



Solomon Islands Government



Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility

SOLOMON ISLANDS LAUNCHES NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN

HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS (19 March, 2014) –The Government of Solomon Islands today launched the Solomon Islands National Infrastructure Investment Plan which outlines the government’s infrastructure investment priorities for the next 10 years.

The Minister of Development Planning and Aid Coordination, Connelly Sandakabatu, launched the plan along with representatives of the Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility (PRIF) at the quarterly Solomon Islands donor coordination meeting at the Mendana Hotel.

“The 2013-2023 Solomon Islands National Infrastructure Investment Plan demonstrates the government’s strong commitment to improving infrastructure to support sustainable economic growth, particularly in rural areas, in line with the National Transport Plan,” said Minister Connelly Sandakabatu, at the launch. “The plan also supports resilient infrastructure development in response to climate change.”

The national plan covers land, aviation, and maritime transport; water supply and sanitation, solid waste management; energy and power; telecommunications and Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

The upgrading of Henderson Airport and provincial runways, the Tina Hydropower Project and rural electrification programs, rehabilitation of roads in Malaita, Guadalcanal, and Choiseul, industrial parks in Malaita, extension of the wharf for the Honiara Port and rehabilitation of provincial wharves and Water Supply for Gizo and Honiara are among the 29 priority projects listed in the plan.

The plan highlights the importance of adequate infrastructure asset maintenance, and strongly encourages private sector participation in infrastructure development activities in Solomon Islands. The plan is underpinned by an assessment of available finance and a funding strategy for both capital works and recurrent costs.

The Solomon Islands National Infrastructure Investment Plan was prepared by Solomon Islands Government with technical assistance from the PRIF and in close coordination

with national stakeholders, development partners, civil society groups and the private sector.

Since 2008, the PRIF partners have worked closely with Pacific governments to coordinate development partner assistance to improve the quality, reliability and availability of critical infrastructure in both rural and urban areas to boost economic growth, create jobs and provide access to public services. PRIF partners consist of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Australia, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), New Zealand, the World Bank Group, the European Commission and the European Investment Bank.

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