



Rural Roads and Accessibility – Involvement of Local Population

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Nepal - Empowering the rural poor through road construction. Dhakal

- **Community contracting system involving Road Building Groups from the immediate zone of influence**
- **Group members are selected from poorest and socially excluded people with at least thirty percent women members in support of the women empowerment.**
- **Members are saving at least ten percent of their wages for income generation and enterprises development activities**

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- **District Development Committee (DDC):**
At the district level the DDC implement the integrated accessibility and physical planning approach.
- **Village Development Committee (VDC):**
VDCs coordinates village level infrastructure planning and mediates disputes
- **Local Road Co-ordination Committee (LRCC):** facilitate the program at local level, support the formation of Road Building Groups
- **Road Building Groups**

RURAL TRACKS DEVELOPMENT IN BENIN- THE CASE OF PASR S. BALOGOUN

(unclassified but government supported)

- rehabilitation and maintenance programmes at the local level formulated by the recipients gathered in associations
- a participatory approach developed, which will require the local communities financial contribution,
- the funding of the rehabilitation and maintenance of the rural tracks ensured by joint funding of the State and of the local communities (Not less than 10%)
- Small contractors carry out work using labour based methods
- 56 associations of rural roads users that organize and coordinate maintenance works executed by contractors

ANALYSIS OF MAINTENANCE MECHANISMS FOR RURAL ROADS REHABILITATED IN DR CONGO. Y. HANOTEAU

- Set up local maintenance committees
- Intended support from local government technical division

BUT

- No legal text instituting the committee. Have no standing and therefore cannot relate to the government
- the weakness and lack of finance of the technical division at the local government level
- the bad interpretation of the role of the committees in the communities

Community Management of Roads

Performance based contracts (Flintsch and Medina)

- small and micro-enterprises are a viable option for providing an effective approach for maintaining roads and creating local contracting capacity
- performance based contracts contracts are a practical mechanism for contracting the maintenance of sub-national rural road networks to small and micro-enterprises



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Other examples

- **Cambodian National Community of Transport Practitioners (CNCTP)**
- **Community Parliaments in Kenya**
- **Transport Committees in Bangladesh**
- **Micro enterprises in Peru**
- **Boda Boda Bicycle Transport Services in Kenya**

Participation Principles

| Participation Type | Characteristic |
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| Passive participation | People participate by living in the area of the project. They may be told what is going to happen or has already happened but will have no other input |
| Participation for material incentive | People participate by being paid for labour in food or cash, for a pre-determined project. This may be as a 'community' or as groups |
| Participation by resource contribution | People participate by contributing a resource such as labour or money, to a pre-determined project. |
| Participation by consultation | People participate by being consulted (perhaps with options) on projects where the majority of the decisions have been made. Their view may or may not be considered |
| Interactive participation | People participate by joining with external professionals in analysis of their situation, developing action plans and determining common projects |
| Spontaneous mobilisation | People participate by taking their own initiative independent of external professionals to change their situation. This may lead to self-help projects or requests to other institutions for assistance |

Rural roads and accessibility: Involvement of the local population

- Look at the three stages of:
 - Planning
 - Construction/Rehabilitation
 - Operation/Maintenance

- For all three stages discuss:
 - Who?
 - How?
 - Participatory tools?
 - Constraints, and how to overcome them?
 - Impact of participation