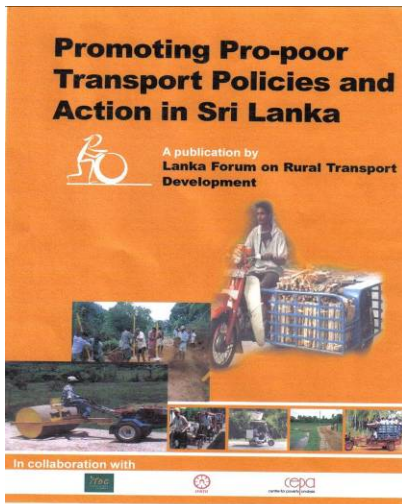


Promoting Pro-poor Transport Policies and Action in Sri Lanka



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This publication is the result of a series of studies and dialogues on transport and poverty in Sri Lanka, carried out by LFRTD in collaboration with the Centre for Poverty Analysis, Practical Action and the Poverty Watch programme of the International Forum for Rural Transport and Development. This book brings together the outputs of these activities and tries to present an overview of key transport sector issues that have implications for poverty reduction.

Part 1 of the publication provides an overview of the discourse on transport and poverty. Part 2 looks at transport and poverty in Sri Lanka, and in particular at the policy environment against which any analysis of interventions

must be made. Part 3 provides some snapshots of how transport and poverty issues affect the livelihoods of people in particular villages in Sri Lanka. The first chapter in part 3 (Chapter 3) synthesizes the outputs of four case studies conducted by the LFRTD in different locations. Chapters 4-7 describe the outputs of the four case studies. Finally in Part 4 of the book we outline a set of recommendations for developing and promoting pro-poor transport policies and practice that were the outcomes of the two workshops organized by LFRTD in February and August 2003.

The different parts of the book have been authored by different members of the Lanka Forum on Rural Transport and Development as part of its Transport and Poverty Programme. The literature review in chapter 2 is drawn from the paper "Rural Transport and Poverty" by Dr Danny Attapattu. Chapter 3 includes the analyses of Dr D S Jayaweera, Upali Dahanayake. The microlevel case studies in Part 3 were prepared for the LFRTD by Prof. Sarath Wimalasiri Amarasinghe, Dr. R. M. Ranaweera Banda, Lionel Thilakaratne, and Prasanna Lankapura. The analysis of the information collected and the recommendations that the book outlines in its final chapter, are all strongly informed by the dialogue that has taken place around these studies, particularly in the workshops.

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