

# Presentation

The role of infrastructure stakeholders in the implementation of  
NW's strategic economic infrastructure

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# The NWDC - Mandate

the aims and objects of the Corporation shall be to plan, finance, co-ordinate, promote and carry out the economic development of the Province and its people in the field of industry, commerce, finance, mining and other business resulting in wealth and job creation.



# Strategic Importance of the NWDC

- *Best opportunity to Drive and Own Economic Development*
- *Development finance institution*
- *Superior due to broader Mandate*
- *Can Participate in Private Sector Business Opportunities*
- *Can Participate in Public Sector Infrastructure Projects*



# Core Programmes of the NWDC

- *Property Development and Management*
- *SMME Development and Support*
- *Special Economic Zone (SEZ)*
- *Trade Promotion and Investment Facilitation*
- *Economic Development Projects*



# Infrastructure Stakeholders

- *Infrastructure Departments*
  - *Municipalities*
  - *Infrastructure Funders*
  - *Social Infrastructure*
  - *Built Environment*
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- *NWDC sits at the heart of co-ordinating the implementation of infrastructure needs to support economic recovery*



# Role of infrastructure in economic recovery

- The development of a country wholly depends on the availability of its infrastructural facilities. Infrastructure plays a vital role in the improvement of the country's standard of living. It also plays an important role in contributing to a higher rate of economic growth.
- As the coronavirus outbreak deepens and inflicts a tragic toll, economies around the world are being flattened with unprecedented force and speed.
- Governments are advancing emergency aid and stimulus packages to respond to the immediate health crisis and prevent economies from stuttering to a halt.
- The global community has been badly shaken, but already, there is a determination to emerge from this stronger: to rethink how we do things and reboot.



## Role of infrastructure in economic recovery (cont')

- For the infrastructure industry that means asking questions such as: can we approach what we build better? How can we make populations more resilient to global shocks ahead?
- A time-honored way of providing an immediate lift to economies is to fund infrastructure.
- Research found that modernizing our highways, bridges, airports, and waterways will yield much higher returns on multiplier effect.
- Spending on infrastructure boosts economic prospects in the medium and long-term through much-needed improvements to facilities and connectivity.



## Role of infrastructure in economic recovery (Cont')

- When stimulus funding becomes available, it will be most impactful if spending bodies have a comprehensive infrastructure stimulus program to guide priorities –  
Reliance on infrastructure stakeholders to ensure the development of bankable infrastructure shovel ready projects.
- A criticism of infrastructure funded, is supposed to be “shovel ready.” it is not possible to get started immediately due to the pipeline process of approvals, the design to ensure environmental requirements, and the need to ensure that fair contracting practices took place





# Types of infrastructure

- **Social infrastructure.** They concern with the supply of such services as to meet the basic needs of a society. In simple words, social infrastructures refer those basic services such as [education](#) and training. It also includes health and sanitation, drinking water, housing, sewerage, etc. Social infrastructures are also termed as ‘social overheads’. These social overheads indirectly support the economic systems. They indirectly increase the productivity and the economy sees the impact after some time. Social infrastructures lead to growth in the long run.



## Types of infrastructure (cont')

- **Physical infrastructure.** Physical infrastructure is those infrastructures which directly concern themselves with the needs of such production sectors as agriculture, industry, trade, etc. In simple words, physical infrastructure directly supports the economic production. They also directly support the process of production and distribution in the economy. A few such examples are energy, irrigation, transportation, telecommunication, banking, insurance, technology, finance, etc. Physical infrastructures, however, directly increase the productivity and the economy sees the impact immediately. They also lead to an immediate growth in the short run.



# Conclusion

To conclude, let us discuss some of the prime importance of infrastructures.

- They help in the development of the market and all the elements within.
- It also facilitates large-scale production for the purpose of smooth functioning of the economy.
- They result in the territorial division of labour which is great.
- They also ensure price stability in the market.
- Economic infrastructure definitely ensures the mobility of labour and capital within/from the economy.
- It results in the overall growth of towns and cities.
- Infrastructures provide for a lot of employment generation and employment opportunities.
- They also play a crucial role in national defence activities.



## Conclusion (cont')

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- The economy and the nation will be able to meet any emergencies that arise.
- It creates a place and time utility.
- Infrastructural development plays a vital role in the development of agriculture and industry.
- Infrastructure like transportation, communication and telecommunication breaks any economic isolation that prevails in the country.
- They are a great and rich source of revenue to the Government.
- The development of economic infrastructure will directly result in the development of economic trade.



# Recommendations

- Setting up an Infrastructure fund
- Collaborations and co-operations between government entities and private companies
- Infrastructure projects initiated by private sector
- Included in the entities' corporate and strategic plans



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