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- Sub-Saharan Africa Rural Transport Study: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Tanzania, Zambia (World Bank, 2006)
- Institutional Structure for the Development of Rural Electrification Projects, Mexico (World Bank, 2005-2006)
- Development of Resource-based Building Materials, Mozambique (Government of Mozambique and Commonwealth Secretariat, 2005)
- Energy Assessment, Papua New Guinea (World Bank, 2005)
- Commercialisation of Hides and Skins, Botswana, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe (CFC, 2005)
- Technical Support to Renewable Energy Partnerships Project, Azerbaijan (DEFRA, 2005-6)
- Small-scale Private Sector Participation in Rural Water Supply, Zambia, Tanzania, Ghana (DFID, 2004-2006)
- Technical Services to Implement a small-scale Agro-Processing Support Programme, Mozambique (PAMA, 2005-2007)
- Networking for Promotion of Renewable Energy Technologies in Sri Lanka, (EC, 2006)
- Rural Electrification Policy, Nigeria (World Bank, 2004-2006)
- Livestock Market Access Initiative, Turkana, Kenya (Oxfam GB, 2004)



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Practical Action Consulting is the new name for Intermediate Technology Consultants (ITC). For over 35 years we have provided development consultancy services as the consulting arm of the international NGO Practical Action, formerly Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG). We provide high quality independent and professional advice to governments, NGOs, aid agencies and the private sector.

Who we are

Practical Action Consulting operates regional offices in the UK, Eastern and Southern Africa and South Asia, staffed with experienced development experts. Our offices have enabled the development of extensive local networks with a range of development practitioners. We also draw on the skills and expertise of over 400 development professionals working on Practical Action's regional development programmes, based at offices in Bangladesh, Kenya, Nepal, Peru, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Zimbabwe. Our long-standing engagement in technologies and developing countries has enabled us to build up an extensive network of over 600 international consultants, managed from our head office in the UK. Standards of performance are ensured through formal and transparent reporting mechanisms ensuring a high and consistent level of quality.

How we work

Our philosophy of "small is beautiful" is carried through into our approach to technological solutions. We are committed to engagement in projects which show a long-term pro-poor impact. Practical Action Consulting staff use participatory methods and engage with stakeholders at all levels. We work with institutions, civil society and poor communities to achieve sustainable solutions and improvements in livelihoods. Our unique knowledge base of development practitioners working in-country gives us an invaluable insight into the practical applications of technology to problems faced by poor people in developing countries. We work in partnership with other organisations and are experienced in complex, multidisciplinary projects.



What we do

Our work focuses on improving access to essential basic services and enabling sustainable livelihoods for poor and isolated communities in rural and urban locations.

We work in the following sectors:

- energy
- transport
- irrigation, water and sanitation
- agro-processing and food production
- disaster mitigation
- ICTs
- housing and shelter
- integrated urban development
- business development services / SMEs

Our expertise in these sectors includes technology assessment and feasibility studies; social and economic analysis; market appraisals; due diligence surveys; policy option assessments; private and public sector involvement; institutional and organisational development.

Consultancy services

In addition to technical skills, we offer high quality project management and delivery services. Our services include proposal development; project management; programme design and delivery; participatory methodology; formulation of strategy and action plans; training and facilitation; knowledge dissemination and management; capacity building at all levels; monitoring and evaluation.

Partnership working

We believe in sharing best practice and information exchange, and are founders or key members of several international networks, including the International Forum for Rural Transport and Development (IFRTD), the Energy Forum, Sustainable Transport Action Network (SUSTRAN), the Building Advisory Service and Information Network (BASIN), Knowledge Network on Energy for low-income households in Southern and East Africa (SparkNet), the Household Energy Development Organisations Network (HEDON), and the Global Village Energy Partnership (GVEP). We are members of several frameworks and consortia providing high-quality technological and development expertise to major donors including DFID.

Practical Action around the world

Practical Action is an international development agency working with poor communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America to help them choose and use technology to improve their lives. Founded in 1966, Practical Action leads the sector on issues of technology and poverty reduction.

As the consulting arm of the organisation, Practical Action Consulting applies lessons learned from grassroots experience to technology solutions in poor communities around the world.

