

# From A Call for Action to an Action Agenda

Statement

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Sustainable Transport and COVID-19: Response and Recovery

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The [High-Volume Transport Programme](#) (HVT), funded by the Department for International Development (DFID), analysed the international transport community's responses to COVID-19 in two recent reports. It has shared the following findings:

- There is an active international transport community in high-income countries (HICs) that is developing case studies and guidance for the sector.
- There is limited information on specific challenges that affect low-income countries (LICs) more especially, such as the informal transport sector or the impact of food security through restricting border controls.
- Few countries had requested support from COVID-19 funds from multilateral development banks (MDBs).
- There are no coordinated plans to boost transport programmes related to decarbonisation or the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

To move forward, the international community needs to collaborate on knowledge products, common campaigns and investments.

Our recommendations are:

- Create a common platform for collecting and disseminating information and research findings.
- Mobilise finance to allow transport to respond to COVID-19.
- Establish a future education and capacity building agenda.

The pandemic is global and cannot be overcome without truly worldwide action. While there has been progress in the collaboration and coordination efforts between international stakeholders, the current efforts have thus far fallen short on delivery of a common action agenda. The launch of a coalition either within an existing or a newly built alliance is urgently needed to reduce the cacophony of voices and to better support decision-makers on the ground to access the right knowledge.

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