

Developing Infrastructure

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The development and maintenance of essential public infrastructure is an important ingredient for sustained economic growth and poverty reduction.

Poor infrastructure is perhaps the most binding constraint to growth throughout the region.

Rapid population growth and urbanisation threaten to exacerbate infrastructure bottlenecks. Emphasis is needed on equitable access to social infrastructure in remote, rural environments where 80 per cent of the population live mostly without electricity and roads.

Infrastructure investment can lift economic growth and support social objectives.

Health, education, and efficient water and sanitation services help lay the groundwork for a more productive, healthy population capable of contributing to sustained economic growth. Likewise transport infrastructure improves access to services and markets in rural areas.