



**Australian Government**

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## **AUSTRALIAN AID TO MANUS PROVINCE**

Australia has invested approximately \$65 million in Manus Province in a range of sectors including infrastructure, health, education, law and justice and economic development. Details of major projects are outlined below.

### **Infrastructure**

- Australia funded a **road and bridge upgrade on the Momote Lorengau Road** in partnership with the PNG Department of Works and the Manus Provincial Administration. The project was officially completed in 2016.
- The scope of the works on roads and bridges included the following:

#### Momote to Lorengau Road

- earthworks for enhancement of flood resilience
- construction of retaining wall and seawalls
- repair, rehabilitation or reconstruction/replacement as necessary of road pavement and drainage structures, and a reseal of the full 26km of road from Momote to Lorengau
- installation of road signage
- line marking

#### Lorengau Market Square road and drainage

- earthworks to establish adequate grades for storm-water flows across paved areas
- repair, rehabilitation or reconstruction/replacement as necessary of road pavement and drainage structures
- pavement sealing/resealing
- installation of road signage
- line marking

#### Loniu Bridge and Nuwok Bridges

- installation of new high strength bolts, nuts and washers to replace corroded ones, as determined by a survey of the bridge steelwork and engineering calculations
- replacement or repainting of steel posts, rails and baseplates on the bridge as necessary

- application of a new coating to better protect the bridges against Manus’s marine environment
  - upgrading of pedestrian access making crossings easier and safer for people with disabilities and all pedestrians
  - installation of new traffic barriers and approach guardrails.
- Australia has supported the **redevelopment of the Lorengau market**. The redevelopment, which was completed in 2015, includes:
    - an increase in the number of stalls (from 480 to 740) and provision for 8 small shops
    - new female toilet and refurbished existing female and male toilets
    - realigned and painted perimeter fence
    - lighting, including security lighting
    - refurbished police outpost
    - children’s playground
    - landscaping
    - upgrades to the Manus Provincial Technical Services Division office.

## Health

- Australia funded a **masterplan** for the Lorengau Hospital, and is contributing to its implementation by supporting the **construction of 12 new staff houses**. Construction of staff housing was completed in 2017.
- Australia supported the construction of a fully equipped **sexually transmitted infection clinic** at Lorengau Hospital. This was opened by the National Department of Health in 2015.
- Australia has also **renovated the dental clinic and ablution blocks** at Lorengau Hospital. A range of medical and dental equipment was also provided, including:
  - a new digital dental X-ray device – a first for a PNG public dental clinic – that replaces the need for film processing
  - a machine to test blood samples quickly
  - an incubator for premature infants or infants in intensive care.
- Australia has also supported the **distribution of medical supply kits** to 62 aid posts, 12 health centres and the Lorengau Hospital, and the **distribution of emergency obstetric care medical kits** to all 12 health centres and the Lorengau Hospital.

## Education

- Australia has provided **school kits** (comprising a double classroom, an administration office, teacher house and ablution block) **to 20 communities** in Manus:
  - Bipi, M'buke, Baso, N'dilou, N'yada, Harangan, Lau, Pateku, Metyih, Mouklen, N'drehet, Lundret, Likum, Metepong, Nohang, Waratalai, Andra, Lomoei, Aua and Wuvulu.
- Local communities participated in the construction of the schools, and a team of water and sanitation experts worked with the school communities.
- Australia has also built **new ablution toilets, refurbished existing ablution blocks and provided new additional water tanks** at the Lombrum Naval Base Primary School.
- Manusians also benefit from the **Australia Awards** program:
  - six people living and working in Manus have been awarded an Australia Award for study in Australia since 2015
  - thirty one people have been awarded Australian Awards scholarships for study in PNG in the fields of midwifery, nursing and community health work
  - four people from the Manus Provincial Administration were awarded Australia Awards fellowships to study a Certificate IV in Project Management in 2015.
- Australia has supported the establishment of a **PNG-Australia Alumni Association (PNGAAA) chapter** in Manus. The chapter was launched in Manus by the PNGAAA President and Australian Deputy High Commissioner with the Manus Provincial Administrator in 2015. There are currently 38 registered members.
- Australia has also supported the delivery of **28,107 primary school textbooks, 1,456 secondary school textbooks** and **school fee subsidies for elementary schools**, benefitting more than 5,000 children in over 110 schools.

## Law and justice

- Australian is funding the **reconstruction of the Manus Provincial Police Headquarters**, which will be completed in November 2017.

## Economic and community development

- Australia is working with the Manus Provincial Government on **youth activities**, in line with its Youth Policy. Activities focus on sport, income generation for at risk youth, vulnerable women and children, climate change adaptation as well as upgrades to the Manus Training Centre.

- Australia has funded a series of workshops in Manus since 2014 to support the **development of business skills**. The workshops, delivered in partnership with the Internal Revenue Commission, National Development Bank, Institute of Banking and Business Management, Nationwide Microbank and Queensland TAFE, have assisted approximately 750 participants from across Manus to develop businesses in a range of industries including IT, hospitality, food retail and fuel distribution.
- Australia is also providing support to **strengthen financial institutions and services** in the province, through the provision of a management information system to the Manus Savings and Loans Society, and financial literacy training for members of the village banks and communities.
- Australia is also strengthening the capacity of communities in Manus to **adapt to climate change** and improving community capacity to sustainably manage forestry, marine and natural resources. This includes:
  - exploring opportunities for seaweed, fish and atoll farming
  - training communities to protect and manage mangroves as a buffer against rising sea levels
  - increasing awareness on climate change induced risk and related adaptation measures.
- Australia has provided **recording and editing equipment for Radio Manus**, including laptop computers, portable recording devices and headphones. Radio Manus will use the equipment to provide training in radio production techniques and live presentation.