AFCAP -
African Community Access Programme

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What is Community Access?

- Community Access allows rural communities to get to services and economic opportunities.
- Community Access integrates both the infrastructure and transport services to allow people to get to places.
- Community Access focuses on walking and IMTs as well as by motor vehicles.
- Community Access is key to delivering on the MDG’s.
Directions of Change

- Decentralisation of responsibilities for community access to lower levels of local government
- New materials and techniques for low-volume roads
- Labour-intensive approaches to create employment
- Increasing investment of China and India in rural roads
- Increasing rural infrastructure development
- The rise of the mobile phone is changing rurality
- Impact of climate change and the adaptation to its effects
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
- AFCAP is a 5-year programme funded by the UK government, with a budget of £7.5 million
- AFCAP implementation started in June 2008
- AFCAP develops research collaboration between 8-10 African countries (currently Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Ghana)
- AFCAP funds research, knowledge-exchange and training
AFCAP in Malawi

- Collaboration Agreement with Ministry of Transport & Public Works
- AFCAP National Co-ordinator
  - Paul Kulemeka, Chief Executive Officer, Roads Authority
- AFCAP National Steering Group
  - Transport Forum
- Initial AFCAP research project
  - Performance Review of Design Standards, Technical Specifications and Bidding Documents for existing LVSR in Malawi
Sustainable improvement in access infrastructure

- What is good practice for delivering sustainable improvement in access?
- How do we develop innovative, practicable sustainable solutions and get them into widespread practice?
- How can we develop the capacity to research and take-up such good practice?
- How do we develop national ownership in the development of improved community access?
- How do we get findings scaled up and mainstreamed?
Promotion of rural transport services

- How do we promote quality Rural Transport services?
- How do we encourage use of NMT’s and create viable markets for their promotion?
- What are the social, economic and institutional factors for successful promotion of NMT?
- How do we improve rural freight transport?
Interaction between mobility and other policy areas

- How do we mainstream gender in decentralised rural road decision-making and delivery?
- How do we promote Agriculture and Rural Transport sector synergies and cooperation?
- 'Beyond Roads' - what complimentary initiatives are effective?
- What are the interactions between mobility and maternal and child mortality, HIV/AIDS and education MDG’s?
- How do we promote Community participation in decision-making and delivery?
Getting Research into Practice

- How do we develop effective Knowledge Mainstreaming mechanisms and support environment?
- How do we improve Professionalism in the sector?
- How do we mainstream Rural Transport Knowledge in Training and Education?
- How do we promote the production of rural transport knowledge?
AFCAP 4-Way Test for project selection

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