

**Trainers' Notes**Rural Transport Training Materials

# Module 5:

# **Social and Environmental Issues Role play on Rural Transport**

**SESSION 5.6** 













### Overview of Session 5.6

Session Objectives	By the end of the session participants will be able to:  Analyse the perspectives of different stakeholders at a village level transport planning meeting  Assess the different transport requirements and constraints of different stakeholders  Describe the ways in which conflicts of interest can be resolved.  Analyse participatory decision making processes	
Rural Transport Knowledge Base materials used with this session	Role play on rural transport <b>By:</b> P. Fernando, IFRTD	
Training Materials	Presentations  5.6 Role play on rural transport  Activity Sheets Handout: Role play on rural transport, by P. Fernando, IFRTD (photocopy for participants)	

# Structure of Session 5.6

Key Topics	Training Methods
<ol> <li>Introduction to the session</li> <li>Background</li> </ol>	Presentation  Presentation
3. Role play 3.1 Briefing for the role play 3.2 The role play debriefing	Presentation Role play Plenary discussion
Summary of session 5.6	

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#### This session consists of one part

It is based on: a role play on rural transport. This session uses the paper by P. Fernando, IFRTD

## Session 5.6 Trainers' Notes

#### 1. Introduction

Training Methods	Content	Materials
Presentation	Overview  Introduce the session by explaining the objectives with a brief overview of the topics to be covered.  This session is based on a role play, which will entail the active participation of the participants. This role play explores issues and view points of various stakeholders with regard to transport.	Presentation 5.6 Slides 1 - 5
	Key Points: Session Overview	
	<ul> <li>Background</li> <li>Role Play</li> <li>✓ Briefing</li> <li>✓ Debriefing for the role play</li> </ul>	

	2. Background	
Training Methods	Content	Materials
Presentation	Describe the background to the role play, and the range of stakeholders that will be involved in the play.  Key Points:	Presentation 5.6 Slides 6 - 10
	<ul> <li>The scenario</li> <li>Description of the region</li> <li>✓ context of the district making a transport plan</li> <li>✓ land and climate</li> <li>✓ demography</li> <li>✓ climate</li> <li>✓ existing infrastructure</li> <li>✓ distance to resources and facilities</li> </ul>	

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Role Play  Allocate a stakeholder role to each of the participants. If there are more participants than stakeholder roles then some participants can act the same role e.g. two may be female traders.  Give the participants their briefing sheet * that explains the character and situation of the stakeholder they will play.  Only give each person the details of their own character. Actors should not know the details of each other's characters.  Explain to participants that you would like them to act as realistically as possible in their role, as the meeting takes place to develop the transport plan.  Allow the play to run for about 15 to 20 minutes.  After the play, ask the participants to 'de-role'. This is important so that objective discussions can take place and lessons can be drawn out of the play.  One way to 'de-role' is to ask participant to jump over a line drawn on the ground as they do so they shout out their own name. This also serves to help defuse any tension that may have arisen during the play.  * The briefing sheets need to be photocopied from the original paper from the Rural Transport Knowledge Base materials.	pies lay or

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	3.2	The role play debriefing	
	6	Facilitate a discussion on what happened in the play and draw out key lessons.	Flip chart, pens
	6	Ask questions like:	
	1.	What happened in the play?	
	2.	Who spoke more and who spoke less and why?	
	3.	What conflicts of interest arose between stakeholders?	
	4.	What was the role of the MP and District planner in imparting information to the community?	
	5.	What was the role of the community members in the decision making?	
	6.	Did some community members participate more than others? Which ones? Why was this?	
	7.	In what ways could the voice of community members who participated least be heard?	
	8.	What was the role of the women in decision making? How could this role be enhanced?	
	9.	How could women's participation in labour based approaches to road construction and maintenance be enhanced?	
	10	In what ways can conflict be resolved without compromising the needs to any of the stakeholder groups?	

Training Methods	Content	Materials
	Trainers' Note  There are no right or wrong answers to these questions. However, participants should be encouraged to explore the role of the various stakeholders and appreciate that individuals do not come to the discussion from the same stand point. An important learning point is that different stakeholders may have different vested interests in a transport intervention, and these need to be taken into account by decision makers.  Different stakeholders may also have different transport needs. For example, women's needs are not necessarily the same as those of men.  Another important learning point is that the most vulnerable and socially excluded may also be the people with the least voice. Ways of 'increasing the voice' of such groups may need to be found.	
	Summary of Session 5.6  Finish the session by reviewing the issues explored and the key lessons learnt, highlighting areas that may need further investigation or discussion.	