

**PROJECT:**

**Rural Road Program in El Salvador**

**LEAD INSTITUTION:**

KfW

**PARTNERS:**

CABEI

EU-LAIF

**TOTAL COST:**

€ 40 886 958

**LAIF CONTRIBUTION:**

€ 3 574 000

**TYPES OF SUPPORT:**

Investment grants

**DURATION PERIOD:**

Dec 2011 – Jun 2017

**CURRENT STATUS:**

Completed

**DESCRIPTION:**

The overall objective of the project was to improve rural road infrastructure in El Salvador, to enable continuous traffic, giving priority to those areas that have potential for productive development in order to reverse the conditions that affect rural poverty and low economic activity in those areas. The project aimed to strengthen the institutional capabilities of rural road management.

Road transport is critical for social and territorial cohesion and a way to facilitate economic convergence and market unity. This is particularly important in El Salvador, with a 37.5% of its total population living in rural areas.

The effects on a weak road network are the reduction of access to basic public services, decrease of labour mobility and trade of goods and services, and ultimately increases the costs of production, reduces job opportunities and increases inequality

**ACHIEVED RESULTS:**

- Identification and assessment of vulnerable impact areas;
- Development of internal competence to deal with climate change and establishing inter-agency partnerships;
- Execution of works/mitigation measures that minimize the risks of local populations in vulnerable areas, as a result of increased natural disasters due to climate change;
- Better drainage systems, better rolling surfaces at critical points.