Effective road asset management depends on good performance by road agencies under all six building blocks of the Road Preservation Pyramid.

- **Operational**
- **Technical**
- **Planning & Management**
- **Financial**
- **Institutional**
- **External/Political**

The biggest challenge facing rural road agencies in Africa is the lack of appropriate government policy and political will to support sustainable funding for road maintenance.

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Poorly maintained roads disrupt rural livelihoods.

Well maintained roads support economic growth.

Government policy must be committed to the provision and preservation of rural access.

Road user charges must be ring fenced for road maintenance and allocated fairly between national and local road agencies.

Technical standards for roads must be appropriate to local conditions.

Levels of service must be clearly defined in consultation with road users.

Institutional roles and responsibilities for the rural road sector must be clearly established.

Road agencies must ensure efficient scheduling and procurement of maintenance works.