As our nearest neighbour and close regional partner, a stable and prosperous PNG is in Australia’s national interest.

Strategic direction

Australia’s development partnership with PNG focuses on inclusive economic growth, with investments in private sector-led growth, health and education. We are working together to strengthen governance in line with PNG’s own policy priorities. The development partnership has three strategic objectives: promoting effective governance; enabling economic growth; and enhancing human development. Gender equality is a cross-cutting issue for all programs.

Australia’s work contributes to PNG’s progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

Program highlights

- Supported the maintenance and reconstruction of 1,600 kilometres of roads in 2018.
- Delivered sexual and reproductive health services and family planning to nearly 250,000 people in 2018.
- Increased the proportion of people completing tuberculosis treatment from 65 per cent in 2014 to 99 per cent in 2018.
- Upgraded the 03B satellite internet infrastructure, boosting connectivity by 30 cent in advance of completion of the Coral Sea per Cable System.

For more details

- Aid Investment Plan Papua New Guinea: 2015-16 to 2017-18
- PNG-Australia Aid Partnership Arrangement 2016-17 (extended to the Ministerial Forum in 2019)
- Joint Understanding between Australia and Papua New Guinea on further bilateral cooperation on health, education and law and order.