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African Community Access Programme



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Supporting rural transport engineering research capacity



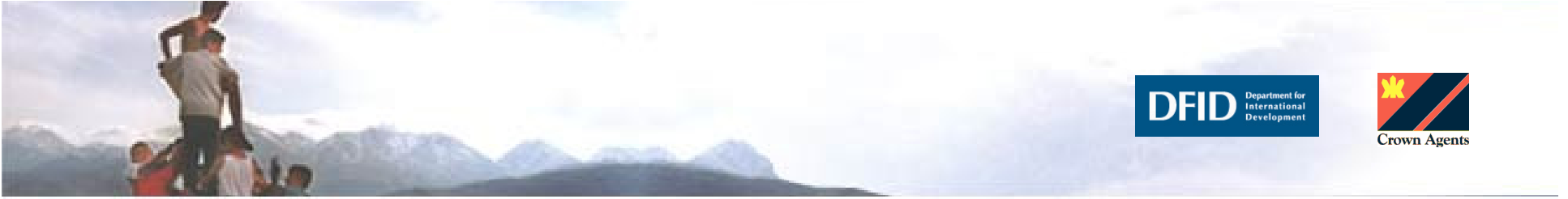
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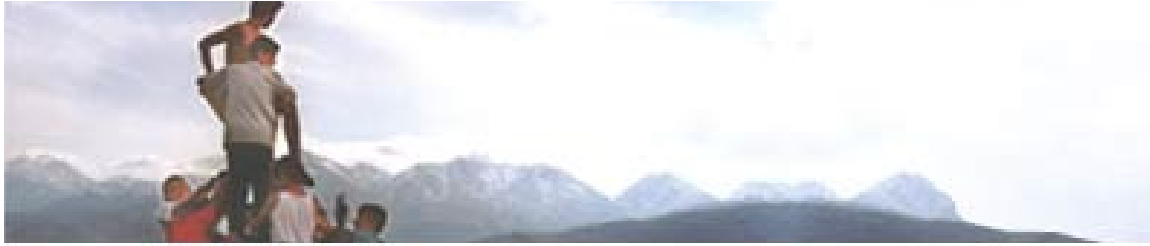
- **AFCAP** is an initiative to use research evidence to promote the development of sustainable, least-cost, all-weather, locally-owned access for poor rural communities within Sub Saharan Africa
 - **GOAL** - To promote improved rural physical access in Sub Saharan Africa.
 - **PURPOSE** - A strengthened research base developed, promoted and influencing policy and practice in Africa; with respect to sustained rural road provision & maintenance and affordable rural transport services.



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- 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

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THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS

Reliable access is essential for rural communities in Africa. Access is required to reach basic services and all kinds of economic and social opportunities. Unreliable and difficult access reduces growth opportunities and negates the benefits from investments in other sectors designed to improve the livelihoods of poor communities.

WHAT IS AFCAP?

The Africa Community Access Programme (AFCAP) is addressing the challenges of providing reliable access for poor communities. AFCAP provides advice and undertakes research to facilitate the delivery of safe and sustainable access.

AFCAP is based around a portfolio of research, demonstration, advisory and training projects, which identify and support the uptake of low cost, proven solutions for rural access that maximise the use of local resources.

The outputs from these projects feed directly into regional and national rural transport policies and strategies for poverty reduction.

HOW AFCAP WORKS?

AFCAP is not a new institution, but works with existing organisations. It works closely with programmes funded by other development partners, supporting innovative field research and bringing this knowledge into use.

The Department for International Development (DFID) is supporting AFCAP through the provision of the AFCAP Core Management Unit (CMU), as well as with funding for projects. The projects are also being supported by the participating governments and other development partners. DFID has contracted Crown Agents to provide the Core Management Group, which is supported by the company's head office in the UK and its international offices in the participating countries.

WHO ARE BENEFITING FROM AFCAP?

The main beneficiaries are rural communities in Africa. They benefit from improved access to investments in other sectors; better access to health and education services; improved road safety and greater gender equality in how the transport sector operates. AFCAP has the support of regional economic organisations in Africa, including the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), the East Africa Community and the Sub Saharan African Transport Policy Programme (SSATP). At the national level, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, and Tanzania are directly participating in AFCAP and implementing research and knowledge dissemination activities.

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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

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Project Details

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