

Rural Transport Knowledge Base

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Rural Transport Knowledge Base Genesis

- World Bank Rural Transport Thematic Group initiated international Rural Transport training courses in 1998 and mandated TRL to manage them
- Since 1998 TRL has conducted four such courses (1998 in Washington, 1999 in London, 2000 in Johannesburg and 2001 in Siem Reap)
- The Africa Rural Travel and Transport Program (RTTP) then used financing available from DFID to contract TRL to produce the Rural Transport Knowledge Base using the materials prepared for the rural transport training courses
- The idea was to have training material available for in-country or regional rural transport training courses that could be conducted at relatively low cost

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Contents

1. Policies and Strategies
2. Planning, Design, Appraisal and Implementation
3. Management and Financing
4. Rural Transport Services and Intermediate Means of Transport
5. Social and Environmental Issues

Rural Transport Knowledge Base: Access

- Available as a CD (can be procured from TRL)
- Accessible on the DFID transport web site:
 - www.Transport-Links.org/KnowledgeBase.htm
- All texts in English, French and Spanish

Rural Transport Knowledge Base Further Development

- TRL mandated to “maintain” website
- A specialist consultant has been mandated to produce training material from the knowledge base (consisting of power point presentations and attached speaker notes)
- This should be ready by end of 2002 (in English, French and Spanish)
- This material would then be available to interested parties to conduct regional or country based training courses

Other Rural Transport Knowledge Bases Accessible on the Web

- IFRTD (International Forum for Rural Transport and Development)
- ILO-Assist
- ITDG (Intermediate Technology Development Group)
- Rural Transport Thematic Group web page as part of the external World Bank web site (go to “development topics”, then “transport”, then “rural transport”)
- RTTP web page as part of the SSATP web site (on the World Bank external website)

Thank you