AFCAP RESEARCH IN TRANSPORT SERVICES

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PART 1:
TRANSPORT SERVICES & AFCAP
Transport Services Research (1)

- One of AFCAP’s objectives is to promote *Transport Services* in rural areas
- Majority of existing research projects are on provision and maintenance of low volume road infrastructure
- Request for more research in Transport Services
- I.T. Transport has been sub-contracted as advisors on *Transport Services*
PART 2:
WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?
What has been done so far? (1)

- Stakeholder communication (incl. two country visits in October 2010 - Kenya and Malawi)

- Purpose: To identify potential transport services project opportunities, which potentially can be included in the AFCAP programme
What has been done so far? (2)

Result/Outcome:

- Insight to current transport service related problems in the two countries (e.g. low demand; boda-boda)
- Few **concrete** transport research projects identified
- Focus on physical infrastructure and road maintenance
- Transport services is a private sector issue?
What has been done so far? (3)

Conclusion:

- Potential research ideas exist

- More follow up work is needed to identify concrete and specific research project ideas that can be included under the AFCAP programme

- Need to “throw the net wider” (mix of stakeholders)
PART 3:
WHAT IS BEING DONE NOW?
What is being done now? (1)

- AFCAP invites Project Concept Notes (PCNs) for research projects on *Rural Transport Services in sub-Saharan Africa*
- Open to: Individuals, NGOs, firms, universities and similar organisations with relevant research and consultancy capability
- Projects must be located in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Project duration: 2 to 24 months
What is being done now? (2)

- Essential that the PNCs meet the following criteria as a minimum:
  - A) Relevance to AFCAP’s overall goal of providing reliable access for poor communities in Africa;
  - B) Contribution to adding to existing knowledge and research in the area of *Rural Transport Services in sub-Saharan Africa*;
  - C) Compliance with AFCAP’s *4-way test* for project proposals.
Application Process

Two-step process:

- a) 1-page application form ([https://www.AFCAP.org](https://www.AFCAP.org))

- b) Short proposal
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Selection Process (1)

- Closing date for receipt of PCNs: 10th December 2010

- Initial evaluation of the PCNs will be carried out in accordance with the evaluation criteria and weighting specified in the Application Form

- PCNs successfully passing this stage will be shortlisted for further consideration (7th January 2011)
Selection Process (2)

- Requested to submit a short Research Project Proposal (Submission deadline: 28\(^{th}\) January 2011)

- A final selection of research projects eligible for AFCAP funding will be produced

- Contracts awarded: 14\(^{th}\) February 2011

- Commencement of Research projects: Feb/Mar 2011
Evaluation Criteria

AFCAP 4-way test

- Does the project have strong local ownership?
- Does the project include mainly research, knowledge dissemination or training?
- Will the project contribute to sustainable improvements in rural transport?
- Will the project contribute to building national or regional capacity?
Summary

- Open to all countries from sub-Saharan Africa
- More than one application form
- More information: [https://www.AFCAP.org](https://www.AFCAP.org)
- “Spread the word” (emails, websites, networks)
- Contact details
THANK YOU!