



INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

PROJECT PROFILE

Project Title:	CREATING JOBS: CAPACITY BUILDING FOR ROADS 2000 PROGRAMME
Location:	Nairobi, Kenya
Start date:	01 March 2009
End date:	30 June 2010 (with the possibility of extension to June 2012)
Development Objective:	To create an employment based social protection that contributes towards the reduction poverty and improvement of the livelihoods of disadvantaged people in Kenya.

Brief Project Description:

The Project involves the provision of Technical Assistance towards Capacity Building for the Implementation of Roads 2000 programme and the enhancement of Training Programmes on Employment Intensive technology. The project is implemented by the ILO in collaboration with the Swedish international development cooperation agency (Sida) with a total budget outlay of about **USD 1,8 million**(negotiations are underway to increase the sum to about USD3.5 million).

The project basically has three components. These include:

- 1) Training support to KIHBT and KTC;
- 2) Coordination support, and
- 3) Monitoring and dissemination of information

The training component involves the training of trainers and review of training programmes and curriculum to beef up the capacity of the two institutions. It also involves the training of road authorities staff (particularly KeRRA) as part of the capacity building exercise for the improved delivery of Roads 2000 strategy. The second component involves the provision of technical support to road authorities, mainly KeRRA, in the coordination of Roads 2000 project activities, in harmonizing planning, implementation and monitoring systems, as well as assisting in undertaking research and development activities related to the use of improved road construction and maintenance techniques and materials.

The third component involves gathering, storing, processing and dissemination of information and assist in the monitoring of Road 2000 programmes nationwide with emphasis on social and other cross cutting issues. This also involves the review of on-going Roads 2000 programmes in various part of the country, particularly Nyanza, capture lessons learnt and disseminate as necessary.

R2000 Concept of Road improvement and maintenance:

Roads 2000 Strategy is a strategy that utilizes appropriate technologies to maximize job opportunities in the improvement and maintenance of roads and thereby provide employment-based social protection for rural and urban poor. Roads 2000 Strategy also involves the observance of Human rights, ensuring welfare and Safety of workers, gender equity as well as ensuring community participation. In short it involves the provision of decent work for the masses of unemployed people in Kenya. The term “decent work” is often used to emphasize the fact that Roads 2000 strategy is not only about creating jobs. It is rather about:

- providing jobs which beneficiaries willingly take up and are proud of participating in;
- observing and ensuring workers rights and dignity
- ensuring equity and shared growth;
- ensuring community participation and giving voice to the marginalized communities in this country, and
- planting a seed of sustainable livelihood through investments in a seemingly short-term projects.

That is why the Roads 2000 programme is one of the priorities of Decent Work Agenda for Kenya.

Project Objectives:

The immediate Objective of the project is to assist the Ministry of Roads and the newly established Road Authorities, Particularly KeRRA, in building capability for efficient and effective planning, implementation and monitoring of Roads 2000 programme.

The project also aims at improving the training delivery with particular emphasis on mainstreaming of right-based approaches. In line with the Government’s development policy (Vision 2030), the project will assist in the promotion of Roads 2000 Concept as one of the programmes aimed at providing basic social protection and reducing poverty through the creation of decent work opportunities for disadvantaged people in the country.

Expected Outcomes/Results

The main outputs of the programme are:

- I. Selected engineer and technicians recruited, trained as trainers and engaged for the project period to enhanced Training capacity at Kisii training centre.
- II. Capacity (coordination mechanism, planning and monitoring systems) within KeRRA to coordinate the nationwide application of the Roads 2000 strategy properly established.
- III. Increased awareness and better understanding of the LB approaches and its impact/benefits among the main stakeholders involved in the Roads 2000 programme.

Project Publications/Reports:

- INCEPTION REPORT, May 2009
- BI-ANNUAL REPORT 1, Apr – Sep 2009
- BI-ANNUAL REPORT 2, Sep'09 – Mar'10
- Review and Update of Curriculum for Socially and Environmentally Responsive Labour-Based Training, REVIEW REPORT, 9 April 2010
- Guideline for the Prevention and Control of Erosion in Road Works, by A. Eriksson and A. Kidanu, April 2010.

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