

# The Africa Community Access Programme (AFCAP)

## An Introduction

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**Constraints**







# Institutional Constraints

- Lack of clear national policies for rural transport
- Inadequate management capacity in road agencies and shortage of experienced technicians
- Inadequate funds – or weak economic justification
- Undeveloped local contracting capacity
- Lack of transport services.

# AFCAP Overview

- AFCAP is undertaking research and knowledge dissemination to promote safer and more sustainable access for rural communities in Africa
- Budget of £7.5 million over 5 years
- Implementation started in June 2008.

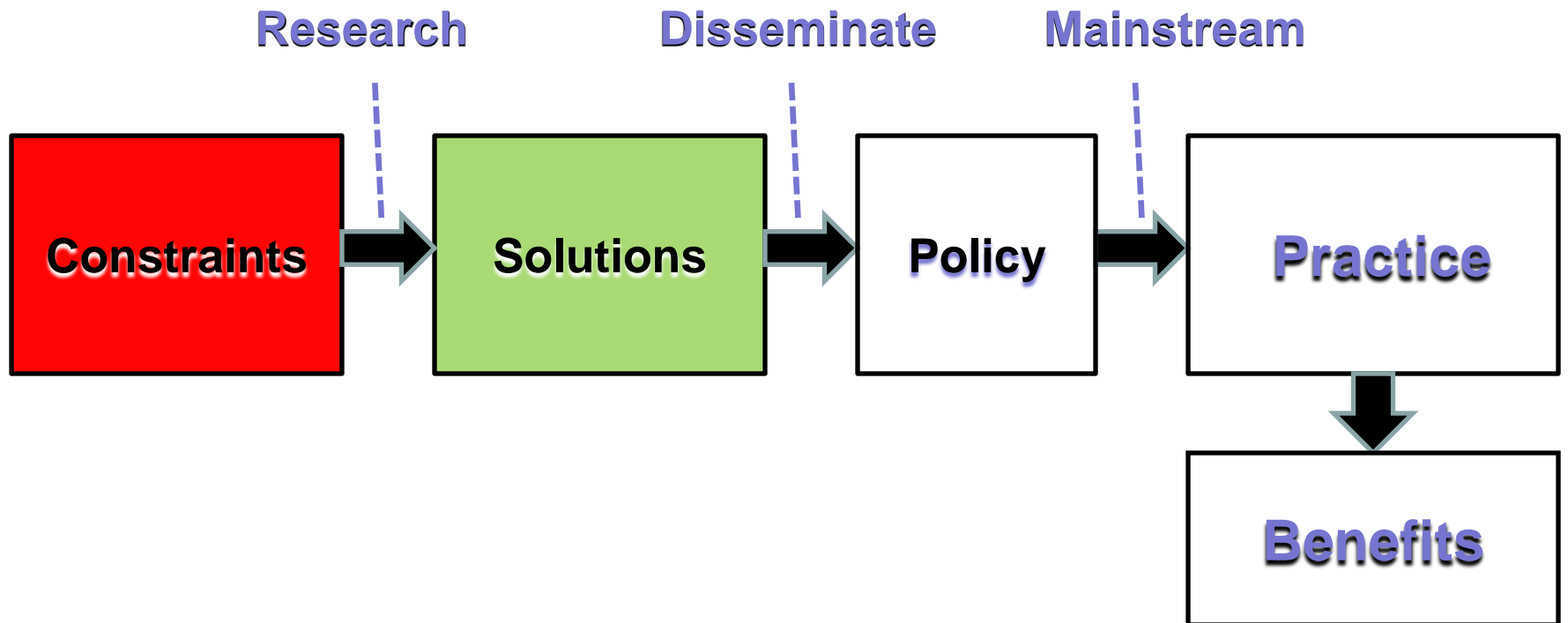
# Management Arrangements

- Crown Agents Core Management Group
  - Programme Manager, Technical Manager, CA office support.
- Host organisation and coordinator identified in participating countries
- Crown Agents acts as procurement agent and client for service providers
- Service providers report to local partners (non-contractual matters).

# Participating Countries

- Any country in Africa can participate (53)
- Mozambique, Malawi, South Africa, Kenya, Ghana and Ethiopia were pre-selected
- Others: Tanzania/Zanzibar, Uganda, Madagascar, Benin, DRC, Lesotho
- Regional organisations: ASANRA, ARMFA, SSATP, gTKP, ILO
- Institutions:
  - Centre for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
  - University of Stellenbosch (South Africa)
  - International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering (Burkina Faso)
  - Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Ghana).

# AFCAP Approach



# Project Identification - AFCAP Four Way Test

**Does the project have strong local ownership?**

**Does the project include mainly research or knowledge dissemination?**

**Will the project contribute to sustainable improvements to rural transport?**

**Will the project contribute to building national or regional capacity?**

# Activities so far

1. Visited all pre-identified countries (at least once)
2. Attended meeting and conferences:
  - ARMFA Annual Conference (Maputo)
  - RSDP Annual Review Meeting Ethiopia
  - IFRTD “State of Rural Transport and Development” Conference (Dar es Salaam)
  - Other smaller meetings.
3. Identified host organisation and coordinator (Mozambique, Ethiopia, Malawi)
4. Prepared project proposals and developed a process for approval by local partners and procurement of service providers.
5. First AFCAP project launched in Mozambique (TRL)
6. Inception Report.

# Monitoring Pilot Projects in Mozambique



# Road Ponds in Mozambique



# AFCAP and SEACAP



# AFCAP and SEACAP

1. Much larger geographical area, diversity of culture and language – therefore a different way of working?
  - More reliance on local partners?
  - Fewer and larger projects?
  - Work through regional organisations.
2. AFCAP benefit from SEACAP experience
  - Slope management systems and stone paved roads (Ethiopia)
  - Exchange visits.
3. Opportunities for SEACAP practitioners under AFCAP.

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The End