

Safe Way Right Way

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**This quarterly issue covers the Professional Driver Training School;
Community Road Safety and; the VIA Schools project .**



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WELCOME

Hello dear reader ! It has been a while since our last quarterly newsletter issue. Nonetheless, we bring you a wide coverage of our road safety activities and projects that have happened between the months of January and March, of the year 2024. As always, these revolved around our central theme of promoting road safety and creating safer roads for Africa. Walk with us in this literal journey and become part of us by experiencing what we and the community at large experienced and benefited through out these months. Enjoy.

SYNOPSIS

Our January - March newsletter highlights activities, experiences and gains from our Professional Driver Training School and our projects across the country, that is to say, Kampala Metropolitan and The Albertine region consisting of the Districts of Kikuube, Hoima, Buliisa, Nwoya and Pakwach, and Hoima City.



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TILENGA COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY PROJECT

1. BODA BODA TRAINING

With the support of SWRW Community Liason Officers (CLOs), we managed to engage the boda boda champions in the training of their peers and the following results were recorded.

- **January.**

In the month of January, 68 boda-boda stage sessions were conducted. A total number of 49 riders received new trainings and a total number 477 riders received additional training. Pakwach district had 22 training sessions where a total of 179 riders received additional training, Hoima District 05 session with 08 riders newly trained and 24 riders received additional training, Buliisa district had 32 training sessions where a total of 26 new riders were trained and 208 received additional training, Hoima city had 04 training sessions where a total of 23 riders received additional training and 09 riders received new training lastly Kikuube district 05 training sessions where a total of 43 riders received additional training and 06 newly trained



- **February**

A total of 66 Boda Boda stage sessions were conducted across the 5 districts and city in the Albertine region reaching a total number of 549 riders (26 newly trained and 523 received additional training) .



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- March

The Boda Boda champions with support from Safe Way Right Way project team conducted a total of 73 Boda Boda stage sessions across the project districts in the Albertine region reaching a total number of 656 riders (30 newly trained and 626 receiving additional training). Buliisa district had 27 training sessions with a total of 225 riders receiving additional training and 07 riders newly trained, Pakwach district had 34 training sessions with a total of 339 receiving additional training, Hoima city had 08 training sessions with a total of 41 riders receiving additional training and 12 riders newly trained and Kikuube district had 04 training sessions with a total of 21 riders receiving additional training and 11 riders newly trained.

- General

Generally, a total of 207 boda stage sessions were conducted in the Albertine region and a total of 1,652 boda boda riders were reached with 105 riders newly trained and 1553 receiving additional training. The training covered topics like Overtaking, Defensive riding, Road signs, causes of crashes, Road markings, overloading and over speeding, daily checks on motorcycles, the importance of mirrors on motorcycles, road parking, among others.

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2. BILATERAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

In January, bilateral stakeholder engagement meetings were conducted in Buliisa district where the CLO met with the District Veterinary officer Mr. Mubiru Rashid, religious leaders and Chairperson Boda-boda Buliisa District.

In February, CLO had engagement meetings Vice Chairperson LCV Buliisa District, the Buliisa Town Council Mayor and some stakeholders from Kakindo village. In Pakwach district, the CLO met with the new DPC police.



In March, CLO had engagements with stakeholders in Hoima and Kikuube districts including the CAO, LCV Chairperson, OC traffic, and DPC police Kikuube district, deputy CAO Hoima district, Town Clerk Kiziranfumbi, Assistant branch manager UNRA Hoima, deputy RPC Albertine, CCDO Hoima city, Deputy mayor Hoima city, RTO Albertine region, RCC, Deputy RCC Hoima city among others

The CLO updated them on progress of various project activities so far done.



3. COMMUNITY SENSITISATION

In Throughout this quarter, road safety messages targeting pedestrians, children, and motorists were shared across 30 places of worship, 21 in Buliisa district and 9 in Pakwach district. These messages were shared on worship days with an approximated 2000 congregants.

Some of the churches and mosques include Biiso town church of Uganda, Kigwera Miracle Church, Kihungya Catholic church,

Bugoigo church of Uganda, Bugoigo Muslim, Kisansya church of Uganda, Garasoya Church of Uganda, Stiinichurch of Uganda, kisiabi church of Uganda, Wanseko town Mosque, Kihungya Church of Uganda, Stiini Miracle, and NgwedoFarm Catholic church, Pakwach Catholics mission, Puvungu Anglican C.O.U, Pentecostal Church-Puyo, PajobiCatholics Parish, St Peter's Owere Chapel, and St Paul Catholic church among others.

TILENGA COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY PROJECT

4. RADIO TALK SHOWS

In January, a total of 02 radio talk shows were conducted in the month of January in Hoima city i.e. spice FM and Nwoya district on Voice of Nwoya. The topic of discussion on Voice of Nwoya where the LC5 chairperson was a panelist was causes of crashes and measures to minimize them. In February and March, Radio jingles and DJ mentions raising general awareness on road safety were broadcasted on Biiso FM in Buliisa district in three languages targeting all road user groups and school-going children. Also, 72 spot messages and 36 DJ mentions were broadcasted throughout February to raise awareness on road safety and 124 spot messages and 62 DJ mentions were broadcasted throughout March.



5. STAKEHOLDER'S ROAD INSPECTION REPORT DISSEMINATION MEETING

SWRW held a meeting to disseminate road inspection report findings to 55 different stakeholders and get feedback and recommendations. Stakeholders ranging from district leaders and technocrats (The RDC, LCV Chairperson, the LC5 Vice-chairperson, CAO, and the District Engineer among others), representatives from Traffic Police, PAU, TotalEnergies, UNRA Officials, MOWT officials, the media (UBC Radio, TV West/Bukedde, NTV, NBS TV and Biiso FM), and TotalEnergies contractors (including SLB, AGL/ILST, 3ways, Matrac, Pearl Engineering, Sinopec, Seawol, MSL logistics, BTS, COSL among others). The team gathered feedback and recommendations for adaptation by UNRA, MOWT and the key district officials present.

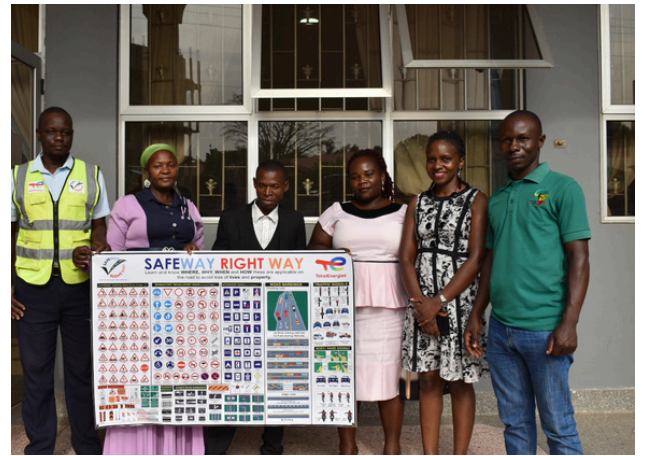


VIA SCHOOLS PROJECT

REFRESHER TRAINING FOR VIA EDUCATORS IN THE ALBERTINE

SWRW conducted training to refresh the material and knowledge of the teachers. They were guided on how best to guide their pupils on how to respond to the growing traffic volume and some of the negative reactions from community members.

The training was conducted in the Albertine region for the 250 teachers previously trained as VIA educators. The teachers were given training materials, Traffic signs posters, and T-shirts after the training.



VIA SCHOOLS PROJECT

QUARTERLY SUPERVISION

Monitoring sessions were conducted in schools implementing the VIA program in Buliisa and Pakwach districts. 13 schools were visited in Buliisa and 08 in Pakwach district to track progress and identify challenges in the implementation of the program.



TRAINING AND EMPOWERING PUPILS WITH ROAD SAFETY KNOWLEDGE.

VIA educators implementing the program have trained a total of 3,187 pupils on road safety in awareness sessions at their respective schools. In Buliisa district 1,081 pupils were sensitized, 427 in Hoima, 230 in Kikuube, 366 in Pakwach, 93 in Nwoya, and 990 in Kampala. Additionally, SWRW project staff have directly sensitized the learners in the districts reaching a total of 6,616 pupils in Buliisa district, 6,061 in Hoima district, and 8,425 in Pakwach district



ROAD SAFETY AS A THEME FOR THE MUSIC DANCE AND DRAMA ACTIVITIES IN UGANDA (2024)

The project team engaged the Ministry of Education and Sports in advocating for the adoption of road safety as a theme in the annual MDD activities and competitions for the schools. The Ministry has adopted road safety as a sub-theme for the participating schools in the competition. This policy stance will bolster road safety education and sensitisation amongst school going children.

PROFESSIONAL DRIVER TRAINING UGANDA - MUKONOSCHOOL (PDTU)



Introduction

Our PDTU schools registered commendable results for the first quarter of 2024. In total, we trained 129 drivers in different categories of heavy goods vehicle driving (HGV) and Passenger Service Vehicles (PSV). Categorically, we trained 33 students in January, 52 in February and 44 in March. See table below for more details.

PDTU Quarterly table of performance

| MONTH | CATEGORY | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| JANUARY | New License Acquisition (NLA) C | 11 | 3 | 14 |
| | NLA CE | 15 | 3 | 18 |
| | NLA DE | 1 | | 1 |
| | | | | |
| FEBRUARY | NLA C | 13 | 4 | 17 |
| | NLA CE | 16 | | 16 |
| | REFRESHER C | 3 | | 3 |
| | REFRESHER CE | 16 | | 16 |
| | | | | |
| MARCH | NLA C | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| | NLA CE | 16 | 2 | 18 |
| | NLA DE | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| | REFRESHER CE | 9 | | 9 |
| GRAND TOTAL | - | - | - | 129 |



Ladies pioneering Bus Driving.

In this quarter, the school registered this year's pioneer lady bus drivers for training. The ladies, Ms. Ayikoru Susanne and Ms.Saidia Ali Jemmil, have since expressed their experience both at the school for training, and also as among the first lady busy drivers.



Female Driver Employment

We happy to report that 4 of our female driver graduates were offered jobs at Roofings Uganda Ltd and are looking forward to taking more female drivers in. We continue to create safer roads for Africa, by playing our part in the bridging of the gender gap in the Transport and Logistics Sector.

Female Bus Driving: Inspired to break the barriers. The story of Susanne Ayikoru

By Dalton Kisuule.



Susanne's story is mind blowing. Her driving started in 2010 and in was inspired by her innate love for vehicles, given that both her parents were drivers. Her dad, who started driving at age 16, mainly drove heavy goods vehicles and her mother too was a renowned heavy goods vehicle driver. Ayikoru is a journalist by profession. The interest to specifically pursue specific training in bus driving, notwithstanding that she had trained in driving all other classes of HVGs, was inspired by a female Nigerian bus driver. She believes that breaking the barrier in gendered sectors, like the transport sector, mainly relies on inspiration especially for the women.

She perceives her choice to pursue bus driving training as her contribution to the emancipation of women in Uganda and Africa at large. She adds that whereas history may not have been kind to the females, but there is possibility to bring down the societal barricades, and someone has to start that process. Granted that the bus driving career is among the most gendered even in transport sector, her desire is fuelled by the necessity to bridge the gap.

We invite all ladies to leverage the opportunity that has been provided by safe way right way of free training to build careers, emancipate themselves and contribute to the creation of safer roads in Africa.

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