



The annual Newsletter 2013



Dear friends and supporters of FABIO, dear Readers

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the continued partnership and support for FABIO.

However; As the year 2013 comes to an end and Christmas is on our door steps, FABIO's strategic plan 2008-2013 is also on the close. It has been such a long journey ever since 2008 however, the question remains; How far have we achieved our vision, mission and objectives? With the:

VISION: A society where people have access and use environmentally friendly, affordable and

sustainable means of transport for improved quality of life.

And:

MISSION: To promote NMTs for improved quality of life through Networking, Advocacy, bicycle accessibility, capacity building and awareness creation.

At least we have tried to hit the target with in the different projects. Various activities with in these projects have informed the different objectives that were listed in the plan and have to a great extent led to the realization of the vision.

We therefore present to you our Annual Newsletter 2013 to give you an insight of the different achievements and challenges that we encountered during this year.

Wish you all the best in this festive season
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Directors Message

As we come toward the end of the year 2013, it is very critical to reflect back where we started the journey in January 2013.

Being the final year of our strategic plan 2008-2013, all our interventions were aimed at improved quality of life of Ugandans. Even when the journey has been like any other journey would make in Uganda, full of dust, potholes, unsafe, unreliable with your support, we have made a contribution.

We recognize efforts of the government of Uganda for mainly the relative peace and freedom as shared in the 1995 constitution. We also recognize the ever diminishing space for the Civil Society and citizens to enjoy the peace and freedoms, but we are sure government is aware that these are critical pillars to the realization of the NDP and the national vision 2040.

Comrades, as we in FABIO prefer calling you, FABIO among other legitimate mandate was licensed to “Carry out activities in the field of providing capacity building of communities, improve access of mobility of low income people and advocacy for sustainable transport planning”, our interpretations of building capacities of communities in social, economic and political aspect for them to be able to influence situations for this benefit.

With all your untiring support for us, you have made our work successfully implemented driving us to the attainment of our vision. Thank you so much and please continue.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, membership and partners, staff and on my own behalf; I wish you a Merry Christmas and a progressive year 2014.



Financial Overview of year 2013 and outlook on 2013

FABIO is very grateful to their donors and stakeholders for their unwary commitment that has led to our sustainability through out 2013.

**OBJECTIVE 1:
ADVOCACY FOR ACTIVE
TRANSPORT IN
UGANDA.**

Networking advocacy and lobby for sustainable transport

FABIO has registered great success within this programme strides that have continued to work as milestones for the realization of our mission and vision. The BRT initiative which started as an outcome from study visit to Bogota, Columbia has and is still taking shape. This was taken on by the Ministry of Works and Transport; and in partnership with Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), we believe that in the coming years, BRT will influence the travel trends of the city dwellers.

With the Non-Motorized Transport (NMT), this initiative has also been taken on by the MoWT and the policy in its regard was launched early this year in February.



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FABIO has for long brought innovations to the world of sustainable transport in Uganda, to this effect FABIO is leading the Cable Car innovation for Kampala and the exposure visit is being organized by FABIO, EURIST and Doppelmayer. In order to interest the ministry, meetings have and are continuing to take place.

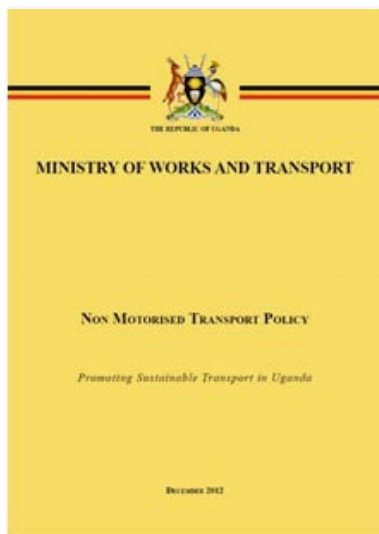
FABIO is providing leadership for the establishment of a National Civil Society Road Sector Forum which is to go a long way in influencing the sector trends.

National Non-Motorized Transport (NMT)

2013 started with the launch of the NMT policy by the Ministry of Works and Transport (MoWT) and this was one of the greatest achievements in obtaining our mission.

In partnership with Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) and MoWT, this year we have been in the processes of implementing the NMT pilot project on Luwumu and Namirembe Road in Kampala.

With funds from UNEP, FABIO carried out an assessment and compiled a report on the “State of Kampala” before and after implementation of the NMT project; and also developed a video on the stakeholders’ views on this project which was presented to the MoWT and UNEP.



Still, the year marked the acceptance of our pilot project proposal of implementing the NMT policy in five districts of Uganda by UNEP. However, instead of the five as it had been proposed, the implementation will be in only three districts of Mukono, Jinja and Iganga; and with this, FABIO is to partner with the Ministry of Works and Transport.

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

With the long advocacy for BRT, FABIO has been able to sign a contract with UN-HABITAT and was assigned tasks regarding operators and stake holder engagement, communication strategies, NMT and providing technical assistance to the Ministry and the consultants involved in the project.

We have delivered deliverables for the first quarter to the MoWT and UN Habitat. Having developed the methodology we will commence with a baseline survey on NMT context along the BRT corridors.

As mentioned earlier, we will also commence with the BRT communications and engagement with the wider stake holders.

Car Free Day (CFD)

Even after the glorious organizations of Car Free Day event in 2011 and 2012, this year; the activity was put to hold due to a number of reasons.

Bicycle rental and tourism

Adding on to the eight bicycles FABIO had, this year we managed to purchase six more bicycles to help in the bicycle renting arrangements and also tourism.

Two tour guides were trained to help in the running of bicycle tourism activity and this at least increased efficiency and effectiveness in the activity.

At least three great tours have been successfully con-



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ducted this year that involved a number of tourists from parts of the world. This tourism and renting activity greatly contributed to the day to day running of FABIO activities.



campaign in Kidera Sub County in Buyende District on the 17th February 2013 by FABIO with support from EURISTS. The event was officiated by speaker of Parliament Hon. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga and 80 bicycles were handed over to the VHTs. In addition, this year marked off the beginning of a new Health Care project “Bike4Care” which FABIO in partnership with Coop-Africa has been implementing in two sub counties of Iganga district (Nawandala and Nambale) since August 2013. The project is aimed at improving accessibility of VHTs to households and health centres through the provision of bicycles on a work-own basis. The implementation has and is in steps, and so far, only three steps have been carried out; that is: first step; development awareness or conscientization workshop of VHTs where FABIO team supported the VHTs in developing work plans and constitutions for group formations successfully; training in group dynamics; and lastly a follow up with VHTs where the coordinator of FABIO has been visiting the VHT groups.

**OBJECTIVE 2:
BICYCLE ACCESSIBILITY
AND AFFORDABILITY
FOR BETTER ACCESS
OF THE LOW INCOME
EARNERS TO BASIC
SERVICE**



Health Care Project

This project has been implemented through the use of Village Health Team (VHTs) which is a government structure in Uganda that was created to bring about nearness to health services by the people in rural communities. The project has been focused on increasing efficiency and effectiveness; and increasing accessibility of VHTs to the different households the communities through availing them with bicycles. With this, people at local levels are able to easily access health services. The year marked a successful launch of “Mobility and Health access” project under the Make a Move

**OBJECTIVE 3:
Institutional develop-
ment of FABIO to deliver
services efficiently and
effectively through pres-
sure from below**



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Citizen Manifesto Amplified (CMA)

This is a new initiative that was derived from Citizen Manifesto formulated in 2011 in preparation for the presidential elections. It is more of a follow up of the Citizen Manifesto 2011 aimed at making accountability or assessing what the government has so far done basing on the expectations of the citizens.

With facilitation from the Uganda National NGO forum through regional HUB (PACONET) in Pallisa; FABIO has successfully managed to implement all the activities that were laid out in the contract for the first and second quarter.

On 16th May 2013, FABIO organized a half day meeting with the technical planning committee of Jinja district aimed at creating awareness and to lobby for support from the district for the project, and also introduced the aspect of the District Client Charter that the district worked on and so far a draft was realized.

Together with Pressure from Below initiative, FABIO was able to engage the citizens of Walukuba-Masese division in Jinja district in holding their leaders accountable through a Neighborhood Assembly on the 2nd July 2013.

We too carried out a parliamentary watch dialogue aimed at assessing the performance of the 9th parliament with basis on the parliamentarian charter on the 22nd November 2013.

Similarly, FABIO managed to implement and launch the NRM Midterm Audit Report on 5th December 2013. The report was based on the findings got on citizen's perceptions on governments delivery on the promised services in its Manifesto (NRM Manifesto).

However in order to acquire these findings, FABIO carried out household surveys and focus group discussions in Walukuba-Masese division and Mafubira sub county on the 29th and 26th July respectively; and also interviews of key informants at the district level.

Oil Project

2013 marked the beginning of the implementation of

the oil project by FABIO as a member of DENIVA that was selected in the eastern region; and this was aimed at aggregating the voices of regular Ugandans on how the oil would affect their livelihoods.

On the 21st to 26th July 2013, FABIO in partnership with Water Governance Institute (WGI) carried out a baseline survey in Jinja to assess the levels of understanding and information needs by communities outside the oil producing region since Jinja district was representing all other districts outside the oil region. This survey was to act as a pilot study for the oil project.

Future Plans

Consolidate the 2013 efforts under the following sectors:

- BRT
- Bike4Care
- Bike4School
- Cable Car
- NMT Policy
- Car Free Day
- Citizen Manifest Amplified
- NMT Pilot
- Velocity
- Strategic Plan 2014-2018

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