

Trans-Kgalagadi Road Project



Trans-Kgalagadi Road Constructed by the Project

Outline of Loan Agreement

Loan Amount/ Loan Disbursed Amount	¥3,661 million / ¥3,661 million
Loan Agreement	February 1993
Terms and Conditions	Interest rate: 3%, Repayment period: 25 years (grace period: 7 years)
Final Disbursement Date	August 1998

Project Profile

The project was to construct a section of the Trans-Kgalagadi Road between Sekoma and Mamuno by co-financing with the African Development Bank, in order to encourage domestic goods distribution and expand trade between SADC countries.

Results and Evaluation

The executing agency reports that the paving of the road surface under the project improved transport access, and substantially cut travel times between connected areas.

It has also been confirmed that the completion of the project has led to gradual development of communications services. Also, large bus services have begun running in the city of Ghanzi, which is connected to the Trans-Kalahari trunk road in a section covered by this project, and distribution and trade are growing fast there. As a result, Ghanzi is growing rapidly as the major city of the Northeast.

Maintenance of the project is handled by the maintenance section of the Roads Department of the Ministry of Works, Transport and Communications, and by the regional offices of the maintenance section. Its operation and maintenance method uses a computer database in a road surface management system. The maintenance section is also making strong preventative maintenance efforts by clamping down on overloaded vehicles, and its other areas of emphasis include securing an adequate budget. In recent years it has been contracting out increasing amounts of maintenance work to the private sector.