender Friendly Infrastructure - Access Steps and Hand Rails to Wash Bays near Bridge Sites under SHHIP -Tranche 2 (BRIDGE WORKS)

### **UNSAFE ACCESS & WASH BAYS**

- Risk of Slip, Trip and Fall injuries were common for females doing laundry due to steepness and unstable soil condition
- Risk of Drowning of infants and children was high due to slippery conditions
- Flash Flooding Upstream did result in people being swept away whilst struggling to escape

### POSITIVE OUTCOMES AFTER INTERVENTIONS

- More stable foundation walkway provided
- No need to go into river or too close to river as concrete slab provided at safe distance for laundry
- Handrail can assist provide support during unsuspected flash flood and support with load movements.

# SUBCASE 2: BEFORE AND AFTER PICTORIAL ILLUSTRATIONS – WASH BAYS WITH RAILS



### SUBCASE 2 (CONT'D): BEFORE AND AFTER PICTORIAL ILLUSTRATIONS – WASH BAYS WITH RAILS

#### **POSITIVE IMPACT AFTER SOLUTION**





# Country specific H&S Challenges – PNG

## » Other specific Challenges

EA	Challenge	Way Forward	
All	<ul> <li>No updated OHS Law</li> <li>Industrial, Safety, Health &amp; Welfare Act 1961</li> <li>Explosives Act 1953</li> <li>Inflammable Liquid regulation 1968</li> </ul>	Streamline H&S Activities to align with EAs Act (relevant sections on H&S) including companies H&S Policy	
	No defined Regulatory Body	Require a National OHS regulatory body	
	Workers compensation covers only for actual injuries and not occupational diseases at workplace.	Need amendment to the Workers Compensation Act.	

# Country specific H&S Challenges – PNG

## » EAs Laws & Policies

### <u>NAC</u>

- CAA Act 2000
- Safety Policy 2018
- HSE Policy 2020

### **PNG Power**

- Electricity Industry Act (Amended) 2021
- National Energy Policy 2017 2027

### Water PNG

- National Water Supply and Sanitation Act 2026.
- PNG National Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Policy 2015 2030

### **Roads & Highways**

• Road Traffic Act 2014



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