

RTTP's Thematic Work Activities

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THE CONTEXT: The 2001-2003 Work Plan

- **Continuing assistance to SSA countries on policy and strategy development and implementation but less intensive than now.**
- **Thematic work to generate knowledge and capture lessons of experience.**
- **Dissemination and capacity building activities.**
- **Creating an effective network of rural transport practitioners in SSA with RTTP Coordinators at the core.**



ELEMENTS OF THE THEMATIC WORK

- 2. Promoting Enhanced Use of IMTs**
- 3. Mainstreaming Gender into RTT Policies and Programs**
- 4. Dissemination Strategy**
- 5. Capacity Building**



KNOWLEDGE GENERATION ACTIVITIES

- 1. RTT Knowledge Base**
- 2. Socio-economic Impact of Feeder Roads Investments**
- 3. Rural Transport Data Base**
- 4. Technical Paper on “Developing Rural Transport Policies and Strategies”.**
- 5. Lessons of Experience on RTT outside of RTTP Framework**



KNOWLEDGE GENERATION ACTIVITIES

Knowledge Base Material

- **Sponsored Jointly with Bank RT Thematic Group**
- **Distillation of present world wide knowledge on RTT**
- **Completed in English now being translated to French and Spanish**
- **Will be available on web site and CD-ROM**
- **Being used to prepare training materials on RTT**



KNOWLEDGE GENERATION ACTIVITIES

Socio-economic Impact of Feeder Roads

- **Being done using a ‘before and after situation’ approach.**
- **Phase 1 findings and those from a related smaller study by DANIDA discussed at workshop in Zambia in March, 2001.**
- **Key findings include:**
 - **Difficulties in identifying and measuring impact and thus in evolving a methodology.**
 - **Need to have a rational basis for feeder roads investment decisions**

Approach to Phase 2 under discussion. Likely to be late 2002

Immediate outcome of workshop is decision to develop a prioritization framework for Zambia.



KNOWLEDGE GENERATION ACTIVITIES: Rural Transport Data Base

Objective is to begin to lay the foundation for monitoring changes in the coming years in the RTT sub-sector and thus be able to determine the impacts they are having.



KNOWLEDGE GENERATION ACTIVITIES Lessons on RTT outside of the RTTP framework

Based on review of existing RTT situation in three countries that have undertaken various initiatives on RTT prior to participation in RTTP to capture lessons from their experience.

The three countries are Kenya, South Africa and Uganda.

Would welcome information from similar countries e.g. Lesotho.

Findings will be published as an SSATP Working Paper.



PROMOTING USE OF IMTs

Nairobi Experts Meeting of 1999:

- **Endorsed regional approach to problem and mandated RTTP to prepare project document which would contain the strategies to be used, implementation framework, timing and resource needs.**
- **Project Document to be used as basis for seeking funding.**
- **TOR ready and draft document should be available for review later this year.**

Publications

- **Lessons of Experience So Far**
- **Improving Rural Mobility**
- **Web site**



MAINSTREAMING GENDER

1. Mainly in the framework of Gender and Rural Transport Initiative (GRTI)
2. Focus on (i) building capacity of countries to better address gender dimensions of RTT issues and (ii) helping develop methods and approaches for design and evaluation of gender responsive RTT projects.
3. Working with Bank Gender and Transport Thematic Group.
4. Encouraging response and need to sustain through increased regional ownership.



DISSEMINATION STRATEGY

1. Preparation initiated in 1998 but finalization then considered premature given stage of RTTP work.
2. Finalization now possible and needed.
3. Present draft envisages 14 outputs from the strategy, some of which already in place.
4. Consultations with Program Coordinators held November 2000. Need for capacity building in this area identified.
5. Interim 2001 Work Program provides for preparation of country specific strategies in eight countries.
6. Framework for systematic capturing of information and transformation into dissemination resource being put in place.
7. VIDEO on RTT jointly with ILO.



CAPACITY BUILDING

1. Focused on implementation of the dissemination strategy, knowledge generation and training events.
2. Training workshops
 - training materials being developed from the Knowledge Base material
 - training the trainers workshop on the material planned for third quarter of 2001.
 - country and region level mounting of training events