Rural Transport Training Materials

Trainer's Notes

Training 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	This session enables participants to:
	Technical paper Explain the different ways in which local government and community roads and paths can be financed Analyse the implications of decentralisation and private sector involvement in rural transport infrastructure Explore a framework for improved finance of local roads and paths
	Case study Describe the key features of social and community funds Reflect on 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	 Presentations 3.3a Financing Rural Transport Infrastructure 3.3b Community financing of infrastructure. Case studies from Mexico, Zambia and Egypt Activity Sheets 44 Comparative advantages of communities and government 45 Thinking about community infrastructure financing



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

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
Presentation	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:	Presentation 3.3a Slides 1 - 5
	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	



2. Symptoms of inadequate finance

Training Methods	Content	Materials
Ideas Gathering	 2.1 Causes of inadequate finance Explore the whole issue of finance and the causes of insufficient finance. Begin the discussions by asking: What are the causes of inadequate finance? Note points participants comments on flip chart. The key learning points are discussed below. 	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
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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
(3)	Key Points	
	Effective decentralisation requires local level control of fiscal as well as political and administrative responsibilities	
	 Financing ✓ donors pay for most capital expenditures ✓ there must be domestic funding to ensure sustainability and involve cost-sharing arrangements 	



4. Financing local government roads

Training	Content	Materials
Methods		
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 44. 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 44 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
6	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 Methods	Content	Materials
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
objectives with a covered. During this part of Zambia and Egy Key Points: Session Overview F Key feature Financing r Social Reco	cond part of this session explaining the brief overview of the topics to be of the session, case studies from Mexico, pt will be examined.	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 Pemand 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	 7.3 Financing rural infrastructure in Mexico Describe the reform process undertaken in Mexico Key Points Pre 1990: state and federal projects poorly selected and designed, implemented with inadequate supervision, with no commitment to ongoing operations and maintenance Municipal fund program introduced in 1990 Outcomes municipal fund projects often cost half to a third as much as similar state or federal projects improved service delivery by decentralizing government authority to independent subnational governments 	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 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 outcomes	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 foffer 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 financial contributions made as either loans or grants financial contributions made as either loans or grants financial contributions made as either loans or grants for separate core programs 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
Case Study activity in groups	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 45 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. Each group presents their findings to the plenary. Facilitate a discussion on the findings and draw out the key learning points. 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.	Presentation 3.3b Slide 19 Flip chart, pens Activity sheet 45



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.	