
IFRTD Network News

Keeping you up to date with the latest news, opportunities, events, resources and projects from across the IFRTD network

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Dear Member

You are reading the April edition of the IFRTD newsletter. We would like to extend a warm welcome to four new research interns who will be working alongside the Forum Secretariat in the London office. Ernest Okyere, Ben Shute and Stéphane Massey will be developing the country profiles and international content for the new IFRTD website, whilst Naresh de Silva will be researching UK/EU funding opportunities as part of our fundraising strategy. They bring with them a diverse set of skills and experience, and we are delighted to have them all on board!

As always, we welcome your additions to our websites and this e-newsletter. Please send your contributions to newsletter@ifrtd.org.

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NEWS:  
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Just One Ambulance for Every 110,000 People in Northern Nigeria

In mid-2009 there were just 59 functioning ambulances in Katsina state of Northern Nigeria. With a population of approximately 6.5 million this equates to just one ambulance for every 110,000 people. With so few vehicles available, efficient use of existing ambulances is critical. Transaid has been working to train several ambulance drivers as 'master' trainers to build capacity and ensure a sustainable programme of ongoing ambulance driver training and assessment. Katsina has now acquired 35 new ambulances, meaning the training can be rolled out to help deliver effective health services to more local communities.

To find out more, please click on the link below:

www.ifrtd.org/en/full.php?id=506

Should Uganda Ban Traditional Birth Attendants?

This article, featured in UK newspaper 'The Guardian', reflects on Uganda's recent decision to ban traditional birth attendants. The policy is designed to encourage pregnant women to use primary health care facilities, but it caused controversy with critics arguing traditional birth attendants are often well respected in local communities and expectant mothers do not always have the luxury of choice. Health care facilities may be many kilometres from their home and the journey too expensive. The article explores both sides of the debate and the crucial role that transport must play if women are to truly be given a choice.

To read more, click on the link below:

www.ifrtd.org/en/full.php?id=504

IFRTD Eastern and Southern Africa: a View to the Future

IFRTD has a strong membership base in the Eastern and Southern Africa region. There are currently vibrant national networks in Uganda, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, South Africa and Kenya with active members in Rwanda, Malawi and Namibia. In recent years IFRTD ESA has employed a successful twin strategy of focusing on small ground-breaking pieces of research and developing policy dialogues processes in different countries. Efforts are being made to regenerate the membership, and especially to encourage young and upcoming researchers to take rural transport and development issues forward. Taye Berhanu of Ethiopia and Tatenda Mbara of Zimbabwe have recently accepted a place on IFRTD ESA's advisory committee, with 3 more place to be filled shortly.

If you would like to get involved with the ESA network, please contact regional coordinator Peter Njenga: [peter.njenga\[at\]ifrtd.org](mailto:peter.njenga@ifrtd.org)

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DFID's Civil Society Challenge Fund

The UK Department for International Development's Civil Society Challenge Fund is a major funding opportunity for UK-based organisations and their partner NGOs in developing countries. DFID offers project and programme funding of up to £500,000. The Fund will support the following activities: Improve the capacity of Southern civil society to engage in local decision-making processes; Improve the capacity of Southern civil society to engage in national decision making processes; Improve national linkages through global advocacy; Provide innovative service delivery; Provide service delivery in difficult environments. Deadline for submission of 2 page concept notes is 31st May 2010.

Visit the DFID website to find out more:

www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-not-for-profit-organisations/CSCF/

Scottish Government International Development Fund: South Asia

The Scottish Government's International Development Fund is seeking applications for funding under its new South Asia Development Programme covering international development work in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The main objective of the programme is to address poverty and contribute towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals through sustainable economic development. The sub-themes considered under the programme include: Gender equality and the empowerment of women; Capacity building and skills exchange; Community-led approaches and initiatives which seek to build civil capacity. The deadline for applications that must be linked with a Scotland-based NGO is 26th April 2010.

You can find out more by clicking on the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/yagnhf5>

World Connect Mothers to Mothers Programme

Through its Mothers to Mothers Programme, World Connect works directly with community leaders who identify solutions to challenges affecting the health and well-being of women and children in their communities. Projects supported through the Mothers to Mothers programme focus on health, education and/or income generation and range from healthcare facility improvement, to early literacy and school enhancement programmes, to skill workshops and business development for women. World Connect reviews, approves and funds projects several times a year with grant awards up to \$2,500, and is currently accepting applications for projects in Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mali and Rwanda.

Click on the link below for more information:

www.worldconnect-us.org/mothers-to-mothers.php

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6th International Colloquium on Working Equids

There is a call for short papers for the '6th International Colloquium on Working Equids' and IFRTD is delighted to see 'Livelihoods, rural transport and the global context' as one of 8 Colloquium themes. To take place 29th November - 3rd December, 2010 in New Delhi, India, the interdisciplinary approach will bring together participants from international

development, social sciences, health and education to interact with animal scientists, veterinarians, project managers and field workers from the world of working horses, donkeys and mules. There are 100 million working horses, donkeys and mules worldwide. 95% of all donkeys and 60% of horses are found in developing nations, where the majority are owned by individuals who use them as their sole means of income. Working animals are integral to rural transport systems and food production, distribution and security. Deadline for submission of papers: 30th April 2010.

For more information please visit:

www.ifrtd.org/en/full.php?id=501

ADB Transport Forum: Changing Course - Pathways to Sustainable Transport

The Asian Development Bank's transport forum will take place in their headquarters in Manila, Philippines, between 25th-27th May 2010. From event organisers: "The transport sector needs to change course in order to ensure sustainable growth in the Asia Pacific region. It is now clear that a business as usual scenario is unsustainable and the need to change and move along a different growth pathway is driven by a range of economic, social and environmental challenges, including climate change, congestion and the provision of basic mobility." It will bring together Ministers, key decision makers from industry, top researchers and representatives of civil society from more than 30 countries.

For more information please visit the ADB website:

www.adb.org/documents/events/2010/transport-forum/default.asp

BAQ 2010 Call for Abstracts

This year's Better Air Quality conference will be held in Singapore from 9th-11th November. It reflects three key development trends: The growing relevance of climate change for air quality management; The rapid urbanisation in Asia that requires a total shift in city planning; The changing role of development agencies who are moving away from financing to providing expertise and experience. The deadline for submitting abstracts is 15th May 2010.

For more information please visit the event website:

www.baq2010.org/

Rural Roads Convention 2010

To take place 26th-28th September 2010 this event is organised by IRF (International Roads Federation), gTKP (global Transport Knowledge Partnership) and CHTS (China Highway and Transportation Society). Key themes will include: The importance of rural roads; Ensuring links to basic services; Planning and managing rural roads; Labour based construction; Efficient maintenance of rural roads; Sharing the road; Rural road safety enforcement. The final day will be devoted to exploring rural road funding.

For more information please see the event flyer:

www.irfnet.org/files-upload/pdf-files/12aca52ead2f2212d8221620689a7b00_leaflet.pdf

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Access Training Toolkits for Bus Drivers and Transit Staff around the World

Reckless driving can make buses inaccessible to senior citizens and passengers with

disabilities in many developing countries. The Transit Access Training Toolkit, prepared on behalf of the Disability and Development Team of the World Bank, helps address this problem. The Toolkit includes pocket-size guides for bus and taxi drivers, posters, public service announcements for TV and radio stations and instructions on how to sponsor a disability awareness event. This is intended to help train bus drivers and transit personnel, even where there are no local resources, to address the need for safe and courteous driving. The Toolkit is available in English, Spanish and Portuguese, in printed and CD versions. To find out more, please click on the link below:
<http://www.ifrtd.org/en/full.php?id=505>

Video Feature: A Helmet on Every Head

A new video from the Make Roads Safe Campaign introduces The Global Helmet Vaccine Initiative (GHVI). GHVI is working to deliver a helmet on every head in the decade of action on road safety. Michelle Yeoh, Ambassador of the Make Roads Safe Campaign asks: "What is the cost of a life? A \$10 helmet for a child. Is that too much?" Experience in Vietnam has shown that through education and public awareness campaigns, and by raising helmet quality standards, it is possible to deliver change that saves lives. In Vietnam in 2006 5% of motorcycle users wore helmets, by 2009 this figure was raised to 90%. Now the GHVI will promote motorcycle helmet wearing across the developing world, working in partnership with governments, the private sector and non-governmental organisations to inoculate children one helmet at a time. To watch the video click on the link below:
www.ifrtd.org/en/full.php?id=502

Forced to Move: Involuntary Displacement and Resettlement - Policy and Practice

Edited by: Priyanthi Fernando, Karin Fernando, Mansi Kumarasiri
Development and infrastructure projects, the decades long ethnic conflict and disasters (both recurring events such as floods and landslides as well as catastrophic events such as the tsunami) have all forced people to move from their homes in Sri Lanka. Accommodating the diverse needs and lifestyles of the affected people is a highly complex undertaking. Invariably, the resettlement process is emotionally charged and rife with dissatisfaction. This publication brings together lessons and analysis from the different types of displacement and resettlement issues to improve the policy and practice of this delicate process, for all who may be affected, both now and in the future. You find out more click on the link below:
www.cepa.lk/attachments/126_Forced%20to%20move%20-%209th%20symp.pdf

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Funds for NGOs

FundsforNGOs.org is an online initiative, working for the sustainability of NGOs by increasing their access to donors, resources and skills. It is packed with funding opportunities from around the globe. Updated regularly it carries information not only on large donor programmes (currently from organisations such as UN-Habitat and IFAD), but smaller grassroots projects that may focus on one region or theme. It also offers advice to organisations for adopting practices that ensure their institutional sustainability and long term development.

Please visit their website for more information:

www.fundsforngos.org/

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