

MODULE 8

ROLE OF LOCAL LEADERS IN RURAL ROAD MAINTENANCE

Objectives

After fulfilling Module 8, you will be able to:

Understand the role of local leaders in

- Managing the Local Road Network
- Implementing Road Maintenance Works
- Managing Rural Road Maintenance

Requirement

The participants are required to have comprehended following modules

- Module 2: "*The concepts of Rural Road Maintenance*"
- Module 5: "*Fund Mobilization and Rural Road Maintenance Implementation*"
- Module 6: "*Rural Road Maintenance Management Process*"
- Module 7: "*Define Priority in Rural Road Maintenance*"

Methodology

- The participants are introduced legislations related to the role of local People's Committees in managing local road network
- The participants self-study the role of local leaders on rural road maintenance
- Self-Assessment

Training Kit

- Rural Road Maintenance Handbook
- Module 8 "*Role of Local Leaders in Rural Road Maintenance*"

Studying Activities

1. Introduce Government Legislations governing definition of role of local leader in rural road maintenance implementation
2. Learn about the role of local leaders to implement rural road maintenance works and manage road maintenance activities
3. Self – assessment

1. Government regulations on the role of Local Leaders in road network management



Read “Rural Road Maintenance Handbook”- Page 13 – and memorize the following *summary* of Government regulations with respect to functions of the People’s Committees in road network management.


1. *Set up development plan for local road network based on the master plan of the national road network.*
2. *Manage and secure the local road network, secure national road/highway in local area.*
3. *Propagandize, educate and monitor the implementation of the Government Regulations related to road network..*
4. *Guiding appropriate road management authorities in local area to comply with legal regulations and professional provision of the Ministry of Transport.*



Realize the tasks of Local Leaders to comply with Government Regulations of road network management

Look at a weekly work plan of Commune A Chairman below and tick (✓) in appropriate boxes on the right to indicate activities that follow Government Regulations with regard to People’s Committee’s role in the management of the road network.

| WEEKLY WORK PLAN | | | |
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| | Time | Work | |
| Monday | Morning | Meeting at District about Commune and District planning development until 2010 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Afternoon | Review Commune Budget allocation for 2005 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tuesday | Morning | Meeting at District to report District Budget expenses for transport-construction- irrigation in 2004 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Afternoon | Meeting at District about family planning implementation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wednesday | Morning | Meeting with staff of stock farm about bird flu | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Afternoon | Inspect environmental sanitation in stock farm | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Thursday | Morning | Board of Commune Chairmen meeting about contract bidding to build Communal primary school | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Afternoon | Inspect encroachment of road right of way area | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Friday | Morning | Attend workshop about awareness raising in maintaining Rural Road Network at District | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Afternoon | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

 Write down the five tasks that have been completed by your Commune Leaders to comply Government Regulations relating to road network management


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notes

Commune Leaders are responsible to Government for implementing Commune Road Network management

2. Learn about the role of Local Leaders in Rural Road Maintenance and Maintenance management.

 Local Leaders are *a vital link* in the Rural Road Maintenance management process.

Referring to Module 6: "*Rural Road Maintenance Management Process*" to understand responsibilities and roles of Commune Leader in Rural Road Maintenance management process.

 Look at the following presentation to realize *the decisive role* of Local Leaders in Rural Road Maintenance and maintenance management

*Transportation system is the foundation of all local socio-economic activities. It should be well maintained.
If the leaders would like to improve local socio-economic conditions, they should pay much more attention to road maintenance. The most important item is funding mobilization & ensuring the funds are used effectively and appropriately.*



... The commune transport staff and I *havemade* a lot of efforts to set up and submit the Commune Road Network Plan. The Province/People's Committee has agreed to allocate budget for commune road maintenance from Rural Transport Project and District budget. Let's try to think of other funds to mobilize. Next week, I will talk with some companies/enterprises in the Commune whose vehicles often pass on the road... Oh! Right, we need to obtain fund mobilization experiences from other Communes at the Workshop on Rural Road Maintenance next week...



I have carefully read this Communal maintenance plan. It must be balanced with mobilized funds then get its implementation to commence next week.



I will be very busy next week: sign the contract with contractors for Routine Maintenance of Commune Road Network, sign contracts with 5 households for routine maintenance of Hamlet Road Network, choose a private contractor for repairing pavement surface defects on inter-hamlet road, and so on. But road maintenance should be the first priority.





Based on tasks assigned by Commune Leader, I have to make a work plan for contractors, then monitor, supervise and make reports about the road maintenance implementation process.



Based on the above presentation, continue with *filling into following lines* tasks of Local Leaders, indicating *their decisive roles* in Rural Road Maintenance

1. *Understand and propagate to raise awareness for local community about the significance of road network and the importance of Rural Road Maintenance.*

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notes

In order to have a good Rural Road Network, it is necessary for Local Leaders to pay attention to road maintenance.



1. Summarize the Government Regulations with respect *to* functions of the People's Committees in road network management:

1. **Set-up the plan to develop local road network**.....

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2. Complete following paragraph with Commune Leaders' responsibilities in managing and maintaining road network

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2. *Seek and mobilize funds to implement Local Road Network Maintenance.*

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4. *Review and approve road maintenance plan made by transportation staff*

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6. *Assign staff monitoring road maintenance implementation, review reports in order to be able to manage local road maintenance implementation process.*

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