

## KARONGA-CHILUMBA-CHIWETA ROAD (MALAWI)

### Main data:

- ✓ Location: M1, Karonga-Chiweta (Republic of Malawi)
- ✓ Scope of Works: Project and Environmental Impact Assessment
- ✓ Client: Government of Malawi
- ✓ Date of project: 1997
- ✓ Main feature: Design of the road and structures in Malawi.
- ✓ Overall length: 105 km

### Summary:

The existing road between Karonga and Chiweta was 5,4 m wide and in very bad condition due to the high volume of heavy traffic, lack of maintenance and drainage problems. Besides that, the original bridges were only wide enough for one lane. All of these problems meant an increase in transport time and cost when using them.

The intention of this project was to reduce the cost and time for the user, recuperate the appeal of the road and hence contribute to the development of the region and access from the east of Africa.

The project was to remodel and improve the section of the existing road by resurfacing with bitumen and carry out the corresponding drainage work. Apart from this, the existing bridges were to be replaced by 20 new structures throughout the stretch. As the new road generally follows the existing route the environmental impact was minimal.

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