

African Community Access Programme - an introduction

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 African Community Access Programme (AFCAP), a DFID funded research initiative, is designed to address the challenges of providing reliable access for poor communities. AFCAP will provide advice and undertake research to facilitate the delivery of safe and sustainable access.

AFCAP will be based around a portfolio of research, demonstration, advisory and training projects, which will 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 will feed directly into regional and national rural transport policies and strategies for poverty reduction.



The challenges of rural access in Africa

WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM AFCAP?

The main beneficiaries will be rural communities in Africa. They will 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.

AFCAP has the support of regional economic communities in Africa, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the Sub Saharan African Transport Policy Programme (SSATP). At the national level, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania and Zimbabwe have been directly involved in the design of AFCAP and the identification of its first project activities.



Improved access will benefit rural communities across Africa

HOW WILL AFCAP WORK?

AFCAP is not a new institution, but will work with existing organisations. It will work closely with programmes funded by other development partners, supporting innovative field research and bringing this knowledge into use.

The Department for International Development (DFID) has contracted Crown Agents to provide a Core Management Group (CMG) for AFCAP. The CMG comprises Jeff Turner, (Programme Manager), Rob Geddes (Technical Services Manager) and Elinor Caborn (Project Manager). They will be supported by Crown Agents' head office in the UK and its international offices in the participating countries.

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