

Rural transport connectivity in the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda

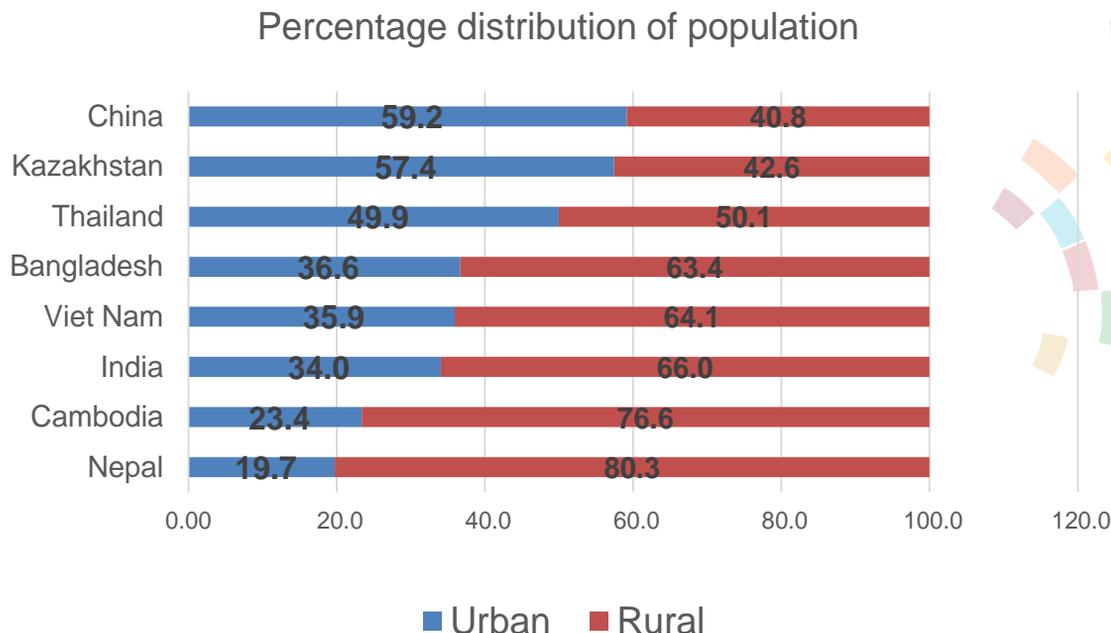
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Topics

1. Context
2. ESCAP mandates
3. ESCAP activities on rural transport
4. Ways forward

Despite urbanization, a substantial proportion of Asia's population live in rural areas



United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs,
Population Division (2018). World Urbanization Prospects: The
2018 Revision

Poverty is still a rural phenomenon

- Almost 2 in 5 people living in rural areas in developing countries still experience multidimensional poverty
- In the Asia-Pacific region, rural people belong to the poorest group, lagging in education and other social indicators
- However, over last 10 years, average rural household income has increased in the region



Rural transport connectivity

- Rural transport connectivity to wider networks
- Recent changes in socio-economic conditions of the region
- Economic, social and environmental- three pillars of sustainable development

THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development



Target 11.2

- Regional standards and handbooks on road safety
- Regional ITS models for road safety
- Enhancing sustainable links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas based on the AH, TAR and dry ports network

1 NO POVERTY



2 ZERO HUNGER



Target 1.1, 1.2 and 2.a

- Promotion of the role of the AH, TAR and dry ports network in poverty alleviation and rural development.
- Formalization of expansion of AH, TAR and dry ports networks to rural areas

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Rural Transport and SDGs

Target 3.6

- Regional goals, targets and indicators on road safety.
- Regional standards and handbooks on road safety
- Regional ITS models for road safety

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Target 9.1, 9.4, 9.a

- Promotion of integrated intermodal transport infrastructure connections
- Assistance to least developed countries

Target 7.3

- Promotion of more energy-efficient public transport and related intermodal transport
- Promotion of the deployment of ITS

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



UN ESCAP

- 2016, 3rd Ministerial Conference on Transport, adopted the Regional Action Programme (2017-2021)
- “Rural Transport Connectivity to wider network”, key outputs
 - i) Studies on improving rural transport connectivity
 - ii) Regional master plans to improve rural transport connectivity to wider networks
 - III) Studies on financing options
 - iv) Reporting on regional progress
 - v) Meeting and advisory services

The Vientiane Declaration on Sustainable Rural Transport

- 2017, The Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum in Asia: during the Tenth Regional Forum in Vientiane
- Focuses on: i) inclusive, affordable, accessible and sustainable rural transport ii) climate adaptive road and infrastructure investments iii) efficient rural access iv) **rural-urban connectivity** and sustainable freight movement, v) national strategies and policy frameworks vi) transport safety, vii) research and cooperation

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- **Background documents** for the 10th Regional EST Forum in 2017
 - “Policy framework to improve rural transport development to wider local, national and regional transport networks”
 - “Rural-urban connectivity in achieving sustainable regional development”
 - “Achieving Poverty Eradication through improved, inclusive and equitable transport systems”
- **Transport and Communications Bulletins**
 - No. 81 “Planning for Accessibility and Rural Roads”
 - No. 86 “Sustainable Rural Access”
- **Review of Developments in Transport in Asia and the Pacific 2017**
 - Chapter 5, regional review of rural transport

Main topics for discussion

Current policies and practices in rural transport connectivity:

- a) National strategies
- b) Linking national and local road networks to reap the benefits of connectivity

Ways to strengthen government capacities:

- a) Data collection, monitoring and analysis
- b) Use of data to integrate sustainable development goals into rural transport policies and projects.

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