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Abstract

This report provides an overview of the dissemination activities conducted for this ‘Scaling up Gender Mainstreaming in Rural Transport’ project. It reports on the research pathways to dissemination through electronic media, stakeholder events, and publication of findings; and brings the project to a closure, with the only outstanding milestone being the publication of the cluster of projects on Gender Mainstreaming in the Rural Transport Sector, in a special issue of the Journal of Transport Geography.

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1 Introduction

This is a dissemination report borne out of a research project entitled “*Scaling Up Gender Mainstreaming in Rural Transport: Policies, Practices, Impacts and Monitoring Processes*”. The research consisted of four country case studies on gender mainstreaming in selected rural transport programmes in Ghana, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. Ghana and Uganda provided the backbone of the case studies consisting of desk study reviews and key informant interviews.

The case studies were based on the following rural transport programmes:

- **Ghana:** World Bank funded Northern Region Pilot Infrastructure Scheme (NRPIS), a component of the Second Transport Rehabilitation Project (TRPII: 1991-1997) funded by the World Bank and the ongoing Cocoa Roads Rehabilitation Programme funded by the Government of Ghana
- **Kenya:** Government of Kenya and French Government funded Roads 2000 Programme Central Phases 1 and 2 (Roads 2000/AFD 1 & 2: 2007-2011, 2013-2017)
- **Tanzania:** Village Travel and Transport Programme (VTTP: 1995-2004) and one of its off-shoots, the Local Government Transport Programme (LGTP: 2008-ongoing)
- **Uganda:** DANIDA funded Road Sector Programme Support Phases 1 and 2 (RSPS1 & RSPS2: 1999-2002, 2003-2007) and the Rural Roads Programme (RRP: 2008-2010).

The case studies analysed national gender frameworks, transport sector policies, legislation, regulations and then focused on the specific transport programmes in order to generate key learning around good and promising gender mainstreaming practices for possible up-scaling. Each of the case study countries have political frameworks, policies and legislation that underpin the principles of gender equality. These include gender-equality enabling provisions in the constitutions, political representation, national planning and legislative frameworks.

1.1 Terms of Reference for the Dissemination Activities

The Terms of Reference for the project required that the following dissemination activities are undertaken.

1. The research outputs be disseminated widely using electronic and hard-copy formats;
2. That in each study country, interaction between the research team on the one hand and key informants on the other be the first line of dissemination;
3. Continuous interaction with ReCAP country liaison persons;
4. The AFCAP and IFRTD website be used to disseminate the results;
5. One electronic newsletter to be produced at the end of the project;

6. A research paper to be prepared for publication in an international peer reviewed journal.

2 Report on the Dissemination Activities

The research project resulted in 9 key outputs that have been disseminated in various ways as will be described shortly. The outputs are:

- a. Literature Review and Analytical Report;
- b. Kenya Case Study;
- c. Uganda Case Study;
- d. Tanzania Case Study
- e. Ghana Case Study;
- f. Final Synthesis Report;
- g. A Policy Brief;
- h. An electronic newsletter;
- i. An article for an open source peer reviewed journal.

2.1 Research Pathways

- I. **Electronic and Hard-copy Dissemination.** All the above listed outputs have been uploaded to the IFRTD website (with the exception of the journal article, which shall be published separately). There is also a dedicated web page on the ReCAP website for all the gender mainstreaming cluster of projects, including this project: <http://www.research4cap.org/SitePages/GenderMainstreaming.aspx>. Hard-copies of the Policy Brief were made available during the ReCAP Inter-Regional Implementation Meeting (IRIM) held between 20-22nd November 2017.
- II. **Dissemination through AfCAP country liaison persons and Key Informants:** All the outputs have been circulated by email to all the AfCAP liaison persons in Ghana, Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya, as well as Key Informants who provided information in the four countries.
- III. **Dissemination through Electronic Newsletter:** An online Newsletter entitled “Forum News Issue 18.1: Gender Mainstreaming in Rural Transport” was produced and e-mailed out through iContact to 1315 members who are on IFRTD’s international members database. A longer version of the newsletter can be found in the Newsletter Section of the IFRTD website www.ifrtd.org or via the following link: <http://www.ifrtd.org/index.php/component/k2/item/28-e-newsletter-on-gender-mainstreaming>. Electronic copies of the short and long versions of the Newsletter have been shared with AFCAP’s Knowledge Management and Communications Manager and are available on the ReCAP website: www.research4cap.org/SitePages/GenderMainstreaming.aspx.
- IV. **Peer Reviewed Journal Article:** A draft journal article has been produced and has undergone technical review by the PMU. An abstract of the article has been submitted to the Journal of Transport Geography for publication in a special issue of the journal: Gender mainstreaming in the rural transport sector in Africa and Asia.

- V. **Dissemination through a workshop;** ReCAP organised an Inter-Regional Implementation Meeting (IRIM) held between 20-22nd November 2017, including a workshop dedicated to Gender Mainstreaming in Transport Services during which this project was presented and discussed alongside the other six projects from the gender cluster. The workshop provided a good platform to disseminate and receive feedback on all the gender mainstreaming projects funded by ReCAP. The Team Leader made a presentation covering the four case studies and a synthesis of issues arising, including how the research findings and policy recommendations can be taken up by the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDA) in ReCAP countries. The participants were able to suggest areas that need to be taken forward in the future. The Policy Brief arising out of the project was circulated in hard copy format during this workshop.

3 Priority Areas of Research Going Forward

During the gender workshop at the IRIM event, there was a Power Vote exercise for participants to provide comments on the following strategic questions:

1. What are the key gaps remaining in gender and transport?

- There are few female representatives in decision-making bodies
- Women should be involved more in decision making processes. Initiatives of the respective governments in all countries should promote women's involvement in the rural transport sector
- Public awareness and overall gender mainstreaming awareness and training is lacking

2. Where are the priority areas of research to concentrate on going forward?

- The participants felt that further research should be done to understand the reason why women's' participation is still limited in Africa, despite many interventions
- Authentic data about women's mobility is necessary; and data on women's share in the political system is required to support their representation in local government
- Implementation of affirmative action is crucial
- Working with product designers / industrial designers to develop better designed public transport vehicles for women and men
- Initiatives of the respective governments in all countries to promote women's involvement in the rural transport sector, and especially in decision making processes.

There is much work to be done, yet the results of this and other studies in the gender mainstreaming cluster have revived the debate on inequality in the rural transport sector, arguably for the first time since the 2002 publication 'Balancing the Load: Women, Gender and Transport'. Gender mainstreaming is a cross-cutting issue being taken up by ReCAP, as well as the Sum4All initiative and the DFID funded High Volume Transport programme and is

gaining momentum across the transport community, which will gain traction as we contribute to the body of knowledge on this important topic.