FIRST MILE TRANSPORT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FOR TOMATO FARMERS ALONG IHIMBO-ITIMBO ROAD, KILOLO DISTRICT

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ABOUT IFRTD

- **International Forum for Rural Transport and Development (IFRTD)** was formed in 1992

- **Global network** of individuals and organizations and networks working together in research, information sharing and policy advocacy

*Why rural transport and Development?*

- Poor rural transport is a key impediment to sustainable and inclusive development

- Transport serves society when it is linked to other services that support and enhance livelihoods and delivers differentiated streams of benefits to various users
BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- A 4-month AFCAP supported pilot case-study on farm to market transport challenges for smallholder farmers
- The study focuses on tomatoes as an example of an agricultural product that is time and transport sensitive due to perishability and fragility.

Why Agriculture and transport?

- An important sector for rural development and poverty reduction in Tanzania. It provided approximately 75% of employment opportunities, it accounts for 24.7% of the GDP and about 95% percent of food requirements.

What is First Mile Transport?

- The first mile transport is the downstream transport segment between the smallholder farm and the first point of commercial interface (typically a collection point alongside a motorable roadside, or a nearby primary market). It consists of individual fragmented volumes that are then consolidated into viable volumes for motorised transport.
TRANSPORT SEGMENTS IN AGRICULTURE

- **Primary transport segment (1st mile)**
  - From the farm to a collection point typically. Transport here is typically on non-motorable paths. Headloading and IMTs are the main means of transport. Transport burden/cost here is on the farmer. This downstream segment can contribute up-to a fifth of the total.
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