



EVALUATION REPORT ON
PROMOTION, OWNERSHIP
AND USE OF
INTERMEDIATE MEANS OF
TRANSPORT AMONG RURAL
WOMEN AND MEN

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Malawi

Project Objectives

- To undertake a baseline study to assess gender relations in the access of goods and services and their influence on transport and highlight constraints and opportunities
- Establish a revolving fund for purchase of IMTs

Major Planned Project Activities

- Review and draw lessons from the past projects in the rural transport sector in order to adequately address gender issues in rural transport;
- Procure IMTs and establish a revolving fund in order to be able to increase the coverage;
- Create a data base and carry out gender analysis in relation to transport;
- Develop a framework for monitoring and evaluating the impact of the gender and rural transport interventions;ns.

Major Planned Project Activities continued

- Assess the effects of gender relations between men and women on rural travel and transport issues;
- Assess the current provision and cost pattern of transport services in off road areas;
- Promote road safety initiatives in the planning and implementation of gender and rural transport interventions

Activity Budget

BUDGET in US\$

- Formation and training of four business groups
1,500
- Pre-testing of data tools and training of data
collectors 1,000
- Purchase of IMTs (16 bicycles and 16
Handcarts)1,500
- Data collection and analysis 2,000
- Monitoring and evaluation 600
- Dissemination of findings 400

Baseline Studies

- Conducted between July – October 2001
- Baseline Areas: Four Districts across the country
 - ▣ Zomba - Chingale Area
 - ▣ Mchinji - Chiosya and Kazyozyo Areas
 - ▣ Dedza - Lobi Area
 - ▣ Mzimba - Embangweni Areas

Baseline Study

- Objectives
 - To obtain data and information for designing, planning, and implementation of appropriate interventions
- Target Respondents
 - Groups of women and men engaged in IGAs
 - Individuals
 - Key Informants (including those that own means of transport)

Intermediate Means of Transport Distribution

- Bicycle
 - Most common IMT in Malawi
 - Study use among women, ownership and management among women
- Malawi Hand Cart
 - Proposed for promotion due to its robust in carrying capacity – up to 100kg- and diverse use

Analysis of the Project

- Methodology for Data Collection
 - Conventional and Participatory methods
- Results
 - A number of means of transport available
 - Bicycles, pick ups, oxcarts, wheelbarrows, and sledges
 - Bicycle most common IMT(affordable, suitable for tracks, easy to maintain, lack of other IMTs
 - Bicycle most expensive due to unstandardised hiring charges

Analysis of the Project

- MT Ownership
 - Almost all MT owned and controlled and accessed mainly by men and boys
 - Women virtually own no MTs, have limited access and control
- Transport Burden
 - Women bear most of it
 - Head loading and walking is the order of the day
 - IGAs activities small and not profitable due to non tapping of urban markets

Analysis of the Project

- Infrastructure

- Rural areas continue to have poor infrastructure and insufficient transport services

- Rural access roads and tracks are poor

- Loan Repayment on IMT

- Higher repayment rate among women

Project Analysis

- IMT Distribution
 - Target Group
 - Those engaged in IGAs
 - Criteria of Beneficiaries
 - Loan repayment
 - Unity of the group
 - Economic performance
 - Collaborating Institutions
 - MOAI, MOGYCS

Project Analysis

- Major Categories of IGAs
 - Agriculture Production (Horticulture supported by a credit scheme under MOAI)
 - Intermediary Agr0- Produce sales

Number of Beneficiaries

District	No. of Groups	Female Member	Male	Total
Dedza	4	43	15	58
Zomba	4	29	7	36
Mchinji	4	38	8	46
Mzimba	4	51	6	57
Total	16	161	36	197

Monitoring and Evaluation System

- Use and performance of IMTs
- Provided a form(in vernacular) for recording the use and performance
- All groups at beginning of project the need of bicycle
- Demand for Malawi Hand Cart increased after 3moths though bicycle still the more liked
- Groups with more women better repay loans

Performance Against Budget

	<u>USD</u>
■ Funds received	7,000.00
■ Less expenditures Baseline Study	3,130.70
■ Fuel and Lubricants	534.05
■ Purchase of hand carts and bicycles	1,495.33
■ Training of the groups	834.50
■ Distribution of IMTs	1,250.00
■ Monitoring and Evaluation	<u>950.00</u>
■ Total	<u>8,194.58</u>
■ Surplus/Deficit	<u>(1,194.58)</u>

Recommendations

- Planning and budgeting of the activities should be done comprehensively so that the projects should be done effectively.
- Economic empowerment of rural people should be done to enable them own and maintain means of transport by establishing group loans.
- Sensitisation on gender issues relating to rural travel and transport e.g. raise awareness to communities on the benefits to families on women making greater use of the IMTs available.

Way Forward

- Maintain the revolving fund established and even increase the fund so that a lot of rural people can benefit from the fund
- Strengthening of institutional frameworks to coordinate implementation of the rural travel and transport activities
- Social mobilization campaigns
 - Dissemination of existing labour-saving technologies e.g. displaying the use of bicycles with trailers and hand carts
 - Improvement of rural roads network using labour intensive work involving both men and women

Way Forward

- Training of local artisans to fabricate and repair any broken part of IMTs.
- Train local artisans/suppliers on the manufacturing of common IMTs e.g. Malawi Handcarts

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