Gender and Transport: Why a gendered perspective matters

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Women use transport differently.
Women face different barriers
'Do I want to put my child’s life at risk? Overcrowded and unhygienic..... the smell and the coughing? If I travel with my child I never take buses’

Young mother, office worker
‘After 7pm it is completely dark… no street lights anywhere. Where there were lights they are not maintained. Some places communities have installed lights but if there is load shedding then these don’t work either. This makes us feel very insecure’

Young women
• Reduced investments due to transport barriers

• Increasing women’s transportation options can have large returns
Female involvement: Importance and Barriers
Conclusion

• Building transit systems that increase female access can have large returns

• Requires designing a system that accounts for the different ways women use transit and the different constraints that women face when making transport decisions
  - Open questions on how to increase female access

• Female involvement can help improve the gendered perspective
  - Requires increasing access in decision-making around transit