

# TRANSPORT AND MOBILITIES: MEETING THE NEEDS OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN DEVELOPING CITIES GHANA WORKSHOP REPORT

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# ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES

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## UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST, GHANA



## WORKSHOP FOCUS AND DATES

- Focused on gendered mobility needs of children and young people.
- Date 21 – 22 May 2018

# OVERVIEW OF CAPE COAST METROPOLIS

- A former capital city of the Gold Coast
- Predominantly urban settlement.
- Major fishing trade centre.
- National education centre in Ghana.
- UNESCO site.
- Transport-poverty linkages evident (<private cars, >public transport).



# OBJECTIVES OF WORKSHOP

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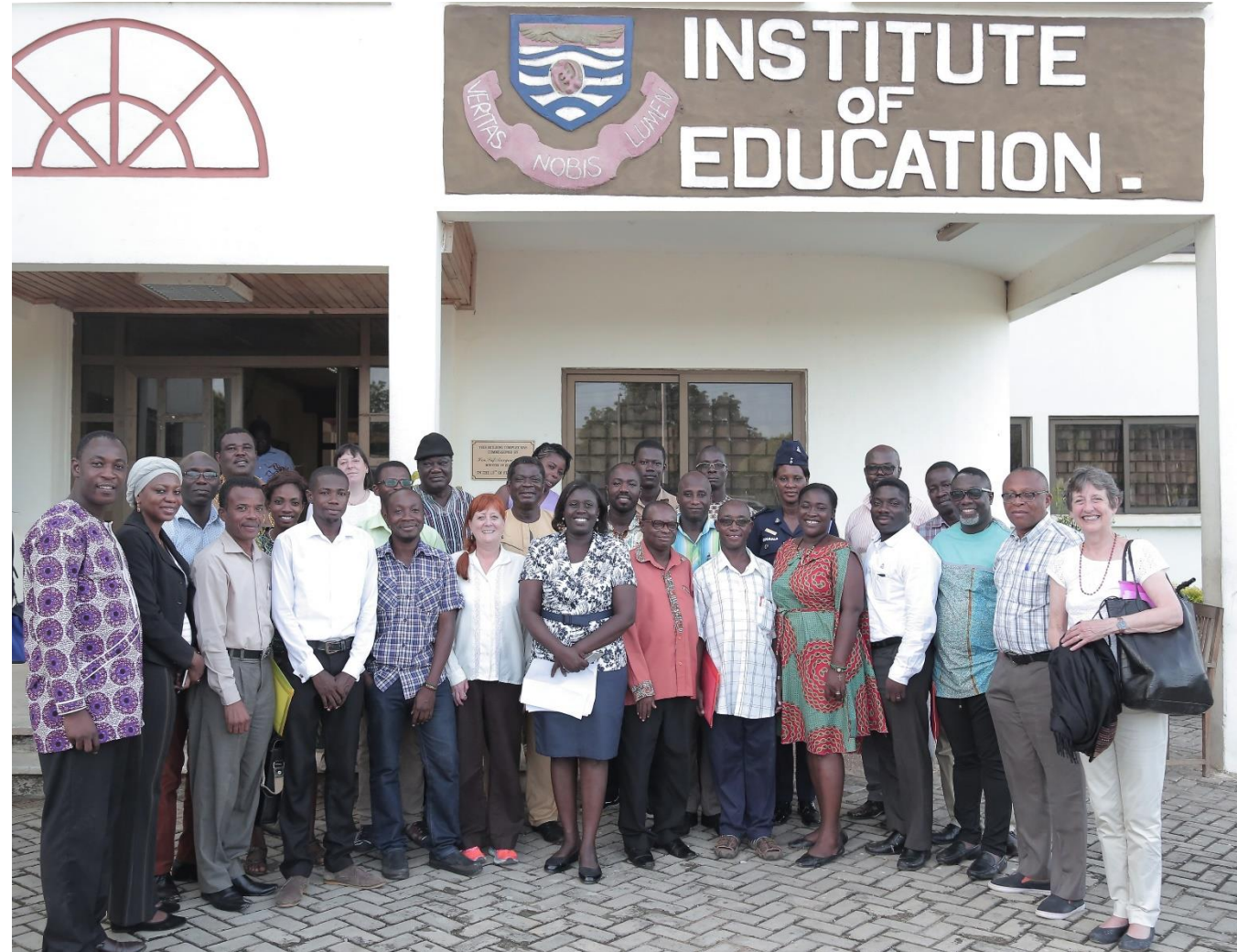
- Draw attention to the specific mobility vulnerabilities and constraints faced by children and young people in urban locations;
- Encourage participants to utilise participatory research methods such as walking interviews;
- Encourage participants to engage actively in field investigation of key mobility issues;
- Draw attention to the diversity of mobility vulnerabilities evident in the metropolis;
- Encourage debate among diverse actors regarding the mobility issues;
- Build networks and coalitions across the academic, policy and practitioners

# PARTICIPANTS



## TWENTY SEVEN KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- Ghana Police Service
- National Road Safety Commission
- Ministries for Transport, Education, Children, and Environmental Protection
- Department for Women
- African Development Bank
- Academia (20 staff from universities in Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda and the UK)



# PRESENTATIONS

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## ACADEMIC

- Children's and young people's mobilities in the Ghanaian urban context.
- Methods for researching young vulnerable populations in Ghana.
- Walkability of routes to school study
- Young people with disabilities and bus transit on UCC Campus
- Transport and mobilities for young people in cities
- Transport and health issues for children and young people

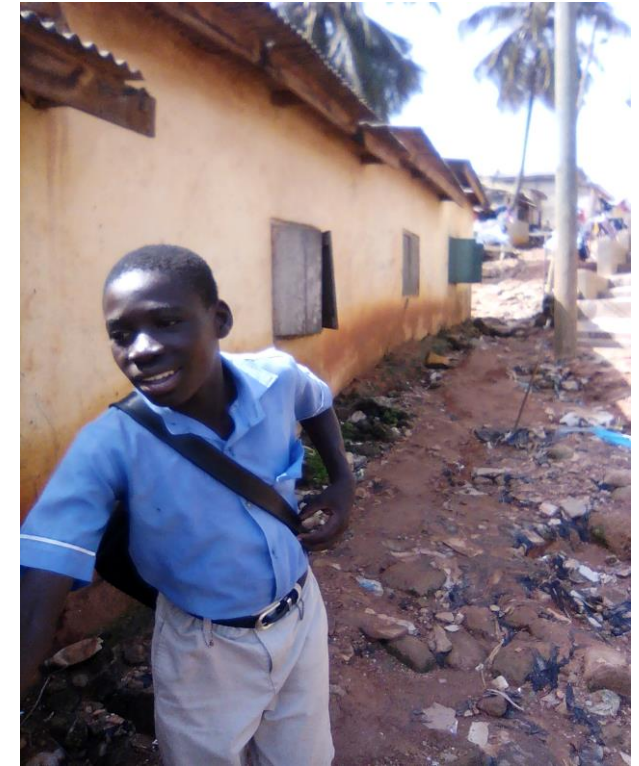
## STAKEHOLDERS

- Pedestrian safety to school (National Road Safety Commission).
- Girls' and young women's travel security (Motor Transport and Traffic Directorate)
- Public Transport and Air Quality: implications for young lives (Environmental Protection Authority)

# PRESENTATIONS



# FIELDWORK SESSIONS



# KEY ISSUES FROM PRESENTATIONS AND FIELDWORK (1)



- Ghanaian drivers take priority on roads and had little consideration for non-car road users.
- Few systems were in place to promote safety of road users despite efforts by NRSC.
- Insufficient research in public transport use initiated in Africa.
- The need for a transport observatory, shared data facility and improvements to training of engineers.
- Gap between research and policy.
- Children face challenges as they walk to school.

## KEY ISSUES FROM PRESENTATIONS AND FIELDWORK (2)

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- Majority of public transport users were women and children who were exposed to attacks and sexual abuse.
- Speed humps were a clear example of conflict between road safety and pollution concerns.
- Fieldwork highlighted low level of parent's understanding of road safety challenges faced by their children.

# DISCUSSION ON ACTION PROGRAMME

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- Current systems to support mobility systems not fit for children (obstacles such as air pollution, speeding traffic, poorly maintained or missing pavements).
- Transport systems planners often planned according to own preconceptions rather than real situations and needs.
- By undertaking participatory research, we could reach a better understanding of mobility requirement of women and children.
- There was a need to look at the transport value chains with all the relevant stakeholders for wholistic solution of identified challenges.
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