



## Activity Sheet 12

### Rural transport, poverty and economic development in Yemen - Case Study # 3b

#### Purpose

The purpose of this activity is to deepen participants' knowledge of the links between and rural transport, poverty and economic development/growth, by drawing on the experiences from Yemen. It enables participants to explore the features that enable rural transport projects to make an effective contribution to poverty alleviation and economic development. A summary of the project approach and results are summarised on the sheet attached.

#### Group Activity

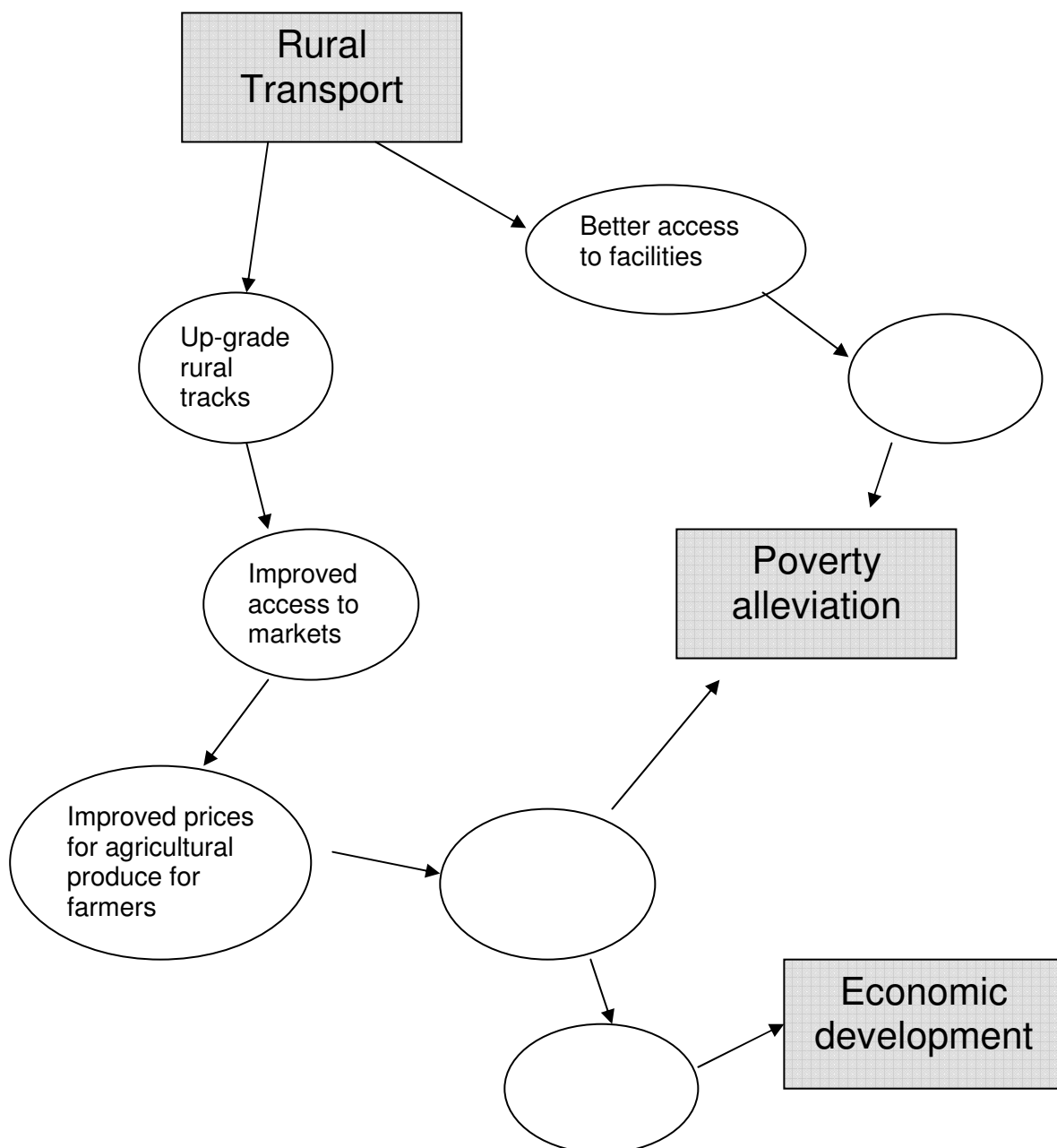
1. Read the case study sheet provided (pages 3-4).
2. Discuss and create a flow diagram that shows:

*The links and pathways between rural transport, economic development, and poverty alleviation – using specific examples from the case study.*

*Show how improvements to rural transport contribute to economic development and poverty alleviation.*

3. Prepare your flow diagram on a flip chart using the cards given to you – using the broad layout illustrated on the next page. Add additional notes and explanations.
4. Elect a person to present your findings to the plenary.

**Simple example** of a flow diagram showing the links and pathways between rural transport, economic development, and poverty alleviation





## Approach of Yemen's rural access road project

A summary of the Yemen's rural access road project is as shown below.

### **The project aims to address poverty by:**

- Improving mobility in rural Yemen
- Reducing the isolation of villages in mountainous rural areas.

Isolation will be reduced by:

- Creating reliable access – through local, regional, national road networks
- Support decentralization
- Complement community-based IDA programs, such as the Social Fund Project and Public Works Project

The Yemen project took place in 3 phases:

RAP Phase 1 2001-2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Pilot physical interventions</li><li>▪ Institutional, participatory framework for planning, prioritization, maintenance of intermediate road network</li></ul>
RAP Phase 2 2006-2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Improvement &amp; maintenance of intermediary road network + village access roads</li><li>▪ Capacity building: central &amp; Governorate</li><li>▪ Credit available 2006 – 2013; i.e. RAP2 was extended</li></ul>
RAP Phase 3 2013-2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Expand physical interventions of rural access improvements for areas not yet covered in Phase 2</li></ul>



## **Rap Phase 2 - key components**

### 1. Upgrade roads

- 200 km intermediate rural roads
- 75 km village access roads

### 2. Institutional support & capacity building

- strengthen institutional + technical capability at central & local levels - for rural road planning, engineering, environmental & social analysis, management, implementation

### 3. Performance-based management contract to support maintenance of roads and road maintenance fund.

**Target:** - 250,000 people within 2.5 km of project roads in rural areas have improved access to district centres.