



- ▶ **Grants and pilot projects:** information on research and pilot projects in 14 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.
- ▶ **Case studies:** studies documenting constraints on women's access to transport and reports on promising approaches to overcoming these constraints.
- ▶ **Tools:** a compendium of tools for gender analysis and gender planning in the transport sector. Includes "packages" for helping transport staff design and implement projects to increase women's access to bicycles and to other Intermediate Means of Transport.
- ▶ **Key issues:** articles discussing the rationale for addressing gender in the transport sector, key gender issues in rural and urban transport, and the linkages between transport, gender and poverty (*under development*).
- ▶ **Activities:** reports on seminars and other activities organized by the Group.
- ▶ **Related sites:** links to related web sites inside and outside the World Bank.

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Web Sites

- ▶ The World Bank Gender and Transport Web Site
www.worldbank.org/gender/transport

- ▶ The grti web site

www.worldbank.org/gender/transport/grti
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Created in 1998, the Gender and Transport Thematic Group promotes the integration of gender into transport policies and projects through support to gender-related research and pilot activities, dissemination of good practices, a web site, and the promotion of dialogue with governments, NGOs and international agencies working in similar fields.

With its nearly 100 members inside the Bank, and its growing network of contacts with other organizations, the Gender and Transport Thematic Group is a forum for sharing ideas on ways to mainstream gender in transport projects, sector work and policies.

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The Group is currently supporting gender research and pilot projects in the transport sector in Bangladesh, China, Ghana, Guinea, India, Lesotho, Niger, Peru, Senegal, and Tanzania. Through its cooperation with the Gender and Rural Transport Initiative (GRTI) of the Africa Rural Travel and Transport Program, it is also closely involved in strengthening the capacity of transport agencies in Sub-Saharan Africa to mainstream gender.

Seminars, workshops and knowledge fairs have been organized in Washington, Ethiopia, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Why are Gender Issues Important in the Transport Sector?

Until recently, improvements to transport infrastructure and services such as roads and buses were thought to benefit men and women equally. Now, we have learned that most transport projects primarily serve those who work in the formal sector—mostly men—but are woefully lacking for women, either in their roles as informal sector traders or farmers of small plots, or as the ones responsible for getting the families' water, food and fuel, and transporting children and the elderly to schools and clinics. This reduces women's economic productivity, their access to public services, their social and political participation and their effectiveness as household managers to meet their families' needs. As a result, everyone suffers—economically, physically and socially.

Visit our website (key issues section) to read *Gender and Transport: A Rationale for Action*.
www.worldbank.org/gender/transport



Initiatives Supported by the Gender and Transport Thematic Group

- * Integrating gender into the World Bank Africa Transport Strategy
- * **Ghana:** Study on ways to integrate gender into the rural transport project.
- * **Guinea:** Study on integrating gender in the rural roads projects and feasibility study for a pilot bicycle project.
- * **Lesotho:** Lessons and impacts of women's participation in road construction and maintenance.
- * **Niger:** Study on integrating gender in the rural infrastructure project.
- * **Senegal:** Pilot bicycle project.
- * **Tanzania:** Developing gender sensitive monitoring and evaluation system for the rural travel and transport projects.
- * **Bangladesh:** Review of gender impacts of World Bank transport projects.
- * **Bangladesh:** Integrating gender into the Community Road Safety Project.
- * **China:** Study on gender issues in the Urumqi Urban Transport Project.
- * **India:** Study of the transport needs and constraints of poor working women members of SEWA.
- * **Guatemala:** Gender capacity building workshops for the national transport study team.
- * **Peru:** Gender analysis and gender capacity building for the rural roads project.
- * **Peru:** Gender issues and opportunities of a road corridor in Lima.
- * **Peru:** Evaluating the accessibility to women of a credit program for bicycle purchase

The Gender and Rural Transport Initiative (GRTI) under the Sub-Saharan Africa Rural Travel and Transport Program (RTTP)

The Africa Rural Travel and Transport Program (RTTP), supported by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), several donors and the World Bank, is mandated to help African countries to put in place policies and strategies for addressing their rural travel and transport problems.

In October 1999 the World Bank's Development Grant Facility (DGF) approved a grant to RTTP for the creation of a Gender and Rural Transport Initiative (GRTI) to strengthen the



capacity of the national RTTP programs to mainstream gender in the design of their rural transport programs. This will be achieved through grants and technical assistance to country RTTP programs wishing to conduct gender planning or to develop pilot gender projects;

national and regional training activities; and through regional initiatives such as training, the preparation of toolkits and best practice, regional sponsored research on key issues such as women's time-use, and the creation of a web site. Grant proposals from seven countries are currently being reviewed by the GRTI Steering Committee.

The GRTI is administered at the regional level by a five member Steering Committee chaired by a representative of ECA, and with representatives from two national RTTP programs, MWENGO (a regional NGO network with offices in most RTTP participating countries) and a representative of RTTP.

The GRTI cooperates closely with the World Bank Gender and Transport Thematic Group, and there is a sharing of experiences and expertise and the linking of their respective web sites.