

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>)
- b) Short proposal

Africa Community Access Programme (AFCAP)		
Project Concept Note		
Application Form		
Name(s) of legal entity or entities making this application		
Name of Primary Contact		
Organisation		
Address		
Telephone		
E-mail		
Proposed Research Project		
Project Title	<i>[Insert name/title of the research project concept note]</i>	
Country & location	<i>[Insert country name and the location within the country]</i>	
Relevant Research History	<i>[Is this part of previous research or an ongoing programme or project? If so, give brief description]</i>	
Evaluation Criteria		Weighting
Compliance with the 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?	Mandatory
Main Stakeholders/ Partner Organisations	<i>[List the stakeholders (e.g. government/donors/organisations/institutions/ companies) that the project will be involved with]</i>	10%
Institutional Ownership	<i>[Who will manage the project and own the outputs within the Partner Government]</i>	20%
Rationale (max 100 words)	<i>[Briefly describe how this project relates and would contribute to the AFCAP purpose]</i>	50%
Objective (less than 50 words)	<i>[Describe the overall objective of the project]</i>	5%
Main activities and outputs	<i>[List the main anticipated activities and outputs]</i>	10%
Linkage to other projects/ programmes	<i>[Would this project complement other programmes or projects? If so, give a brief description]</i>	5%
Project duration	<i>[Insert estimated number of months]</i>	
Estimated cost (GBP)	<i>[If co-financed, provide AFCAP and partner contributions separately. Co-financing will be an advantage]</i>	
Name		
Signature	Signed for and on behalf of the Legal Entity	
Date		

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: 28th January 2011)
- A final selection of research projects eligible for AFCAP funding will be produced
- Contracts awarded: 14th 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>
- “Spread the word” (emails, websites, networks)
- Contact details

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