Africa Community Access Programme (AFCAP)

Supporting rural transport engineering research capacity

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What is AFCAP?

- **AFCAP** is an initiative to use research evidence to promote the development of sustainable, least-cost, all-weather, locally-owned access for poor rural communities within Sub Saharan Africa.

  - **GOAL** - To promote improved rural physical access in Sub Saharan Africa.

  - **PURPOSE** - A strengthened research base developed, promoted and influencing policy and practice in Africa; with respect to sustained rural road provision & maintenance and affordable rural transport services.
What is AFCAP?

- **AFCAP**
  - implementation started in June 2008
  - is a 5-year programme funded by the UK government
  - has a budget of £7.5 million (including management)
  - seeks to achieve additional funding contributions from other donors and participating countries
AFCAP Activities

- **Research**
  - generation and validation of policies and practices
  - knowledge in infrastructure, transport services and mainstreaming of gender.

- **Capacity Building**
  - development of training materials,
  - awareness of best practice,
  - use of AFCAP training materials in wider fora.

- **Knowledge Exchange**
  - workshops, study tours,
  - collaboration with partners and
  - info media website links.
AFCAP Structure

- **Core Management Group**
  - operated through Crown Agents

- **Steering Group**
  - comprises 10 members from road and transport professionals from Sub Saharan Africa from policy affecting bodies, and donors

- **Country Steering Groups**
  - comprises in country group of road and transport professionals headed by National Coordinators. Groups established in Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania.
AFCAP Project Selection/Justification

- **4 Way Test**
  - does the project have strong local ownership
  - does the project contain mainly research, training or knowledge dissemination
  - will the project contribute to sustainable improvement in rural development
  - will the project contribute to building national and regional capacity
AFCAP Dissemination and Sustainability

- Communications Strategy
  - Community of Practice (COP)
  - Website, e-mail, blogging
  - Regular publication - Bite Size Pieces
  - Workshops and discussions
  - Exchange events
  - Communications action plan

Please look at website for details

Progress to date

- 9 countries have established a dialogue regarding research and collaboration projects
- 5 countries (Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, & Ethiopia) have developed collaboration and National Research Steering groups
- 64 no. projects commissioned and 34 no. completed
- 20 no. knowledge exchange activities undertaken
- £13M additional funding contributions by participating countries
Project Details
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