

Ln. 3840 TUN Rural Roads Project: US\$58.0 million loan of January 31, 1995; Effective Date: February 14, 1995; Closing Date: December 31, 2002; Implementing Agency: Ministry of Equipment. The project objectives are public sector restructuring, budgetary reforms, private sector development, the development of improved road standards, the reduction of disparities between urban and rural areas, the reduction of rural to urban migration, and improving the delivery of social services to poor population. These objectives will be realized through improving maintenance of rural roads, particularly unpaved ones; decentralizing road management responsibilities to local governments, without developing new entities; establishing a link between budgets and road classification; strengthening budgetary discipline, transparency and accountability; targeting specific road maintenance tasks for execution by contract to improve efficiency and to create new development opportunities for a dynamic private sector; and finally minimizing life-cycle costs by making optimum use of gravel road techniques. The project is still in the start-up phase.