KILOMETERS OF CABEI-FINANCED ROADS AND BRIDGES INTERCONNECT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN REGION
Investments of more than US$4.442 billion approved by C Abei into modern and efficient road infrastructure in the last decade improve Central Americans' quality of life.

The land connection between Central American countries is becoming shorter and shorter, generating greater development opportunities, both nationally and regionally, with the movement of people, goods and services over modern and safe roads and bridges, which in recent decades have received financial support from the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) for their construction, expansion and/or rehabilitation.

Support aligned with CABEI’s strategic axes of Sustainable Competitiveness and Human Development and Social Inclusion, through which it seeks to contribute to generating transcendental solutions for mobility, since the improvement of road infrastructure contributes to job creation, improves people’s quality of life, boosts commercial activity and promotes investment and sustainable development.

As proof of CABEI’s commitment to its member countries, over the last ten years it has approved more than US$4,442 million, estimating the construction, repair and maintenance of approximately 10,646 km of roads, which in turn has generated 22,697 direct and indirect jobs (14.3% of which are women).

Twelve initiatives are currently underway and another four were recently approved by CABEI for investments in quality road infrastructure.
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<td>Investments that will open socioeconomic spaces in high poverty areas</td>
<td>+ 500,000 inhabitants benefited&lt;br&gt;289.52 kms paved and in use by the population in the project’s area of influence</td>
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<td><strong>Investment Support Project for the Road Sector (PROVIAL)</strong>&lt;br&gt;CABEI Investment: <strong>US$170.0 million</strong>&lt;br&gt;Approved by CABEI</td>
<td>Improvement of 121 km of highways in 8 departments of the country, construction of 5 bridges (1 binational with El Salvador) and 6 road infrastructure projects corresponding to road paving</td>
<td>+ 5 million people would benefit from the Project&lt;br&gt;122 permanent jobs and 3,598 temporary jobs would be generated</td>
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<td><strong>Design and construction (expansion and/or opening) of four road projects, made up of two highway sections (Section II of 10.5 km in length, Section III of 4.8 km in length and two border bridges (40.4 meters in length, the Bridge Anguiatú, and 173 meters the Arce Bridge).</strong>&lt;br&gt;The highway sections are part of the CA-04S route, a highway that leads to Puerto de la Libertad, from the central zone of the country, and the bridges are located in the western zone of the country, at two border points with Guatemala.&lt;br&gt;CABEI Investment: <strong>US$144.7 million</strong>&lt;br&gt;In progress</td>
<td>Expansion and/or opening of four road projects consisting of two highway segments of route CA-04S, and two border bridges leading to the La Libertad Port from the country’s central zone&lt;br&gt;• Rehabilitation of 10.5km of highway in the La Libertad Port, Segment II. Completed&lt;br&gt;• Construction of 4.8km of new roads in La Libertad Port, Segment III. Completed&lt;br&gt;• Construction of the bridge over the Paz River. Completed&lt;br&gt;• Construction of the bridge over the Anguiatú River. In progress</td>
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<td><strong>CA01W Investment:</strong> <strong>US$411.8 million</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,700 benefited road users</strong></td>
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<td>Pending start order to begin execution</td>
<td><strong>1,635 temporary jobs generated</strong></td>
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<td>Improvement and widening of a segment of highway CA01W between Autopista Monseñor Romero and CA01W in the municipalities of Santa Tecla, Colón and San Juan Opico, department of La Libertad</td>
<td><strong>700 users</strong> of light vehicles and <strong>1,700 cargo vehicles</strong></td>
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<td>It includes the widening to eight lanes of 8.48 km, the construction of a 0.90 km long bypass and the widening to six lanes of 6.16 km for a total of 14.64 km</td>
<td><strong>Bridge over the Paz River (Manuel José Arce Bridge)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>2,500 benefited road users</strong></td>
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<td>Will facilitate the transit of <strong>1000 light and heavy vehicles</strong></td>
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<td><strong>337,000 people</strong> benefited in the project's direct area of influence</td>
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<td><strong>2,309 temporary direct jobs</strong> during project implementation</td>
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<td>Paving of 73.16 km, divided into four existing road segments: - La Paz Centro - Empalme Puerto Sandino; - Empalme El Regadío - San Juan de Limay; - Las Vueltas - Las Cruces; - El Jicaro - Murra</td>
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| VII Road Improvement and Rehabilitation Program | Paving of 194.39 km, divided into six road segments:  
- La Garita - Rotonda El Coyotepe;  
- access roads to the city of León;  
- Siuna -Rosita;  
- Rosita -Sahsa;  
- Empalme Kukra Hill - Kukra Hill; and  
- Condega - San Sebastián de Yali | 738,270 people benefited  
2,989 temporary jobs generated and 333 permanent maintenance jobs  
Fast connection of 9 municipalities  
Savings in operation and vehicle maintenance costs |
| VIII Road Improvement and Expansion Program | Paving of 106.99 kilometers, divided in three road segments:  
- Sahsa - Puerto Cabezas;  
- Empalme Cosigüina - Potosí; and  
- Sapoa - Peñas Blancas | 79,623 people benefited  
1,484 temporary jobs generated and 168 permanent maintenance jobs  
Fast connection of 6 municipalities  
Savings in operation and vehicle maintenance costs |
| IX Road Improvement and Expansion Program | Paving of 284.27 km, divided into ten road segments:  
- accesses to the city of Chinandega;  
- Estelí - El Aceituno - El Sauce;  
- San Francisco Libre - Los Zarzales;  
- Tipitapa - Empalme San Benito;  
- Las Flores - Catarina - Guanacaste;  
- Empalme Esquipulas - San Dionisio;  
- San José de los Remates - La Cañada;  
- Cuapa - La Libertad;  
- Empalme Wanawana - San Pedro del Norte; and  
- Rosita - Bonanza | 669,280 people benefited  
7,579 temporary jobs generated and 1,117 permanent maintenance jobs  
Fast connection of 19 municipalities  
Savings in operation and vehicle maintenance costs |
The initiative will improve the quality of life of Nicaraguans in nine Pacific municipalities and two in the Autonomous Region of the Southern Caribbean Coast (RACC) with the construction and improvement of 185.22 km divided into four segments:

- Litoral Pacífico Sur Phase I (known as La Costanera), in the municipalities of San Juan del Sur and Tola in the department of Rivas; the municipalities of Jinotepe and Diriamba in the department of Carazo and San Rafael del Sur in Managua with the improvement of 119.49 km

- Corinto City Bypass with 8.07 km in El Realejo and Corinto - department of Chinandega

- Wapi-El Tortuguero Phase II with 45.9 km in the municipalities of El Rama and El Tortuguero in the South Caribbean Coast (RACC)

- La Calamidad-Empalme Masigue, in the municipality of Camoapa in the department of Boaco, with 11.76 km

Expected outcomes:

- 534,820 people benefited
- 2,788 jobs generated

Nicaragua
Reconstruction and rehabilitation of 135 bridges and 92 roads in alarming or deficient condition

CABEI Investment: of the total $700 million loan amount

US$415 million

Approved by CABEI in December 2022

Completed: Four functional units of the North Bypass, roundabouts at Zapote, Guadalupe and La Bandera, bridge over the Virilla River on Route 1 and Route 147, access to the Moin Container Terminal in Limón, new bridge over the Virilla River on Route 32.

Under construction: fifth functional unit of the North Bypass, expansion of the old structure of the bridge over the Virilla River on Route 32.

Costa Rica

Expected outcomes

+ 3.8 million people throughout the country

Strategic Road Infrastructure Works Program

CABEI Investment: US$430.5 million

Under execution

+ 1.3 million people benefited
### Panama

**Beach Corridor Project**

- **CABEI Investment:** US$140.0 million
- **Status:** Under execution

Construction of a new 1.72 kilometer bypass and the rehabilitation of 4.42 kilometers of a four-lane road, a turnaround and a pedestrian walkway through new paving.

- **Expected outcomes:**
  - + 2.5 million people benefited
  - 600 direct temporary jobs
  - 15% of which are women

### Dominican Republic

**Dominican Republic’s National Road Infrastructure Connectivity and Transformation Plan (PLANACOVIAL), Segment A**

- **CABEI Investment:** US$421.0 million
- **Status:** Approved by CABEI in May 2023

Rehabilitation and improvement of the level of service of 19 km of the Duarte Highway and the construction of 15.3 km of marginal road for the decongestion of this road, as well as 67.9 km of road from San Pedro de Macorís to the municipality of Miches with two lanes of traffic.

- **Expected outcomes:**
  - 659,830 people benefited

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**Technical Cooperation for the provision of specialized transaction advisory services for the PPP project of the North David Corridor Highway Project in Panama**

- **CABEI Investment:** US$2.4 million
- **Status:** In progress

Prefeasibility and feasibility studies for the construction, equipping and commissioning of a 16-kilometer highway system to alleviate the load of automobiles traveling on the Pan-American Highway in the City of David, Chiriqui, Republic of Panama.

- **Expected outcomes:**
  - + 2.5 million people benefited
Measurable impact

It should be noted that, through a methodical analysis during the stages before, during and after the execution of each project, CABEI has established the Development Impact Evaluation System (SEID) as a tool for measuring and following up on the impact of its operations on the development of the countries and poverty reduction in accordance with the results set forth in the Cabeí Development Impact Index (I-CABEI).

To this end, it has offices in charge of supervising: Social and Environmental Monitoring (OFIMSA), which supervises the environmental and social aspects of the projects, including compliance with the conditions and recommendations established in the Environmental and Social Management Plan (SIEMAS) and periodic follow-up of the same; the Credit Operations Supervision Department (SOC), responsible for monitoring the correct performance of the activities and execution of the projects through a trained technical and administrative team that visits the projects and validates the reports and briefings provided by the Program Executing Unit (UEP); The Independent Evaluation Office (ODEI) is responsible for verifying the Bank’s effective contribution to the region’s development through the fulfillment of strategies, projects and programs in line with the principles, objectives and regulations adopted by the bank.

In this way, it is worth emphasizing that investments in infrastructure are key to the future and well-being of the community as a whole, which is why CABEI will continue to support the authorities of its member countries in the development of sustainable and resilient projects that make it possible to achieve Development Goal (SDG) number 9 “Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation” as a bridge to greater and better opportunities for Central Americans.