

Road Rehabilitation and Improvement Project

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SECTOR:	Transportation
NAME OF PROJECT:	Road Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (839/OC-ES and 840/OC-ES)
TOTAL COST:	\$466 million
FINANCING:	
IDB	\$225 million
OECF (Japan)	\$106 million
CABEI	\$ 19 million
LOCAL	\$116 million
DATE OF APPROVAL:	November 30, 1994
GENERAL DESCRIPTION:	The overall objectives of the program are: to improve conditions and safety on national roads; to strengthen and modernize road administration and planning; and to assist with the rationalization of the transport sector and support policies on motor vehicle infrastructure and public services within the country. Specific objectives are to: (a) rehabilitate roads in poor condition; (b) reform road maintenance policy to increase areas of coverage and degrees of efficiency and effectiveness; (c) establish financing plans to ensure proper road maintenance and efficient use of human resources and road maintenance materials; and (d) strengthen the Ministry of Public Works' (MOP) institutional capacity and review and formulate

efficient policies for coordinating investment in the transport sector.

The program consists of two subprojects: (a) policy reform and institutional strengthening: including studies to modernize the MOP, analysis of maintenance contract systems, formulation of road safety and road design standards, training in various areas and strengthening of the MOP's environmental unit; and (b) investments for road rehabilitation, repair, upgrading, maintenance and safety works.

CONSULTANTS:

Consultants will be required to: (a) perform studies on sector modernization and reorganization; (b) analyze financing alternatives for highway maintenance; (c) study decentralizing the administration of part of the rural and urban road system; (d) analyze and propose maintenance contract systems, contract administration procedures, modern road design standards, maintenance administration systems, and road safety standards, as well as support program administration; (e) train personnel regarding vehicle weight control and new road construction and maintenance technologies; and (f) train specialized highway engineers and strengthen the environmental unit.

CIVIL WORKS:

The following types of civil works will be required: (a) rehabilitation of approximately 280 km of interurban roads and upgrading of 180 km of paved roads, including markings; (b) repair and upgrading of 455 km of unpaved road; (c) road safety works; (d) extension and widening of corridors; (e) improvement of intersections, markings, overpasses, pedestrian crossings, storm water drainage works and traffic lights; and (f) bridge repair.

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