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# New knowledge for challenging times: Closing knowledge gaps in an evolving Rural Transport environment

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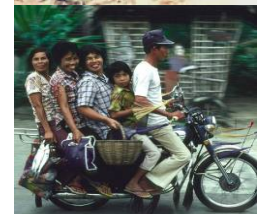




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## Challenging Environments

- Increased focus on Infrastructure failure as MDG deadlines approach
- India and China making wholesale investments in rural road infrastructure, domestically and overseas
- Continuing decentralisation of road governance
- New forms of road financing around road funds, private sector involvement etc
- SEACAP & AFCAP renewing focus on good practice around community access infrastructure & services
- Bilaterals & some agencies move to supposedly more integrated rural approaches

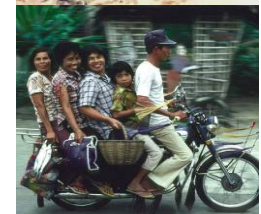




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## Maintenance challenges

- Sustainable, Affordable, Low Volume Rural Road (LVRR) Management and Maintenance systems
- Maintenance needs for various surface options
- Realistic maintenance capability assessment techniques
- Bio-derived road sector products (especially dust suppressants, stabilisers and seals)

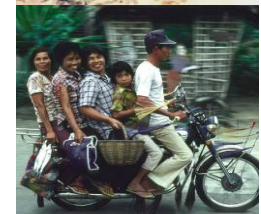




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## Appraisal challenges

- Cost-benefit analysis for LVRRs (especially valuation of non technical issues and social benefits and the role of community participation)
- Vehicle Operating Cost v surface type and condition relationships for various environments and means of transport



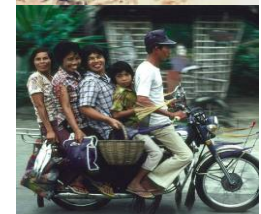




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## Getting Research into Practice

- How do we develop effective Knowledge Mainstreaming mechanisms and support environment?
- How do we improve Professionalism in the sector?
- How do we mainstream Rural Transport Knowledge in Training and Education?
- How do we promote the production of rural transport knowledge?

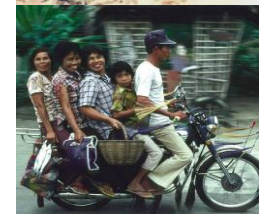




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## Interaction between mobility and other policy areas

- How do we mainstream gender in decentralised rural road decision-making and delivery?
- How do we promote Agriculture and Rural Transport sector synergies and cooperation?
- 'Beyond Roads' – what complimentary initiatives?
- How do we promote Rural Transport services?
- What are the interactions between rural mobility and the MDG's particularly maternal and child mortality, HIV/AIDS and education?
- How do we promote Community participation in decision-making and delivery?





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Your chance to influence the process



- Send your comments and ideas on these and other Rural Transport knowledge gaps to:

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