



# Eastern Indonesia National Roads Improvement Project (EINRIP)

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The Eastern Indonesia National Roads Improvement Project (EINRIP) is supporting major national road and bridge improvements which will promote economic and social development in eastern Indonesia. EINRIP supports 20 major road projects across nine provinces, totalling 395 km of national roads and 1300m of fabricated steel bridge structures. Works are scheduled for completion in December 2014.

Australia is providing a concessional loan of up to \$300 million for construction works and supervision. This is supported by an additional \$36 million grant program for high quality road engineering designs, audits to ensure roads are constructed to a high standard, and ongoing monitoring and evaluation of project implementation.

EINRIP was announced in 2005 as part of the Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development, which responded to the devastation wrought by the Indian Ocean tsunami in December 2004. After extended negotiations the loan agreement came into effect in 2008 and implementation began.

- Nine-year program (2005- 2014).
- **\$336 million** investment.
- **8** road improvement project packages have reached substantive completion.
- **12** packages are underway.

## EINRIP RESULTS

EINRIP is on track to build **395km** of some of the **highest quality national roads** in Indonesia, and completed roads are already bringing economic and social benefits to communities in some of the poorest regions.

For example, the 82km of completed EINRIP road on the island of Sumbawa has:

- Halved travel times and reduced wear and tear on trucks, which in turn has reduced fares and freight rates.
- Improved road access, which has encouraged private sector developers to invest in corn and seaweed processing facilities, important commodities for the local economy.
- Increased access to health and education facilities, and women are more mobile now that the road is less dangerous.

In 2012 the first monitoring report of EINRIP found that vehicle speeds on the completed project roads have increased by nearly 40 per cent and traffic volumes have increased by 48 per cent.

EINRIP has piloted arrangements for activity design, implementation supervision and independent assurance that are consistent with international best practice for promoting quality and reducing the opportunity for collusion and corruption in civil works.