

**Trainers' Notes**Rural Transport Training Materials

# **Module 3:** Finance and Management

### Part 1

Financing Rural Transport Infrastructure

#### Part 2

Community financing of infrastructure. Case studies from Mexico, Zambia and Egypt

**SESSION 3.3** 













# Overview of Session 3.3

Session Objectives	By the end of the session participants will be able to:  Technical paper  Explain the different ways in which local government and community roads and paths can be financed  Describe the implications of decentralisation and private sector involvement in rural transport infrastructure  Analyse a framework for improved finance of local roads and paths  Case study  Describe the key features of social and community funds  Critique the experiences from Mexico, Zambia and Egypt and how these may relate to other countries  Analyse the opportunities and constraints of social and community funds
Rural Transport Knowledge Base materials used with this session	Financing Rural Transport Infrastructure. By: C. Malmberg World Bank (1998),  Community financing of infrastructure. Case studies from Mexico, Zambia and Egypt Edited by: Annabel Davis, TRL Limited
Training Materials	<ul> <li>Presentations</li> <li>3.3a Financing Rural Transport Infrastructure</li> <li>3.3b Community financing of infrastructure. Case studies from Mexico, Zambia and Egypt</li> <li>Activity Sheets</li> <li>58 Comparative advantages of communities and government</li> <li>59 Thinking about community infrastructure financing</li> </ul>

# Structure of Session 3.3

Key Topics	Training Methods
Part 1	
1. Introduction	Presentation
2. Symptoms of inadequate finance 2.1 Causes of inadequate finance 2.2 Symptoms	Ideas gathering Presentation
3. A framework for reform	Presentation with discussion
4. Financing local government roads	Group discussion
5. Establishing a planning framework and planning methods	Presentation with discussion
6. Financing community roads and paths	Presentation with discussion
Part 2	
7. Case Studies 7.1 Introduction 7.2 Key features of social and community funds 7.3 Financing rural infrastructure in Mexico 7.4 Social Recovery Project (SRP) in Zambia 7.5 Egypt social fund for development 7.6 Reflections on experiences	Presentation Presentation Presentation Presentation Presentation Presentation Case Study Activity
Summary of session 3.3	

## Trainers' Summary

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#### This session is divided into two parts:

Part 1 is based on the Technical Paper: Financing Rural Transport Infrastructure.

Part 2 is based on the Case Studies: Community financing of infrastructure: Mexico, Zambia and Egypt

# Session 3.2 Trainers' Notes

#### Part 1

## 1. Introduction

Training Methods	Content	Materials
	Introduce the first part of session by explaining the learning objectives and session structure.  The first part of this session focuses on the problems with finance and planning for rural transport. A framework for reform is explored that includes planning and finance.  Key Points:  Session Overview Part 1  Symptoms of inadequate finance  A framework for reform  Financing local government roads  Establishing a planning framework and planning methods  Financing community roads and paths	Presentation 3.3a Slides 1 - 5

# 2. Symptoms of inadequate finance

Training Methods	Content	Materials
Ideas Gathering	<ul> <li>2.1 Causes of inadequate finance</li> <li>Explore the whole issue of finance and the causes of insufficient finance. Begin the discussions by asking:</li> <li>What are the causes of inadequate finance?</li> <li>Note points participants comments on flip chart. The key learning points are discussed below.</li> </ul>	Flip chart, pens
Presentation	2.2 Symptoms  Building on the points raised above, explain the symptoms of inadequate finance and how this manifests in the planning system and local capacity.  Key Points:  Unclear responsibilities  Disintegration of the planning system  Insufficient and uncertain maintenance funding  Inadequate local capacity	Presentation 3.3a Slides 6 - 9

## 3. A framework for reform

Training Methods	Content	Materials
Presentation with Discussion	Describe the key aspects of a framework for reform. Draw on any experiences and ideas that participants may have, through discussion. Ask questions like: What is required for effective decentralisation? How may a framework for reform be funded?	Presentation 3.3a Slides 10 - 11
	Key Points	
	Effective decentralisation requires local level control of fiscal as well as political and administrative responsibilities	
	<ul> <li>Financing</li> <li>✓ donors pay for most capital expenditures</li> <li>✓ there must be domestic funding to ensure sustainability and involve cost-sharing arrangements</li> </ul>	

# 4. Financing local government roads

Training Methods	Content	Materials
Presentation with Discussion	Describe the requirements for the financing of government roads. Draw on the experiences and ideas of participants. Ask questions like: What is required for financing local government roads? How may revenues be raised?  Key Points  Financing maintenance  Locally raised revenues  Central-local fiscal transfers  Cost-sharing for maintenance	Presentation 3.3a Slides 12 - 15

Training Methods	Content	Materials
Group Discussion	The following activity examines the comparative advantages of communities and local central government for financing RTI.  Divide participants into groups of 3 or 4, and give them Activity Sheet 58  Ask participants to discuss:  A. What sorts of resources and attributes do communities, local governments, and central governments bring to the financing of RTI?  B. What are the comparative advantages of each of these levels?  Ask the groups to prepare their findings on flip chart and to elect a person to present the findings  Ask each group to present their findings to the plenary. Facilitate a discussion on the findings and draw out the key learning points. See trainers' note below.  Trainers' Note  Encourage participants to consider issues related to sustainability and a sense of community ownership, when discussing these questions e.g. the importance of acknowledging and using community resources.	Presentation 3.3a Slide 16 Activity Sheet 58 Flip chart, pens

# 5. Establishing a planning framework and planning methods

Training Methods	Content	Materials
Presentation with Discussion	Describe the process for establishing a framework and planning methods. Draw on the experiences and ideas of participants where possible. Ask questions like: How may a framework be established in a participatory way?	Presentation 3.3a Slides 15 - 16
(G)	Key Points	
	Participatory budgeting process	
	Recurrent dialogue between local constituents and local government	
	Sets contributions to both capital and maintenance requirements	
	Compels local government and constituents to determine whether they can afford new investments	
	Local constituents are faced with a budget constraint	

# 6. Financing community roads and paths

Training	Content	Materials
Methods		
Presentation with Discussion	Describe the process for empowering and encouraging communities to take responsibility for roads and paths. Draw on the experiences and ideas of participants where possible.  Ask questions like: In what ways can we encourage communities to take responsibility for roads and paths?  Why is it important to encourage communities to take responsibility for roads and paths?	Presentation 3.3a Slides 17 - 26
	Key Points	
	Cost-sharing arrangements	
	Technical and managerial advice	
	Donor financing of investments	
	Community financing of investment and maintenance	
	Government and road fund financing of maintenance	
	Planning community roads and paths	
Presentation	Conclusions  Summarise the key issues and learning points form this part of the session.	Presentation 3.3a Slide 27

#### Part 2

# 7. Case Studies: Mexico, Zambia, Egypt

Training Methods	Content	Materials
Presentation	7.1 Introduction  Introduce the second part of this session explaining the objectives with a brief overview of the topics to be covered.  During this part of the session, case studies from Mexico, Zambia and Egypt will be examined.  Key Points:  Session Overview Part 2  Key features of social and community funds Financing rural infrastructure in Mexico Social Recovery Project (SRP) in Zambia Egypt social fund for development Reflections on experiences	Presentation 3.3 b Slides 1 - 3

Training Methods	Content	Materials
Presentation	7.2 Key features of social and community funds  Explain the key features of social and community funds, highlighting selection criteria and other important considerations.  Key Points:  Mechanism for channelling funds to local authorities, NGOs and communities, allowing for cross-sectoral choice  Principally finance social and economic infrastructure  Permand driven  Require matching funds  Selection criteria for social funds  benefit to poor  capable implementing agency  technically sound and simple  maintenance costs met  consistency with national and sectoral priorities  use of labour based techniques  beneficiary involvement  matching funds  For community roads and paths social funds also consider issues such as networks and potential traffic	Presentation 3.3b Slides 4 - 6

Training Methods	Content	Materials
Presentation	<ul> <li>7.3 Financing rural infrastructure in Mexico         Describe the reform process undertaken in Mexico         Key Points     </li> <li>Pre 1990: state and federal projects poorly selected and designed, implemented with inadequate supervision, with no commitment to ongoing operations and maintenance</li> <li>Municipal fund program introduced in 1990</li> <li>Outcomes         <ul> <li>municipal fund projects often cost half to a third as much as similar state or federal projects</li> <li>improved service delivery by decentralizing government authority to independent subnational governments</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Presentation 3.3b Slides 7 - 9

Training Methods	Content	Materials
Presentation	7.4 Social Recovery Project (SRP) in Zambia  Describe the SRP project and the project outcomes.  Key Points  Seeks to boost standard of living of vulnerable and marginalised groups through improved and well-maintained transport infrastructure  Bring more of road network under regular maintenance, especially community roads  Funded by Wold Bank and EU  MPU project cycle  SRP selection criteria ✓ road should lead somewhere ✓ road should reduce travel time ✓ road should improve public transport possibilities ✓ technical requirements should be simple ✓ labour based mode of execution ✓ evidence of sustainability (through maintenance committee or existing maintained structure)  Outcomes ✓ one of the most successful donor funded projects in Zambia ✓ promotes ownership of community roads ✓ improves physical assets of rural poor ✓ contributes to poverty reduction	Presentation 3.3b Slides 10 - 13

Training Methods	Content	Materials
Presentation	7.5 Egypt social fund for development Describe the Egypt social fund for development highlighting the project objectives, and outputs.  Key Points  To mitigate effects of Egypt's structural adjustment programme  Objectives  build institutional capacity  provide employment opportunities  Selection criteria  generate income  women's participation  offer credit for low income groups  training opportunities  strengthen NGO capacity  channel social services, namely health and education, to low income groups  emerge from local communities  Activities  Activities  financial contributions made as either loans or grants  financial contributions made as either loans or grants  Outputs - constructed 410 kilometres of rural road and refurbished 18 health clinics and 15 schools	Presentation 3.3b Slides 14 - 18

Training Methods	Content	Materials
	7.6 Reflections on experiences  The purpose of this activity is to draw on the lessons from the Mexican, Zambian, and Egyptian experiences and consider how these may be applied to other countries.  Divide the participants into groups of 4 or 5 people  Give each group Activity Sheet 59 and a copy of the full text of the Zambia case study  Ask participants to discuss the following points:  A. How could social and community funds like the ones described be applied in the participants' home countries?  B. What particular opportunities and constraints would such funds face?  Ask the groups to prepare their findings on flip chart and to elect a person to present	Presentation 3.3b Slide 19 Flip chart, pens Activity sheet 59
	<ul> <li>Each group presents their findings to the plenary</li> <li>Facilitate a discussion on the findings and draw out the key learning points.</li> </ul>	
	Trainers' Note  There are no right or wring answers here. However, it is important that participants consider issues such as financial sustainability, and the importance of contributions made by the community, particularly in terms of encouraging a sense of ownership and responsibility by the community for roads and paths.	

Training Methods	Content	Materials
	Summary of session 3.3  Conclude this session by reviewing the issues explored and the key lessons learnt, highlighting areas that may need further investigation or discussion.	