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### COLLABORATION WITH NGOS, DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) provided a grant of US\$10.5 million to:

- strengthen financial management and internal control systems of DPWH,
- support independent procurement evaluations and technical audits, and
- support the coalition of civil society groups (Bantay Lansangan or RoadWatch) which will provide independent oversight of the road sector.

**Collaboration with NGOs:** Bantay Lansangan (RoadWatch), a coalition of citizens and road user groups, will help monitor the road sector to ensure transparency and proper use of public funds. Transparency and Accountability Network (TAN) acts as the secretariat of Bantay Lansangan.

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### BASIC INFORMATION

Approval Date: May 2008  
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Net Commitment: US\$232 million

### AREAS OF COVERAGE

Nationwide

## Second National Roads Improvement and Management Program (NRIMP2)

The project aims to:

- 1) improve operation, organizational effectiveness, and fiduciary control in the management and financing of the national road system
- 2) enhance road user satisfaction in the project areas
- 3) promote efficiency and integrity in the use of financial resources.

Specifically, the project will support the following:

- a) Improvement of national arterial roads and related bridges, including upgrading, rehabilitation, or widening;
- b) Delivery of a comprehensive road maintenance program through long-term performance-based contracts and preventive maintenance;
- c) Improved organizational effectiveness and integrity of public road management services in DPWH through reforms in corporate processes, partnerships, and improvements in service delivery structures; and
- d) Strengthened operation of the Road Fund and a framework for subsequent sector restructuring.

**Anti-Corruption mitigation measures** in place for NRIMP2 are:

- a) Use of an Independent Procurement Evaluator (IPE) to improve the transparency and integrity of procurement processes;
- b) Further enhanced procurement controls to ensure the reliability of contract cost estimates, detect over-pricing through bid analysis, enhance supervision control over contract variations and disseminate a complaints mechanism in bid documents;
- c) Strengthened internal controls and internal audit capacity in the Department of Public Works & Highways;
- d) Adoption of Enhanced Business Processes, with increased use of computerized business systems and enhanced processes for procurement and financial management to improve efficiency of transaction processing and reduce opportunities for interference;
- e) Independent Oversight by Civil Society. A coalition of citizens and road user groups called "RoadWatch" ("Bantay Lansangan") has been established to strengthen the voice and influence of citizens in ensuring transparency and proper use of public funds for roads, and to counter corruption.