

Kindia-Kankan Road Project



Project site

Outline of Loan Agreement

Loan Amount / Disbursed Amount	3,858 million yen / 3,858 million yen
Loan Agreement	April 1990
Terms & Conditions	Interest rate 1.0%p.a. Repayment period 30 years (Grace period 10 years)
Final Disbursement Date	August 1995

Project Outline

The project involved the upgrading of the unpaved section of National Route 1, which traverses Guinea from east to west, running between Conakry, the capital of Guinea, and Kankan, Guinea's second city, (538km) to a paved two-lane road, targeting improved road transport.

Results and Evaluation

As well as being the most important trunk road in Guinea, the project road is also the shortest route to Conakry Port for the neighboring country of Mali. However, unpaved sections brought traffic to a standstill during the rainy season and temporary bridges were impassable for large trucks. This project was accordingly implemented via international support from the World Bank, AfDB, and others, with ODA Loan being used to cover the section between Mamou and Dabola (146km).

It has generated significant improvements for vehicular traffic since its completion in 1996, and according to a World Bank survey conducted in 1997, daily traffic volumes have trebled from pre-project levels. The project has also improved the transport of foodstuffs produced in surrounding areas, and enhanced access to employment opportunities and public service facilities such as education and medical care, which are concentrated in city centers.

The National Department of Road Maintenance under the Ministry of Public Works and Transport has assumed responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the road, and is making efforts to secure a budget for maintenance via a road fund, under which fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees provide a source of revenue.