

Project name: *Project Yuma Ruta del Sol*

Borrower: *Webuild*

Sector: *Infrastructure Construction and materials*

Country: *Colombia*

Financial Product: *Project Finance*

Equator Principles category: *A*

Project description

The "Ruta del Sol Sector 3" project is included in the Colombian road plan and is part of the third generation of the concession program carried out by the national government. This project seeks to improve the existing road of Sector 3 of Ruta del Sol through the construction of a second carriageway and the maintenance and improvement of the existing infrastructure.

These activities will be developed along two road corridors: San Roque (Cesar) - la Ye de Ciénaga (Magdalena), and El Carmen de Bolívar (Bolívar) - Bosconia (Cesar) - Valledupar (Cesar). The aforementioned corridors have an approximate extension of 465km and consist of nine (9) segments, which are part of Route 45 and Route 80 of the Colombian National Road Network. Once completed, these sections will be linked to Sectors 1 and 2 of the Ruta del Sol project in order to enhance the connectivity of the interior of the country with the Atlantic and Caribbean coasts and reduce travel times.

Summary of Key Environmental Impacts and Risks

The Project faces significant impacts for the population, among which are, firstly, the possibility of fragmentation of the communities of Puente Canoa and Tucurínca, and secondly, the intervention on a considerable group of ethnic communities, among which are the communities of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. Moreover, other impacts could regard biodiversity and ecological function of the areas interested by the project. However, the implementation of mitigation measures to reduce the level of significance of these impacts to a relatively low level is part of the definition of an Equator Principles Action Plan by the sponsor/project, to be aligned with the Equator Principles requirements for the Project.