



RURAL ACCESS AND AGRICULTURAL MARKETING PROJECT (RAAMP)



OVERVIEW

The RAAMP project aims to strengthen rural access and agricultural marketing across participating states while bolstering the financing and institutional foundations required for the effective development, maintenance, and management of the rural road network. By upgrading, spot-improving, and maintaining rural roads, communities are expected to gain year-round access to essential social, economic, and life-enriching facilities and services.

RAAMP aims to upgrade and maintain 5,000 km of rural roads, improve 40 logistics centers, and strengthen asset management and institutional and development across 19 states. Within this framework, the ILO provides technical support to systematize routine maintenance and spot improvements for rural roads and bridges in five pilot states. A key objective is to generate 200,000 workdays of decent employment using local resource-based approaches and best international practices. The ILO works closely with the FPMU, SPIUs, and relevant ministries and agencies to ensure coordinated and effective implementation.

AT A GLANCE



Project Duration: 1st Jun 2025 -30 Nov 2026



Target Beneficiaries: Over 32 million people and creates 200,000 workday decent paid jobs (30% women and 3% person with disabilities) in piloting states.



ILO Targets: Capacity development of 672 officials, 500 km of routine maintenance and 250 km of spot improvement.



Geographic Focus: Nigeria - (Akwa Ibom, Bauchi, Niger, Ogun, and Sokoto States).



Budget: \$4 million, funded by World bank and French Development Agency.

LINKAGE TO ILO PRIORITIES

Country Programme Outcome (CPO):

NGA102(Employment Intensive Investment Programme for creation of jobs in Nigeria

Strategic Policies and Budget (2024-2025):

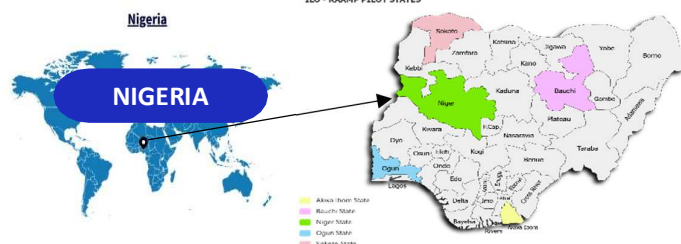
Outcome 3: Full and Productive Employment for Just Transition.

Outcome 5: Gender Equality and Equality of treatment and opportunities for all.

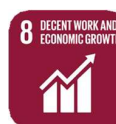
UNSDCF Outcome:

Strategic Priority 1: Nigeria has sustained inclusive economic growth and development that provided equitable opportunities for Decent Employment and Livelihood.

PROJECT LOCATION



EIIP responding to SDG's



Project Components



Capacity Development

The ILO will provide technical assistance for the development of policy-level guidelines aimed at systematizing and strengthening the rural road maintenance. In addition, a total of 672 government officials and contractors will benefit from capacity-building programmes delivered at both national and international levels.



Routine Maintenance

The ILO will provide technical assistance for the implementation of 500 km of routine maintenance works using a local resource-based approach, including the systematic development and application of Annual Road Maintenance Plans (ARMPs) using web-based application NiRTIMS.



Spot Improvement

The ILO will provide technical assistance for the implementation of 250 km of spot improvement works, encompassing the preparation of detailed project reports, contract management support, and the establishment of robust quality assurance

► Implementation Strategy in Nigeria.



Based on the findings of the capacity gap analysis conducted for government officials, contractors, and community representatives, a series of targeted training programmes will be organized to strengthen their technical and managerial competencies.



Selection and Approval of Roads for Routine Maintenance and Spot Improvement.



Updating of road inventory in NiRTIMS and condition survey of selected roads.



Preparation and Approval of Annual Road Maintenance Plan using NiRTIMS application.



Community sensitization, Selection and formalization of Road Maintenance Groups (RMGs) across selected road corridors.



Orientation training of RMGs and on-site demonstration of labour-based technology and OSH for routine maintenance implementation.



RMG agreement and Implementation of output based routine maintenance works.



Scoping and detailing of recurrent and spot improvement works.



Procurement, contract agreement and implementation of recurrent and spot improvement work with private contractors.



Continuous supervision and monitoring of routine and spot improvement work.



Wage payment of RMG members through individual bank accounts to ensure transparency.



Grievance Redress Mechanism through toll free lines and complaint boxes distributed at strategic locations for all to access.



Sustainable operation and maintenance activities, advocacy for ownership and sustained funding mechanisms.

ACHIEVEMENTS

CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING:

- Oriented a total of 110 SPIU staff members (from 5 Aug -5 Sep 2025), across five pilot states on the implementation of the maintenance component, strengthening their technical understanding of labour-based approaches, supervision procedures, and performance-based monitoring mechanisms.
- Facilitated the participation of six RAAMP staff members (19-23 May 2025) in the Regional Seminar on Labour-Based Practitioners held in Ethiopia, organized by the ILO.
- Trained 23 RAAMP staff members (from 15-18 Sep 2025), through a Gender and Social Inclusion (GESI) training conducted in Nigeria, aimed at promoting equitable participation, mainstreaming gender perspectives, and ensuring inclusivity.
- Organized a specialized training session for 30 RAAMP staff members (from 12th – 17th Sep. 2025), focused on the preparation of Annual Road Maintenance Plans (ARMPs), including the use of NiRTIMS for data management, cost estimation, and prioritization of maintenance activities.
- Finalized implementation agreement with the Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE) to deliver a series of specialized training courses for government engineers and contractor.
- Trained 20 RAAMP officials (from 17-21 Nov 2025) at Turin Italy for procurement, contract management, dispute resolution and arbitration by ITC Turin.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND SPOT IMPROVEMENT:

- Developed Road Maintenance Group and Occupational Safety and health guideline.
- Approved community-based contract documents, procedures, and guidelines for routine maintenance of rural roads.
- Community consultations conducted across 5 participating for planning and orientation.
- Selection and approval of 500 km of roads for routine maintenance and 250km for spot improvement across 5 states completed.
- Updated road inventory of 750 km of rural roads using NiRTIMS.
- Preparation and approval of Annual Road Maintenance Plan (ARMP).
- Scoping and detailing of recurrent and spot improvement works.
- Tools and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) procurement underway.
- Selection of Road Maintenance Groups (RMGs) currently in process.
- Preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of spot improvement works is in progress.

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