

Rural Transport

Report of discussion group debates
and recommendations for SSATP

Areas of discussion

- Rural transport and agriculture
- Rural transport and health - Emergency transport services
- Current and planned SSATP activities under DP2

Citation

“While the great powers have been to the moon and back and are now even communicating with the stars...

We are still trying to reach the village and village is getting even more remote...”

Hon Mwalimu Julius Nyerere.

Areas of agreement

- Up to half of the harvest lost and women dying in childbirth is crucially influenced by poor rural transport
- Right policies on RTT do exist in SSA but the implementation has been deficient/weak
- RTT interventions requires collaborative multi-sectoral efforts (including agriculture, health e.t.c.) to achieve food security, economic growth and poverty reduction.
- Prioritisation of the strategies and activities to address the RTT problem drawing from the recommendations of the RT Framework Paper
- There are opportunities to address RTT through AU (CAADP Pillar 1 on Infrastructure) and USAID programme focused on food security
- Lessons from many pilot projects exist and more effort is required to replicate them in countries.

Recommendations

- Member states should review the RTT policies and strategies to ensure that adequate resources are allocated to rural transport improvement to achieve economic growth and MDGs.
- RTT policies and strategies have to include gender issues, community participation and other cross cutting issues essential for achieving full results of rural transport improvement
- SSATP/ARTA to promote the use of key findings of the Rural Transport Framework paper in member countries (including mapping of rural infrastructure and country needs, dissemination of best practices, etc)

Recommendations Cont'

- Member states enhance the private sector participation in rural transport services interventions by encouraging innovations through proper incentives
- SSATP to make known the existing knowledge banks and repository (e.g. gTKP, AFCAP, IFRTD, etc.) – with better sign posting
- SSATP/ARTA to promote knowledge exchange between CAADP and national level multi-sectoral partners
- SSATP/ARTA to facilitate linkage between regional and national training institutions in promoting the use of Rural Transport Training Material

**Thank
You!**

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Merci!