

## MODULE 11 – Discussion guide for individual or group interviews with women on IMT

### Discussion on IMTs with Women Individually or in Groups

Village:

Parish:

County:

Country:

No. of women present:

Age range:

The discussion should be preceded by a brief introduction explaining that the purpose of the discussion, which would include: finding out what women's transport situation is like, what their priorities are, what IMTs would be used, and how a project should be organized in order to assure women's participation. The questions which should be asked include the list of following, but should not be considered an exhaustive list:

1. Which is your most time consuming/effort involving task?- Transport task?

- How often?
- Travel time o/w?

a. How could it be alleviated?

b. What would you do with the time (and energy) you save if this transport element were reduced/if you did not have to perform the transport task?

c. Do you use/hire any IMT to reduce transport burdens? Give example.

- What do you transport?
- How often?
- How long does it take o/w how far is it?

a. Do you use/hire any bicycle transport device or any other IMT?

- Purpose --Personal movement or goods
- How often?
- Where to?
- How much does it cost?

3. a. What would the benefits be from improved roads/footpath network?

b. Would you participate on a self help basis/paid basis?

c. Would men mind if women were on roads?

4. What are your priorities for improvements in the transport system tracks/non transport interventions

a. Do you own a bicycle or other IMT?

b. Is there any IMT in your household?

- What is it?
- Who uses it?

- Purpose ?
- How often?
- Where to?
- How long does it take?/How far is it?
- Do you rent it out?

- . Charge
- . To whom
- . Purpose
- . Frequency

5. Can you ride a bicycle or use another IMT?

- When did you use it last?
- Where did you learn how to use it?
- Why do not more women ride bicycles or use IMTs?
- How could increased use of IMTs use be encouraged?
- What do men think of women who ride bicycles or use IMTs?
- What do women think of women who ride bicycle or use IMTs?

6. a. Do you know any women who have/rides?

- Purpose?
- How often?
- Where to?
- How long does it take?/how far is it?
- Age of women?
- Age of bicycle or other IMT
- How long has she had the bicycle or IMT?
- How did she acquire it?
- What type of bicycle or IMT is it?
- Does her husband have a bicycle/another vehicle/IMT?

7. a. Do men let women use their vehicles?

- b. Do you know of household where women ride but not the man?
- c.. If you had a bicycle/IMT what would you use it for

- How often?
- How far?

- d. Would you let other people use it?
- e. Would you rent it out?/engage in transport service?
- f. Would/could you use it for water/firewood/crop from field transport?

- Are conditions of footpaths a constraint to extended usage?

8. Could they be improved?

a. Would there be a risk that men/sons would monopolize the bicycle/IMT for their travel if there were only one in the household?

- would this risk exist for other IMTs?

9. Possibility of men taking over transport responsibilities/burden if IMT available?

a. Which transport problems would you like to be addressed first? (IMT/roads/tracks/non-transport interventions?)

b. How should a project which wishes to address your priority go about doing it in order to assure:

- Women's participation?
- Women's benefit?
- Sustainability

c. How much does a bicycle or other IMT cost?

d. Why do you not have a bicycle?

e. If you had the above mentioned amount of money, what would you buy? (clothing, a mattress, a radio, a cow, a sewing machine (together with someone else), an IMT?)

f. If credit were available for bicycle/IMT purchases, would you buy?

- How frequent should installments be? (monthly/bimonthly/quarterly/twice a year)
- How much could you pay per installment?

#### **Design of Questionnaire:**

- The questionnaire is intended to serve as a basis of discussion rather than a script to be read out or followed strictly. It is desirable to aim to create a comfortable feeling of exchange rather than questioning in order for the women to speak their mind.
- The order of the questions may appear illogical or scattered, but the questionnaire has purposefully been designed to encourage women to give their own opinion and reveal their preferences and not try to "second guess" what a potential project may be interested in.
- Question 10 is the same as question 4. The reason for this is to determine whether women's opinions are indeed firm in the sense that they have thought about the problem and its solution thoroughly already prior to the meetings or if their preferences have changed/matured/become more realistic during the course of the discussion.
- Question 12 c has been included to give insight into what area women give priority to if and when they have money.
- All of the questions need not be asked on every occasion. Sometimes prior information or comments render a question excessive.

Depending on the answers, some of the questions may on occasion require further investigation. Every discussion should be permitted to be different and to be conducted according to the circumstances in the surrounding area.