Community Access – what do research programs need to deliver?

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Solid and relevant technical solutions, but it’s much more than standards, design, and/or construction:

• Increased focus on system management
• Ensure climate resilient, adaptable for a changing future
• Measured in terms of:
  • impact (economy)
  • indirect benefits (access to medical services)
  • gender equity
• Packaged development and links to agriculture, rural services and rural development
Capacity development and stakeholder engagement is critical
Quotes from ADB Transport Forum

• Rural road networks and their component assets serve a range of requirements and should be designed, constructed and maintained taking account of the driving principle that roads must be “fit for purpose”.

• Climate resilience of rural roads must be undertaken within a matrix of realistic and affordable performance criteria.

• Pragmatic consideration of “Whole-Life-Funding” for rural roads is logical step forward from accepting the principle of “Whole-Life Costing”.

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Rural access in the Development Process

• Eradicate poverty in rural areas (SDG 01)
• Promotion of sustainable agriculture (SDG 02)
• Access to health facilities and well being (SDG 03)
• Access to education services and facilities (SDG 04)
• Gender equality (SDG 05)
• Provision of clean water and pipe-borne water (SDG 06)
• Employment and economic growth (SDG 08)
• Build resilient roads and bridges (SDG 09)
  • % rural population < 2km from all-season road (9.1.1)
  • Passenger & freight volumes (9.1.2)
• Make rural settlements safe (SDG 11)
• Resistance to climate changes (SDG 13)
ADB Strategy 2030

Seven operational priorities

- Promoting rural development and food security
- Accelerating progress in gender equality
- Tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability
- Addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities
- Fostering regional cooperation and integration
- Making cities more livable
- Strengthening governance and institutional capacity

Other key approaches

- Expanding private sector operations
- Catalyzing and mobilizing financial resources for development
- Strengthening knowledge services
Take aways:

- Standards are the basics
- Must be relevant and localized
- Evolve to meet new challenges
- Move to system management and role in development
- Knowledge, engagement, capacity development and broader stakeholder involvement is critical to success
- A collective and unified voice
Thank you.