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Global Alliances and Opportunities for Decarbonising Transport

MOBILITY SYSTEM THAT CARES

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CONTEXT OF THE DISCOURSE

- Traditionally, transport planning focuses on work-related trips with focus on peak-hour movements
- This focus overlooks an important trip-purpose, the mobility of care
- Coined in 2013 by urban planner Inés Sánchez de Madariaga, it includes trips like grocery shopping, escorting children to school or elderly relatives for health care, running administrative errands for the family, and visiting sick or elderly relatives
- Provision of care includes self-care to support people to function capably, comfortably, and safely” (ILO, 2021, p.3 in Asia Foundation 2023).

MOBILITY OF CARE

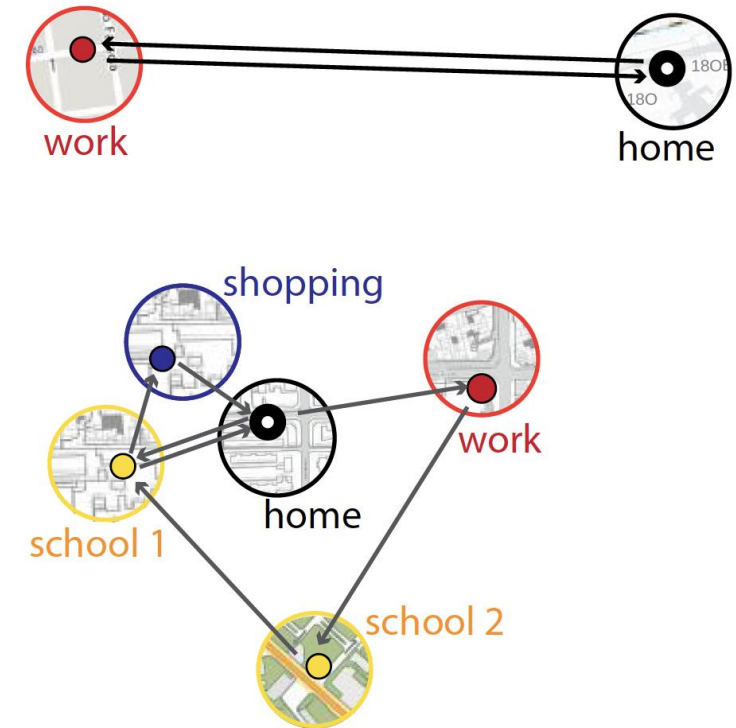
- This mobility category is recorded to take up a significant proportion of everyday mobility, comprising just less than 20 percent than the number of trips undertaken for work, but three times the number of trips taken for leisure (Ravensbergen, Fournier, & El-Geneidy, 2023)
- Beyond its intrinsic social value, the care economy is a key driver of economic productivity
 - As evidence of this, pandemic-era analyses estimate 2 million women, particularly those belonging to households with small children, left the labor force as they absorbed the demands of household upkeep and caregiving duties (International Labour Organization, 2022).

MOBILITY OF CARE

- Contextualized to the Philippines, data from a 2021 National Household Care Survey points to similar patterns where in self-reported data shows that women on average spend more hours in a day on care work than men, with women spending about 12.53 hours daily compared to men's 8.43 hours (Oxfam Pilipinas, Philippine Commission on Women, & UN Women, 2022)
- This suggests that unpaid care obligations are a plausible barrier that restricts women's opportunities to participate in paid employment (International Labour Organization, 2022)

GENDER DIFFERENCES IN TRAVEL PATTERNS

- Men tend to make fewer and more direct trips daily, such as to/from their workplace, often on their own and for a single purpose, and often during peak rush-hour times
- Literature has shown that women travel shorter distances in both developing and developed cities across all modes and
- Tend to have more non-work-related trips in all cities around the world and travel more during off-peak hours



Source: Module 7a

Sustainable Transport: A Sourcebook for Policy-makers in Developing Cities

Travel Characteristics of Women Compared with Men Across Various Socioeconomic Groups in Asia

Travel Characteristics	Description
Mode of transport	Women are more reliant on slower, nonmotorized transport or intermediate modes of transport, such as motorbike-taxi, tricycle, rickshaws, and animals or animal-drawn carts. In urban areas, this usually translates into women being more dependent on shared modes of transport (including public transport)
Road Crash Fatalities	In 2021, women constituted 15%–23% of road crash fatalities in selected countries in Southeast Asia
Ownership and use of personal vehicles	Women have a lower ownership of personal vehicles. Women also face road harassment and road rage by male drivers.
Driving skills and licenses	Men and boys are more likely to know how to drive vehicles particularly in contexts where it is less socially acceptable for women to drive. Women may face sexual harassment while undertaking driving lessons, tests, or document verification. Priority services for women to reduce their waiting times may not exist.
Distance	Women, particularly resource-poor married women, travel shorter distances for work to manage household, work, and care-related responsibilities. They may be more adversely impacted by relocation due to infrastructure projects and upgrades.

Where women's influence can be most visible

The impact is practical: it changes how systems are planned, managed, and experienced.



Policies

- Zero-tolerance approaches to harassment
- Gender-responsive budgeting and audits



Services

- Better stop and station access
- Gender-responsive budgeting and audits
- Schedules aligned with real travel patterns
- More responsive customer care



Systems

- Universal and inclusive design
- Cleaner, safer waiting environments
- Stronger links to sustainability goals

When women's voices are included early, transport planning shifts from system-centered to people-centered mobility.

The image features three interlocking rings, similar to the Olympic rings, set against a dark, gradient background. Each ring is composed of multiple parallel lines in the colors of the rainbow: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The rings are arranged in a complex, interlocking pattern, with one ring in the foreground and two behind it, creating a sense of depth. The lighting is soft, highlighting the metallic texture of the rings and the vibrant colors of the stripes. The text "Forming alliances" is centered over the rings in a white, sans-serif font.

Forming alliances

Women in Transport Leadership (WiTL)

- 1st knowledge network solely dedicated to empowering women and developing a critical mass of female transport leaders
- Create stronger representation and advocacy of women's issues in transportation;
- Broaden awareness and understanding of Australian-ASEAN women's challenges, barriers and facilitators, and opportunities in the transportation sector, including its wider global implications; and
- Increase women initiated collaborative linkages and innovations
- Employ research to gather evidence base to better address the gendered dimension of transport planning and design, strategically supporting the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)



Launching of Women on the Move Philippines



jane's walk **WOTL** **WOMEN ON THE MOVE TRANSFORMING TRANSPORT IN ASIA**

Women on the Move Transforming Transport in Asia
Philippine Chapter launch x Jane's Walk

Women on the Move Philippine Launch
02:30 - 04:00 PM
options to join via Zoom or on-site (limited seats)

Jane's Walk: Walking in STEP
04:30 PM
Ortigas City

Register via link in the caption

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womenmoveasia Tara, lakad tayo! 🚶‍♀️ 🚶

This Thursday, 21 May 2026, 14:30 – 16:00 (GMT +8), the Women on the Move Network will be launching its Philippine chapter, gathering women, female-identifying, and male allies in the transport sector in the Philippines to connect, share expertise, and address the unique challenges we face.

The Launch will take place at Citadines Millennium Ortigas Manila at 14:30 – 16:00 (with hybrid options available as seats are limited), followed by a Jane's Walk with the theme, "Walking in STEP (Stories, Travels, Ecologies, Places)," around the Ortigas area at 16:00 – 17:30.

We invite you to register here:
<https://bit.ly/WoTMJanesWalk2026> and choose the participation option that works best for you: on-site (Women on the Move Philippine Launch x Jane's walk) or online (Women on the Move Philippine Launch). We will be sending details for confirmed participants by 20 May 2026.

We hope to see you there!

This launch is organized through the Transformative Actions for Climate and Ecological Protection and Development (TRANSCEND), a joint initiative between the Republic of the Philippines and the Federal Republic of Germany through the International Climate Initiative (IKI).

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‘Transport planners need to develop services that are accessible, safe, inclusive, and affordable for all users, particularly for women, who have historically been overlooked’

<https://blogs.adb.org/blog/women-need-greater-role-designing-transport-systems-asia>