



► Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAMP)

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News brief on the implementation of the Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAMP) in Nigeria.

Key points

- The project aims to improve rural connectivity and agricultural market access across 19 Nigerian states by strengthening the financing and institutional foundations required for the sustainable development, maintenance, and management of the rural road network.
- This news brief aims to provide information on the latest project activity: the delivery of specialized training on managing development bank-funded projects. The training was held at the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITCILO) in Turin, Italy, from 27 to 31 July 2026. It was addressed to 25 senior government stakeholders and covered Finance, Procurement, Monitoring and Reporting.

Update on activities

The Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAMP), with technical support from the International Labour Organization (ILO), organized a five-days capacity development programme for 25 senior government stakeholders on "Managing Development Bank-funded Projects: Finance, Project Procurement, Monitoring and Reporting" at the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITCILO) in Turin, Italy, from 27 to 31 July 2026.

The training strengthened participants' knowledge and practical skills in managing development partner-financed projects, covering key areas such as results-based project management, performance-based budgeting, financial planning, procurement and contract management, World Bank disbursement procedures, expenditure monitoring, risk management, fraud prevention, internal controls, auditing, and project reporting.

Through interactive lectures, practical exercises, and group discussions, participants enhanced their understanding of international best practices and donor compliance requirements, enabling them to improve project planning, financial accountability, procurement efficiency, monitoring, and evidence-based decision-

making. The programme is expected to contribute to more effective, transparent, and accountable implementation of RAAMP, ensuring efficient utilization of development partner resources and improved delivery of sustainable rural infrastructure and services across participating states.

The training also included excursion visits to Monaco, Monte Carlo and Milan, which offered firsthand practical perspectives on global infrastructure planning, urban mobility systems, and cultural approaches to public works delivery.



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Testimony

Engr. Bukar Gana Abdulaziz, Lead Infrastructure Engineer, RAAMP, extended thanks to ILO for providing technical assistance on organizing the training for RAAMP officials for continuous capacity development. He further mentioned that, as the programme continues to expand, sound financial management, transparent procurement, robust monitoring systems, and result-based reporting have become increasingly important to achieving our development objectives. This training has been carefully designed to enhance our understanding of the complete project management cycle from results frameworks and budgeting to financial planning, contract management, risk management, audits, fraud prevention, and internal controls. The knowledge and practical skills gained during this week will help us improve accountability, compliance with donor requirements, and the efficient delivery of quality rural infrastructure that benefits communities across Nigeria.

Honorable, Farouk Mustapha, Commissioner of Rural Development, Bauchi state, extending vote of thanks on behalf of participants, noted that such capacity development initiatives are instrumental in strengthening the technical and managerial competencies of government stakeholders responsible for implementing development partner-funded projects. He emphasized that the knowledge and skills gained in financial management, procurement, monitoring, and reporting would enhance compliance with donor requirements, improve project governance and accountability, reduce implementation and fiduciary risks, and facilitate timely and effective reimbursement of project expenditures. He further expressed confidence that the training would contribute to the successful delivery of RAAMP and other development partner-funded programmes, ultimately delivering greater benefits to rural communities across Nigeria.

About the Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAMP)

RAAMP is a third-generation rural transport initiative of the Federal Government of Nigeria, financially supported by the World Bank (IDA) and the French Development Agency (AFD). The project aims to strengthen rural access and agricultural marketing across 19 participating states while bolstering the financing and institutional foundations required for the effective development, maintenance, and management of the rural road network. By upgrading, improving and maintaining rural roads, communities are expected to gain year-round access to essential social, economic, and life-enriching facilities and services.

ILO technical support is designed to systematize the execution of 2,400 km of routine maintenance works and 1,200 km of spot improvements works for rural roads and bridges within the RAAMP maintenance component across 12 States (Akwa Ibom, Bauchi, Ebonyi, Ekiti, Gombe, Katsina, Kogi, Niger, Ogun, Osun, Plateau, and Sokoto), with a proposed expansion to other participating states. A key target is the generation of 1,500,000 workdays of decent paid jobs (33% women and 7% persons with disabilities) for unemployed locals by adopting local resource-based technology, underpinned by capacity-building of 650 participants from 19 implementing states including Government policy maker, Project Managers, engineers and officials, Contractors, Road Maintenance Groups (RMGs), and Local community maintenance stakeholders and the incorporation of international best practices and experiences in rural road maintenance and upgrading.

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