

## **FINANCING OF ROAD MAINTENANCE BY THE ROAD FUND FOLLOWING THE RESTRUCTURING OF FORMER GD OR ROADS**

The second generation Road Fund was created by Decree No. 100/117 of 27/12/2001.

The transformation of the National Road Fund, which was a special account, to a public establishment as a legal entity with financial and organizational authority was part of the restructuring of the former General Directorate of Roads.

### **II.1. OBJECTIVES.**

The National Road Fund has as its principal objective to give the institutions in charge of the management and the maintenance of road infrastructure such as the Road Authority (ODR) and the Local Councils an autonomous and stable financial source which will ensure the protection of road infrastructure.

To ensure suitable maintenance of the road network, the government decided to allocate the resources from road user charges to the National Road Fund. Thus decree n° 1/06 of 10/09/2002 grants the following resources to the National Road Fund:

- Fuel Levy on petrol and diesel.
- Road Tolls.
- Weight Control fines.
- Tax on motor vehicles
- Driving license fees.
- Weight control fines (overloading fees).
- Compensation for the damage to road property.

### **Transit Fees.**

Transit fees are collected by customs services and transferred to the account of the National Road Fund..

The tariffs of transit at the frontier by vehicles are fixed by Ministerial Ordinance. They were fixed at 50\$ US for each truck and 100\$US for a trailer since the month of March 2005.

The collection is carried out at the frontier. The payment is receipted. Approved customs officers collect the fees and transfer the amounts so collected to the account of the National Road Fund.

The amounts collected from transit fees for the years 2003 and 2004 were 250 000\$ US and 517 000\$ US respectively. These amounts represent 18.8% and 31% of the

total resources of the National Road Fund. For the year 2005, the estimates are 511 000\$ US about 28.6% of the total resources of the National Road Fund.

RESOURCES OF THE NATIONAL ROAD FUND FOR THE YEARS  
2003, 2004.et 2005

<u>Resource</u>	<u>2003 (FBU)</u>	<u>2004 (FBU)</u>	<u>2005</u>
Fuel Levy	700 000 000	825 000 000	950 000 000
Transit Fees	250 535 802	517 869 553	511 999 238
Vehicle Tax	353 554 011	295 141 522	309 868 598
Driving Licences	<u>25 000 000</u>	<u>24 466 278</u>	<u>16 057 000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1 329 089 813</b>	<b>1 662 477 353</b>	<b>1 787 954 836</b>

The resources transit fees represent a fair percentage compared to the total resources thanks to trucks and trailers which transport aid in kind coming from outside the country.