The Africa Community Access Programme (AFCAP)

An Introduction

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Technical Constraints
Institutional Constraints

- Lack of clear national policies for rural transport
- Inadequate management capacity in road agencies and shortage of experienced technicians
- Inadequate funds – or weak economic justification
- Undeveloped local contracting capacity
- Lack of transport services.
AFCAP Overview

• AFCAP is undertaking research and knowledge dissemination to promote safer and more sustainable access for rural communities in Africa
• Budget of £7.5 million over 5 years
• Implementation started in June 2008.
Management Arrangements

- Crown Agents Core Management Group
  - Programme Manager, Technical Manager, CA office support.
- Host organisation and coordinator identified in participating countries
- Crown Agents acts as procurement agent and client for service providers
- Service providers report to local partners (non-contractual matters).
Participating Countries

• Any country in Africa can participate (53)
• Mozambique, Malawi, South Africa, Kenya, Ghana and Ethiopia were pre-selected
• Others: Tanzania/Zanzibar, Uganda, Madagascar, Benin, DRC, Lesotho
• Regional organisations: ASANRA, ARMFA, SSATP, gTKP, ILO
• Institutions:
  – Centre for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
  – University of Stellenbosch (South Africa)
  – International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering (Burkina Faso)
  – Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Ghana).
Project Identification - AFCAP Four Way Test

- Does the project have strong local ownership?
- Does the project include mainly research or knowledge dissemination?
- Will the project contribute to sustainable improvements to rural transport?
- Will the project contribute to building national or regional capacity?
Activities so far

1. Visited all pre-identified countries (at least once)

2. Attended meeting and conferences:
   - ARMFA Annual Conference (Maputo)
   - RSDP Annual Review Meeting Ethiopia
   - IFRTD “State of Rural Transport and Development” Conference (Dar es Salaam)
   - Other smaller meetings.

3. Identified host organisation and coordinator (Mozambique, Ethiopia, Malawi)

4. Prepared project proposals and developed a process for approval by local partners and procurement of service providers.

5. First AFCAP project launched in Mozambique (TRL)

Monitoring Pilot Projects in Mozambique
Road Ponds in Mozambique
AFCAP and SEACAP
AFCAP and SEACAP

1. Much larger geographical area, diversity of culture and language – therefore a different way of working?
   – More reliance on local partners?
   – Fewer and larger projects?
   – Work through regional organisations.

2. AFCAP benefit from SEACAP experience
   – Slope management systems and stone paved roads (Ethiopia)
   – Exchange visits.

3. Opportunities for SEACAP practitioners under AFCAP.
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The End