



# 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

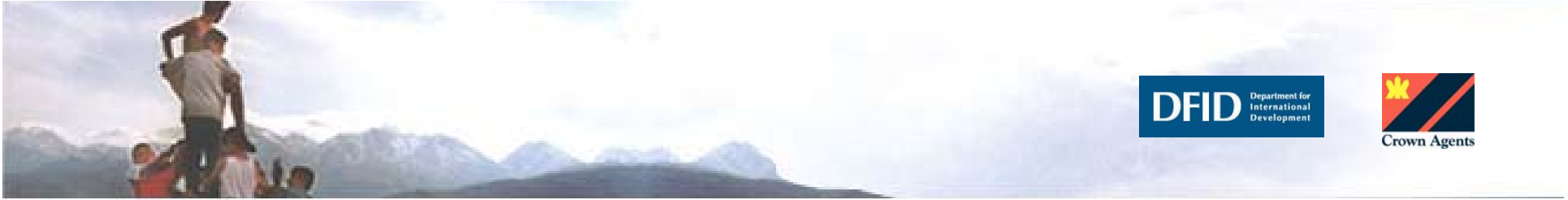












# Directions of Change

- 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





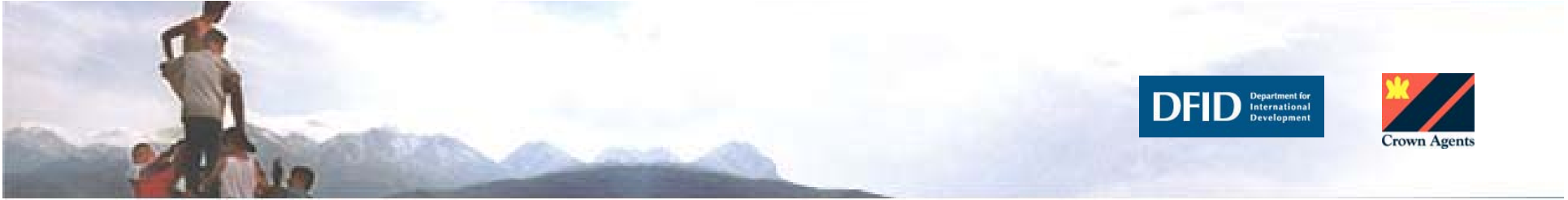
# What is AFCAP?

- 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?



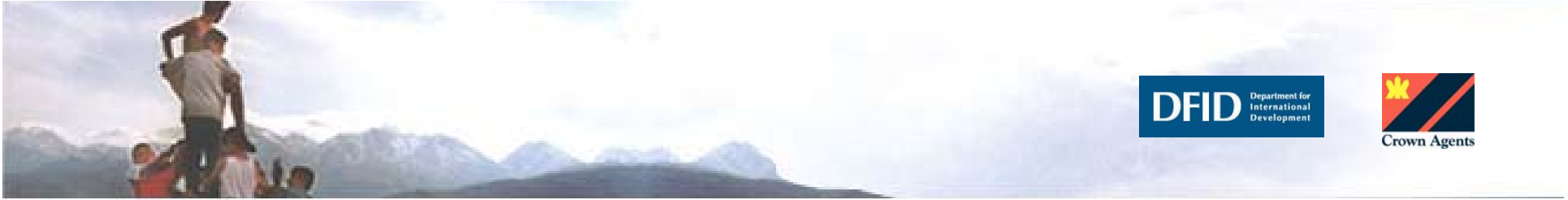
## AFCAP 4-Way Test for project selection

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!