PAPUA NEW GUINEA COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK 2019 - 2023
THE WORK PLAN FOR THE WORLD BANK GROUP’S SUPPORT TO PNG

Key focus areas

01 Improving Macro & Fiscal Resilience:
- Strengthen Fiscal Management to help the impact of commodity price volatility on the economy.
- Improve Governance including in the natural resource (mining & gas) sectors.

02 Getting more & better services to people, particularly in remote areas:
- Better roads Only 48% of PNG’s road network is in good condition.
- Affordable housing An estimated 500,000 people live in informal settlements.
- Clean water & sanitation Only 28% have access to clean water, & just 19% to adequate sanitation.
- Health services Today, half of PNG’s children are classified as stunted.
- Electricity Only 13% are currently connected to the grid.
IFC’s Lighting PNG program has seen 1.8 million people – 22% of the country’s population – gain access to solar lighting & phone charging for the first time.

03 Supporting jobs & private sector growth:
- Create more jobs Particularly for women & young people.
- Promote equal business opportunities IFC’s gender work has already helped 47 PNG businesses take action on gender, benefitting 50,000 employees.
- Better access to markets 60,000 coffee & cocoa farmers have increased income through World Bank support.
- Expand financial inclusion More than 5 million people don’t have a bank account.
80% of PNG businesses cite skills shortages as key constraint to economic growth. Narrowing the gender gap could increase income by 14%.

Learn more about the World Bank Group’s planned work in Papua New Guinea