



**THE RURAL TRAVEL AND
TRANSPORT PROGRAM:
Consolidating the Gains**

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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

- Review RTTP's progress against its stated objectives.
- The impact these are having on some issues earlier identified during RTTP's work.
- Discuss how these may impact on how RTTP continues to work.
- Concluding with some suggestions for consolidating gains so far made and improving upon them.

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OBJECTIVES OF THE RTTP

- 1. Promote increased awareness of rural travel and transport (RTT) issues in Sub-Saharan African (SSA) Countries.**
- 2. Assist countries in SSA develop policies and strategies to:**
 - Improve the planning, financing, provisioning and maintenance of rural transport infrastructure (RTI)
 - Improve rural transport services and mobility through adoption of appropriate transport technologies to facilitate people and goods movement; and
 - Promote gender equality in access to mobility
- 3. Disseminate 'good practice' examples within SSA**

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OBJECTIVES OF THE RTTP: Where are we (1)

Promote increased awareness of rural travel and transport (RTT) issues in Sub-Saharan African (SSA) Countries.

- Growth in number of participating countries:
1997 – 4; 1998 – 8; 1999 – 14; 2000 – 19
- Recognition of need to increase number of RTT projects
- Acceptance of role of RTT in poverty alleviation

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OBJECTIVES OF THE RTTP: Where are we (2)

Assist SSA countries develop national rural transport policies and strategies.

- **Projected Progression of Existing Participating Countries**

	2000	2001	2002	2003
Stage 1	9	2	-	-
Stage 2	5	11	3	-
Stage 3	2	6	16	19
Total	16	19	19	19

- Existing number of participants about half of SSA countries.

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OBJECTIVES OF THE RTTP: Where are we? (3)

**Increased share of SSATP program resources, with proposed 3-year
Program costs distributed as follows:**

	Share of Total (%)
RTTP	33
Trade and Transport	21
Urban Mobility	16
RMI	18
Railway Restructuring	2
Thematic Bridging	1
General Administration	8

However, Interim CY2001 RTTP budget only about 64% of need.



OBJECTIVES OF THE RTTP: Where are we? (4)

**Emerging Policies Focus on Adoption of Methods and Approaches
for:**

- Improving the planning, financing, provisioning and maintenance of rural transport infrastructure (RTI)
- Improving rural transport services and mobility through adoption of appropriate transport technologies to facilitate people and goods movement; and
- Promoting gender equality in access to mobility
- Use as tool for poverty alleviation
- **Promoting the awareness of rural travel and transport issues.**

**Elaboration of physical interventions to give effect to policy.
Supported by thematic work.**



OBJECTIVES OF THE RTTP: Where are we? (5)

Disseminating ‘good practice’ examples within SSA:

- **Not many but increasing.**
- **Need to put in place effective framework for documentation and dissemination of emerging experiences.**

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ADDRESSING SOME EMERGING ISSUES: The Issues Restated

1. Policy development and implementation by relatively weak institutions.
2. Level of understanding of and priority given to RTT still low.
3. Road Fund – getting fair share for RTI and using well.
4. Fragmentation of stakeholders and interventions.
5. Promoting use of labor intensive work methods.
6. Monitoring and evaluation of impacts of RTT interventions.
7. Improving rural transport services and use of IMTs.
8. Mobilizing more resources for RTT interventions.

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ADDRESSING EMERGING ISSUES: Situational Report?

1. Policy development and implementation by relatively weak institutions. **Still relevant, especially with implementation.**
2. Level of understanding of, and priority given to RTT still low. **Increasing, but new dimensions emerging.**
1. Road Fund – getting fair share for RTI and using well. **Need recognized but what is ‘good practice’?**
1. Fragmentation of stakeholders and interventions. **Still relevant.**
2. Promoting use of labor intensive work methods. **Demand increasing.**
3. Monitoring and evaluation of impacts of RTT interventions. **Need recognized but baseline data needed.**
4. Improving rural transport services and use of IMTs. **Need accepted but what is ‘good practice’ and how to scale up?**
5. Mobilizing more resources for RTT interventions. **PRSP/HIPC provide opportunities.**

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THE RTTP: A Program at a Crossroad

1. **Maturing but how strong are the foundations?**
2. **Increasing Program resources but will it be enough to meet demand?**
3. **Increasing RTT projects, but what are implications for implementation capacity at Program and country levels?**
4. **How to make multi-sector approach work effectively, especially at country level.**
5. **Requirements of decentralization, for RTTP and participating countries?**
6. **Capturing and disseminating ‘good practice’.**
7. **Increasing regional involvement and ownership.**

NEED TO CONSOLIDATE GAINS MADE.

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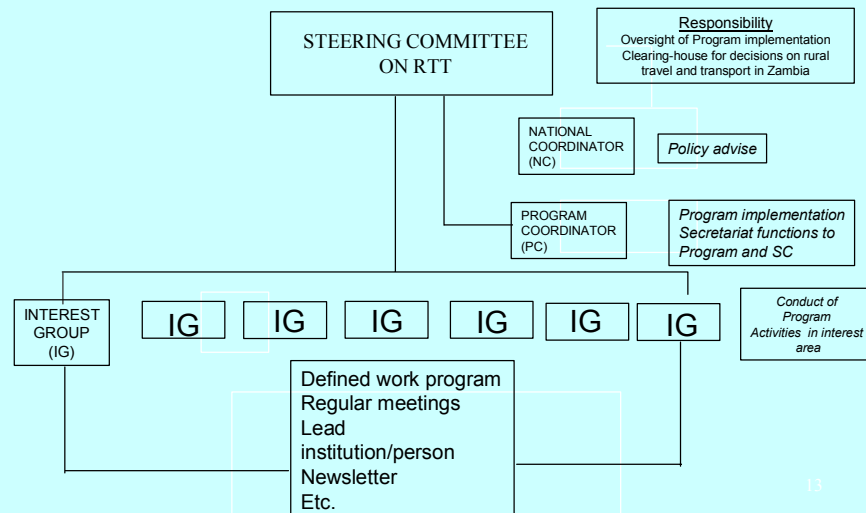
CONSOLIDATING THE GAINS: The Key Tasks

1. Ensure establishment of RTTP implementation framework at country level, and monitor and evaluate its performance.
2. Implement guidelines for country participation in RTTP.
3. Increase focus on knowledge generation and management.
4. Facilitate development of regional and country level capacity.

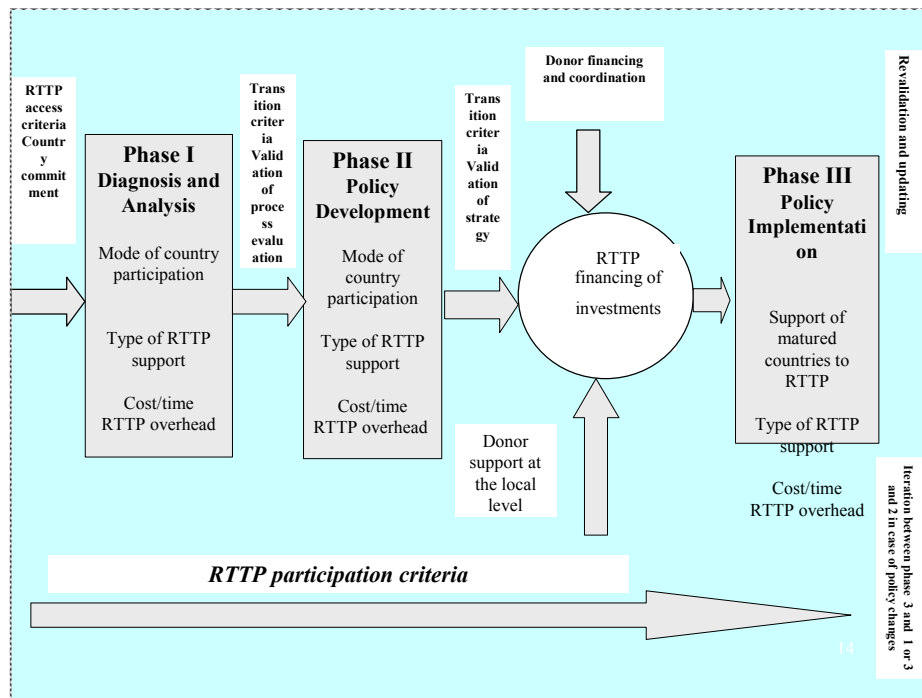
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OPERATIONALIZING RTTP: The Implementation Framework



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CONSOLIDATING THE GAINS: Needed Focus for RTTP

- **Continuing with promotion/facilitation of development and implementation of good RTT policies and strategies and their safeguarding.**
- **Increasingly, provision of advisory, knowledge dissemination and capacity building services to countries in SSA.**



CONSOLIDATING THE GAINS: The Rationale for the 2001-2003 Work Plan

- **Continuing assistance to SSA countries on policy and strategy development and implementation but less intensive than now.**
- **Thematic work to generate knowledge and capture lessons of experience.**
- **Dissemination and capacity building activities.**
- **Creating an effective network of rural transport practitioners in SSA with RTTP Coordinators at the core.**

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CONSOLIDATING THE GAINS: Promoting Regional Networking

Facilitate Creation of African Rural Transport Network (ARTNET).

If endorsed, set up Task Force at this Meeting to work out details of its establishment with TOR and time scale for reporting back.

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