EXPERIENCE ON ACTIVE MOBILITY: KUMASI-GHANA

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INTRODUCTION - Current Status Of Active Mobility

- Infrastructure:
  - No dedicated lanes for cycling in the city.
  - Pavements for street side walking within the CBD is taken over by traders and other vehicles forcing pedestrians to walk on the carriage way.

- Data
  - Virtually none-existent data on active Mobility. These are seen at sections of studies but not stand alone information.

- Perception on Active Mobility

- Modal split share:
  - Walking is mostly done for short distances.
What is Not Working – Active Mobility challenges

- **Institutional framework not optimized for active mobility**
  - No carefully established system to promote active mobility

- **Poor integrated land use planning and control procedures**
  - Urban Sprawl / No clear boundaries for the city
  - No well developed Traffic / Active Mobility plan

- **Inadequate facilities for public transports and NMT system**
  - Inadequate transport terminals
  - Lack of alternative parking lots for private vehicles

- **Inadequacy or lack of a good database**

- **The use of small sizes of vehicles for public transportation**

- **Funding for transport activities is limited**
  - No conscious effort at NMT provision
  - Right of limitation (esp. local roads)

- **No formidable enforcement of policy and regulation**

- **Social and political interference**

- **No special arrangements made for active mobility**
  - Mostly added to existing projects
What is Working Well

- National Policy on Active Mobility
- Workshops and Conferences on Active Mobility

Key Projects and Initiatives
- JICA – Kumasi Urban Master Plan – Focus on urban development
- AFD – Kumasi Transport enhancement project – Focus on Analysis of the Ayaalolo service and how 60 buses released to Kumasi could be made to operate effectively
  - Africa Smart Town Network – Focus on database for planning and management
  - **Sustainable Urban Mobility Project (SUMP)** - Focus on preparation of a mobility plan for Expanded Kumasi
- World Bank – KUMAP – Focus on BRT project
- Bloomberg Philanthropies – BIGRS/PHC – Focus on Road Safety
- GIFEC – TransInfoMap – Focus on transport database for planning
What Needs to be Done

- Publicize National Policy
- Collaborate effectively with other Municipalities, Agencies and Countries in Africa
- Make Municipal Assemblies main focus of local policy formulation and adoption of low budget implementation actions
- Provide Infrastructure for active mobility
- Enforce illegal trading activities on street pavements
- Gradual education on need for active mobility initiatives to change perceptions
- Make stakeholders relevant in the process
- Communicate as much as possible
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