

Road Development Project



A rehabilitated road

Outline of Loan Agreement

Loan Amount / Disbursed Amount	3,588 million yen / 1,709 million yen
Loan Agreement	June 1984
Terms & Conditions	Interest rate 3.5%p.a. Repayment period 30 years (Grace period 10 years)
Final Disbursement Date	January 1990

Project Outline

The project aimed to improve the road network and stimulate domestic distribution via the provision of construction machinery, vehicles, and other equipment necessary for the maintenance/rehabilitation of rural roads, and the provision of training.

Results and Evaluation

The World Bank has been providing funding for Cameroon's road sector since 1964, and in 1979 provided a loan (US\$ 83 million) via its Fourth Roads Project, which covered the procurement of equipment for road rehabilitation and the construction of a training center. This project was the successor to the World Bank project and was designed to supplement it by providing construction equipment to meet road rehabilitation needs in Cameroon.

Under this project, 15 bulldozers, 34 motor graders, 28 (10-ton) and 64 (3.5-ton) dump trucks, and 16 road sprinkler trucks were procured, which was combined with training of necessary personnel undertaken by the equipment suppliers.

This construction equipment has been utilized to rehabilitate earth roads throughout the country, the operating rate of key equipment is currently upwards of 60%, and it has been maintained in comparatively good condition.

Private-sector participation in the road sector is being developed as part of the Cameroon government's structural reform policies, and there are signs that the role of Parc National de Materiel de Genie Civil (PNMGC), the project's executing agency, in road maintenance will be gradually transferred to the private sector.