



AFCAP



Africa Community Access Programme

THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS

Reliable access is essential for rural communities in Africa. Access is required to reach basic services and all kinds of economic and social opportunities. Unreliable and difficult access reduces growth opportunities and negates the benefits from investments in other sectors designed to improve the livelihoods of poor communities.

WHAT IS AFCAP?

The Africa Community Access Programme (AFCAP) is addressing the challenges of providing reliable access for poor communities. AFCAP provides advice and undertakes research to facilitate the delivery of safe and sustainable access.

AFCAP is based around a portfolio of research, demonstration, advisory and training projects, which identify and support the uptake of low cost, proven solutions for rural access that maximise the use of local resources.

The outputs from these projects feed directly into regional and national rural transport policies and strategies for poverty reduction.

The Department for International Development (DFID) is supporting AFCAP through the



provision of the AFCAP Core Management Group (CMG), operated by Crown Agents, as well as with funding for projects. The projects are also being supported by the participating governments and other development partners.

BUILDING ON EXISTING INSTITUTIONS

AFCAP started in 2008; however it is not a new institution and works with existing organisations and programmes funded by a range of development partners. AFCAP supports innovative field research and puts this knowledge into practical use and aims to achieve knowledge dissemination through the establishment of a Community of Practice.

WHO ARE BENEFITING FROM AFCAP?

The main beneficiaries are rural communities in Africa. They benefit from improved access to investments in other sectors; better access to health and education services, improved road safety and greater gender equality in how the transport sector operates. At the national level, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, South Sudan and Tanzania are directly participating in AFCAP and implementing research and knowledge dissemination activities as well as the support of regional economic organisations in Africa.



AFCAP Community of Practice (CoP)

The CoP is an informal network of professional, policy makers and interested individuals who share a common interest, knowledge and experience in the provision of community access. This informal network will enhance communication between the members and will facilitate dialogue around key issues.

AIM:

The CoP is to connect practitioners, policy-makers, researchers and interested individuals around the issue of community access in rural Africa.

OBJECTIVE:

The CoP is to share experiences amongst those interested in community access, enhancing the professional ethic, raising the profile of community access as a key sector in national economies, and promoting enquiry and research in this area.



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