



An Introduction to Women and

Mobility in Emerging Economies

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6
Weeks
Self-paced

In this Online Course, you will learn about:

- How gender influences transport and urban planning
- Barriers to mobility faced by women in the Global South
- Strategies and policies for creating more equitable, inclusive mobility systems

This course welcomes everyone, regardless of gender, identity or location.



Week 1

In Week 1 you will learn:

- Why we focus on **women's needs**
- What happens when we **meet women's mobility needs**

Week 3

In Week 3 you will learn:

- Why women's transport **needs must be met**
- Of the **poverty impacts** on individuals, families, and society, of poor access and mobility opportunities for women
- About the **transformative opportunities** of good access and mobility opportunities for women

Week 5

In Week 5 you will learn:

- why we need more **women in transport positions**
- of the **barriers** to women entering the transport sector
- how to use **new technologies** to encourage women to enter the sector
- how to **apply your knowledge** to develop women-inclusive opportunities

Week 2

In Week 2 you will learn:

- The typical and traditional **mobility patterns** of women
- The **link** between trip purposes, women's traditional roles, and mobility needs
- How transport policies and solutions have been **designed around men's needs**

Week 4

In Week 4 you will learn:

- of the breadth and extent of women's experiences of **harassment**
- of the way in which **lack of safety** limits women's lives
- why street design and pedestrian planning is **not gender-neutral**
- how to identify and evaluate **safety-related interventions** at a high level

Week 6

In Week 6 you will learn

- how to make the case for collecting **gender-specific data** for planning
- how to **collect gender-data** in an inclusive way
- of the **concerns and fears** about sharing personal travel information
- how to create an outline for a **gender-responsive transport project or plan**



What You Will Achieve

Once you have engaged with and completed all weeks of the course, you will be able to:

- Understand women's mobility patterns and transport needs, and why these are seldom considered in business-as-usual transport and urban planning and transport service provision;
- Demonstrate why this matters for individuals, families, and societies as a whole;
- Develop an argument and make the case for gender expertise and the inclusion of women in project teams at planning and budgeting, visioning, strategic, data-collection, implementation, operations, as well as in monitoring and evaluation phases of transport and mobility interventions;
- Conduct high-level appraisal and revision of existing or planned interventions designed to mitigate gaps in meeting women's needs;
- Create and defend high-level interventions designed to mitigate gaps in meeting women's needs;
- Develop a casebook of good practices and solutions to meet women's needs.
- Apply this knowledge in your context and in your day-to-day work.



Who You Will Learn With



Gail Jennings

Dr Gail Jennings is a research consultant based in Cape Town, who works throughout Africa. Her work focuses on the access and mobility needs of people who are marginalized, excluded, or vulnerable in some way, including women, people living with low-income, and people who walk and cycle. She works in policy analysis, strategy development, gender and social inclusion assessments and audits.

Emma Arogundade

Emma Arogundade has a Master of Philosophy in Critical Diversity Studies from the University of Cape Town. She works as a consultant drawing on years working across the non-profit, business and higher education sectors focussing on gender, gender violence, HIV, human rights, education, pathways to employment, and communication with a social justice oriented ethos.



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Ejiro Matilda Ikoko is a PhD student at the Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds, UK. Her research focuses on low- and middle-income women's mobility needs and Mobility as a Service in Sub-Saharan Africa. She is also a Commonwealth Scholar and a student representative at the Just Transition Task Force at the University of Leeds.