



SAFE WAY RIGHT WAY

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Notes from the Editor

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Once again we share our now bi yearly news with a sense of purpose and determination to continue working with various partners in the delivery of safer roads for Uganda.

We share our news with a sense of recommitment to our work, this commitment has been echoing across the country and edged on with recent reports of tragic road crashes, in particular one that happened on the 25th of May 2018 where 23 fellow Ugandans perished in a road crash. The country rallied together to question and to seek solutions to road carnage with His Excellency the President of Uganda announcing 3 days of national mourning.

As we all continue to contribute to achieving national and international road safety goals in our varied ways, the dialogue should quickly move to what the critical and sustainable actions are that will guide all stakeholders to achieve sustained reduction in road crashes.

The first half of the year has been one of great achievements and some great hurdles...it is said anything worthwhile is worth the effort!!! We have seen the driver training school for Large Commercial Vehicles under the "Professional Driver

Training project – Uganda" (PDTU) open its doors to the public... an effort so complex and only made possible through all manner of support and donations from the Government of Uganda, the donor community and the private sector. Thank you!!

We have also launched and began implementation of the "Road Safety Legislative Action Plan" (LAP) with the Rt. Hon. Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda requesting the speedy tabling of the amendments to the Traffic and Road Safety ACT 1998.

Special acknowledgment to our project funders, GIZ, DFID, NORAD and the World Bank's Global Road Safety Facility and to our Board Members; Bolloré Logistics, Hima cement –Lafarge, Total Group, Tullow Oil, Toyota Uganda and GP Advocates thank you for your continued commitment and guidance.

I hope you enjoy reading of our experiences and that we together continue to find the synergies that are pivotal.

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In Uganda, fatal crashed rose from 500 in 1991 to 3,503 in 2016, representing a seven-fold increment over a periods of 25 years. A new world Bank study finds that reducing traffic deaths and injuries could result in substantial long-term income gains for low- and middle –income countries.

Using detailed data on deaths and economic indicators from 135 countries, the study estimates that on average, a 10% reduction in road traffic deaths raises per capita real GDP by 3.6% over a 24 year horizon. The study finds that countries that do not invest in road safety could miss out on anywhere between seven and 22% in potential per capita GDP growth over a 24- year period.

This justification requires policymakers to prioritize prove investments in road safety and provides the bedrock for the World Bank intervention through the global Road Safety Facility.

The WHO Global Road Safety status report – 2015 puts annual road traffic fatalities in Uganda at over 10,000 while the health management information system data indicates that the public health system is overwhelmed with road traffic crashed which

are listed among the top 10 leading cases of hospital deaths in the country.

It was this alarming rate of road accidents that led Safe Way Right Way and member of Parliament to establish the Parliamentary Forum on Road Safety (PAFROS) and the subsequent development of a legislative Action Plan based on a gap analysis of the traffic and road safety act as well as recommend best practice across and array of policies and legislation cutting across government ministries, departments and agencies.

The emphasis for the success of this project will be the ability for stakeholders to ensure sustained policy development and implementation across several government agencies with a mandate to support Road safety improvement.

"The most critical output following the establishment of the forum was the development of a legislative action Plan informed by the 5 pillars of Road safety as recommended under the United Nations decade of action for road safety to which Uganda is a signatory"

Speaking at the event, the Rt.Hon. Speaker of Parliament Rebecca Kadaga said, "I will personally work with the Parliamentary Forum On Road safety (PAFROS) to create national awareness, debate and attention towards the issues we are facing as a country as well as work with my fellow members to deliver the legislation that will support government agencies to develop and implement policies that will ensure a systematic approach to road safety improvement in Uganda. "

Guests at the event included Hon. Aggrey Bagiire- Minister of State for Transport, Eng. Ivan Mwondha – Senior Transport specialist for the World Bank, Dr Yonas Tegegn Woldemariam – Country Representative WHO, senior members of the Ministry of Works and Transport, National Road Safety council, Transport Licensing Board and



Rt. Hon Speaker of Parliament, Rebecca Kadaga signs the petition for Safer roads in Uganda.

senior representatives from the Uganda Police Force.



Mr. Ivan Mwondha from the World Bank holds up his commitment to support the lobby for safer roads in Uganda.



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SAFE WAY RIGHT WAY WITH SUPPORT FROM THE WORLD BANK GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY FACILITY TO TRAIN MEDIA ON ROAD SAFETY REPORTING

As part of the implementation of the Road Safety Legislative Action Plan project supported by the World Bank, Safe Way Right Way will be carrying out media training for selected journalists. The overall goal of the media training is to ensure that journalists are empowered with more comprehensive understanding and knowledge of pertinent road safety issues, which will serve to make them better skilled at reporting with a view to influencing policy and decision making that would ultimately improve road safety in Uganda.

The training is based on a curriculum developed using the World Health Organisation (WHO) media training guide customised to suit the Ugandan situation and will train over 30 editors, reporters and presenters from broad range of print, radio and TV stations.

The training will also have presentations and discussions with invited vital stakeholders so as to help the journalist better understand the various issues crucial for comprehensive road safety reporting, as opposed to just "accident" incident news. Stakeholders invited to present included the Uganda Police Force, Kampala City Council Authority, Uganda National Roads Authority, Makerere School of Public Health, Makerere College of Engineering and the Parliament of Uganda. Makerere College of Engineering will conduct a field trip on key road sections for journalists to better grasp infrastructural and environmental issues that affect road safety.



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Barbara Mwanje- CEO, SWRW being interviewed after the pre-training assessment.

An open discussion among journalist at the at the pre-training participant assessment.

MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT VISIT SAFE WAY RIGHT WAY DRIVER TRAINING CENTRE IN MUKONO.

On 3rd March 2018 a delegation of officials from the Directorate of Petroleum, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development visited the Professional Driver Training Uganda (PDTU) training site in Mukono. The delegation wanted to get a first-hand impression of the training and receive some information on the current project status. The delegation was led by Ronald Goboala, responsible for national content within the Directorate of

Petroleum. The delegation was introduced to the project structure, objectives and achievements made until today by representatives of the project partners Safeway Right way and GIZ E4D/SOGA. After an elaborate discussion and Q&A session the PDTU driving instructors Deo Kahiigwa and Andrew Ssejjemba gave an introduction into the safe coupling and uncoupling of a trailer on to and from a tractor unit. The visitors were impressed by the detailed knowledge and teaching skills of the two instructors and agreed that this training is necessary to build up a professional driving sector and to bring people into decent employment.

The Professional Driver Training Uganda Project aims to build up professional heavy goods vehicle (HGV) and passenger service vehicle (PSV) driver training Uganda in cooperation with industry partners to promote road safety and employment in the logistics sector. The project is implemented jointly by Safeway Right way, Transaid and GIZ under the GIZ Employment for Sustainable Development / Employment and Skills for Eastern Africa Initiative (E4D/SOGA), a project implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development and the Ministry of Works and Transport.



TRANSID DONATE TRUCKS TO THE PROFESSIONAL DRIVER TRAINING UGANDA (PDTU) PROJECT.

Following the successful media campaign highlighting benefits of the Professional Driver Training Uganda (PDTU) project, the Safe Way Right Way Driver Training centre received tremendous interest from the public, government agencies and private companies to participate in training of Heavy Goods vehicle (HGV) and passenger service vehicle (PSV). The media campaign saw over 3,000 interested candidates which went on to highlight the biggest constraint of the project which will be accommodating all those people giving the number of training vehicles available to the school.

It was under this premise that Transaid, an implementing partner in the project decided to do something about it. Towards the end of last year, Transaid put out a press release to the trade industry in the United Kingdom, asking for the donation of a truck for the PDTU project.

Volvo, a longstanding supporter of Transaid, were the first to offer their support, and in January this year, the vehicle was officially handed over to Transaid. Samworth Brothers Supply Chain then followed suit with a MAN that was about to be decommissioned from their fleet. A flatbed trailer



Volvo trucks donated by Transaid to support the Professional Driver Training Uganda (PDTU) project.

These two trucks will double our fleet thereby doubling the number of drivers that we will be able to train. The trucks will be used for training drivers who are aiming to upgrade their driving licence from class CM (medium or rigid truck) to CH (heavy or articulated truck). They will also be used for refresher training of existing drivers.

The trucks are valued at approx. \$25,000 - 30,000.

SAFE WAY RIGHT WAY DRIVING SCHOOL OPENS DOORS TO THE PUBLIC

The Safe Way Right Way Driving School under the Professional Driver Training Uganda (PDTU) Project opened its doors to the public early this month and training is already underway.

The recently trained instructors have finally begun training six (6) drivers for licence acquisition and also a host of trainings for existing drivers to support various objectives as well as the Monitoring and Evaluation framework for the PDTU.

So far the school has trained 25 drivers in Theory and 18 in Practical from Graben4PL logistics, a light asset based logistics services organization in the business of supply chain integration and consultancy.

Driving assessments have also been carried out for 16 drivers of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).



Group photo of SWRW training team and Graben 4 PL trainee drivers.



R- L: Dale Prime (Transaid), Andrew Ssejjemba (SWRW), Deo Kahiigwa (SWRW) with driver trainees from Graben 4PL.



SWRW driving instructor Mr. Deo Kahiigwa carrying out a theory class to drivers of Graben 4 PL

LAUNCH OF UNITED NATIONS ROAD SAFETY TRUST FUND

An estimated 1.25 million people are killed every year in road traffic crashes, and up to 50 million more are injured, often seriously.

Beyond human suffering, road traffic deaths and injuries cause significant economic losses to individuals and societies, keeping millions of people in poverty and creating an estimated \$1.85 trillion burden on the global economy each year. This makes addressing road safety one of the most pressing social, economic, health and development challenges of our time.

While the need to improve road safety is gaining increasing recognition, targeted efforts have not been adequately funded at the local, national, regional or global levels. As such, we are far from being on track to halve the number of road traffic deaths by 2020– the target set out in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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Established at the request of the Secretary-General following the suggestion made by United Nations Member States, the Fund will mobilize resources from governments, intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations, the private sector, philanthropic organizations and individuals.

UNECE estimates that every \$1,500 contributed to the Road Safety Trust Fund could:

- save one life
- prevent ten serious injuries
- Leverage \$51,000 in road safety investment.

The scaling up of resources is essential if we are to achieve the SDG road safety targets. Speaking at the launch of the Fund, the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety Jean Todt, said "I strongly welcome the establishment of the United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund, which has the potential to galvanize our global efforts to address the road safety situation, building on the progress made and

experience gained over the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020. I call on the support of all partners in mobilizing the resources necessary to reduce the number of fatalities on the world's roads". Jean Todt is also President of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA).

UNECE Executive Secretary Olga Algayerova stated "The United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund will serve as a catalyst for much-needed progress towards the road safety targets of the Sustainable Development Goals. UNECE is honoured to host the Secretariat of the Trust Fund, and, as home to both the United Nations road safety conventions and the Secretariat of the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety, is committed to working with all stakeholders to multiply the impact of global action to improve road safety".

By bringing key stakeholders together, the United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund will support increased action and enhanced impact in addressing critical road safety challenges. In this spirit, important pledges to contribute as founding donors were made at the Fund's launch by the FIA Foundation, and two members of the FIA High Level Panel for Road Safety, Total and 3M, who build on a long history of support to concrete initiatives and innovation to improve road safety. A number of governments have also expressed their support for the activities of the Fund.

Saul Billingsley, Executive Director of the FIA Foundation, said "The launch of this first ever United Nations Fund for global road safety is an important recognition that our collective efforts to tackle road safety must be scaled up. Governments have provided the mandate for action, but not yet the resources to deliver it. We urgently need a massive increase in funding, commensurate to the scale of the problem. With this \$10 million pledge, the FIA Foundation is stepping up. Now we call on others to do the same!"

Emphasizing the vital role of civil society, Ms Lotte Brondum, Executive Director of the Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety, stated "The approval of the United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund represents an important milestone for the NGO community. We now have both the political

will and a structure for financing our efforts. Momentum is with us, and it is our responsibility to grasp hold of it and scale up those activities that have been proved to be effective. We encourage NGOs to seek strong partnerships with key stakeholders and serve as agents of accountability."

The United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund will focus on strengthening the capacity of government agencies, local governments and city authorities to develop and implement road safety programmes, prioritizing projects in low and middle-income countries.

As a broad partnership mobilizing expertise and resources across different sectors - including government authorities, civil society organizations, multilateral development banks, United Nations entities, other international organizations and academia – the Fund will support a coordinated and holistic approach to improving global road safety.

Members of the Parliamentary Forum on Road Safety (PAFROS) were in attendance.

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