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WELCOME



Dear Road User, we are back with our 3rd quarterly newsletter covering the months of July, August and September for the year 2024. During this period, we have built on the progress achieved in the previous quarter as was enumerated in detail in our 2nd quarterly newsletter. This Quarter was eventful as elaborated in this newsletter. Through our projects, namely the Community Road Safety, VIA Schools project, and our Mukono Professional driver training school, we have contributed to the creation of safer roads in Uganda. Join us on this road safety journey by diving into this newsletter, get a glimpse of our interventions and further spread the road safety gospel.

SYNOPSIS

Our July - September newsletter highlights activities, experiences and gains from our Professional Driver Training School and our projects across the country, such as the VIA Project and Community Road Safety Project (CRS) both in Kampala Metropolitan and The Albertine region consisting of the Districts of Kikuube, Hoima, Buliisa, Nwoya and Pakwach, and Hoima City.



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COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY PROJECT



1. OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

Safe Way Right Way in partnership with the TotalEnergies Exploration and Production (TEEP) is implementing the Community Road Safety project in the five (05) districts and one (01) city of the Albertine region including Hoima City, Buliisa, Nwoya, Hoima, Kikuube and Pakwach districts. The project seeks to address the most urgent causes of crashes that have greatly impacted communities in the region.

2. TRAINING OF BODA BODA RIDERS BY THE TOTS

With the support of the SWRW Community Liaison Officers and the trained Boda Boda champions in the Albertine region, SWRW conducted a total of 183 training sessions. 75 training sessions reaching a total of 996 riders in July, 49 training sessions in August reaching a total of 481 riders from the various stages, and 59 training sessions reaching a total of 569 riders in September.

The training covers 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, and customer care.



CLO sensitizing riders in Buliisa



Boda Boda champion sensitizing riders at Pateng stage in Pakwach district.



CLO sensitizing riders at Ngwedo Farm stage in Buliisa

SUMMARY OF RIDER TRAINING SESSIONS.

DISTRICT	NO OF SESSIONS	NO OF RIDERS
Pakwach	90	916
Buliisa	62	883
Hoima City	13	97
Kikuube	16	110
Hoima District	2	40

3. THE DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY VISIT IN THE ALBERTINE

On his Visit to the Albertine, The Director of Traffic and road safety Uganda Police Force Mr. Nuwabiine Lawrence visited the Wanseko Boda Boda Stage, a beneficiary stage of the road safety training. He thanked SWRW and TEEPU for extending this program to the young generation like Boda Boda riders and went ahead to thank the champion trainer Mr. Bazale Mike for the good work done in sensitizing fellow riders requesting them to follow traffic rules and regulations, observing cleanliness and good behaviours at their stages. The director gave out highway code books and road sign charts for Wanseko stage riders.

the director requested the OC to organize practical training sessions for the riders, equipping them with the necessary skills for safe and responsible operation.

Following successful completion of the training, the riders would then undergo testing to assess their competence. Upon passing these tests, certificates would be issued. The director instructed the OC to coordinate with him to ensure the delivery of riding licenses to the certified Boda Boda riders. SWRW will make a follow-up with the OC Traffic on this recommendation.

4. PAINTING OF ZEBRA CROSSING POINTS.

Following the road inspection report and approval of the proposed Zebra Crossing points by UNRA, 06 Zebra crossing points were recently painted in Bullisa District, Uganda, at three key locations: Ndandamire Primary School, Kisiabi Primary School, and four points at Nyamasoga Biiso Junction. This initiative, commissioned by Director of Traffic Police Mr. Nuwabiine Lawrence, aims to provide safe crossing points for school children .

The launch was attended by notable officials, including Traffic Police Spokesperson Mr. Michael Kananura, Regional and District Traffic Officers, District Sports Officer Bullisa, representatives from Petroleum Authority of Uganda, Total Energies E&P Uganda, and staff from Safe Way Right Way.

“what SWRW is doing is called taking road safety to the people and this is exactly what should be done”

The director of traffic officially declared and recognised the road safety club at Ndandamire Primary School to be registered in the traffic police records.

In his remarks at Ndandamire primary schools shortly before commissioning the Zebra crossing paint, the Director of traffic police Mr. Nuwabiine Lawrence, appreciated the work being done by SWRW and said, . While at Ndandamire also appreciated the fact that SWRW introduced the idea of Road safety clubs in the schools because Uganda needs a generation that values road safety and he declared the road safety club at Ndandamire P/S as officially recognized by the Traffic police and road safety directorate and will be registered in its records.



***Director of traffic, PAU Official and the CEO
commissioning Zebra crossing painting at
Ndandamire P/S.***



SWRW staff shaking hands with the Director Traffic upon his arrival



Delegation from Directorate of traffic being entertained by the pupils of Ndandamire road safety club.



Mr Nuwabiine, the Director of traffic police addressing riders at wanseko stage.



Photo moment of the Director with boda body riders and staff from PAU, TotalEnergies and SWRW



Director of traffic, PAU Officials, TotalEnergies staff and the CEO SWRW commissioning Zebra crossing painting at Ndandamire P/S.

4. BODA BODA CHAMPIONS SUPPORT SUPERVISION.

SWRW CLOs conducted support supervision visits to various Boda Boda stages in Buliisa and Pakwach districts to promote road safety awareness. During these visits, riders were sensitized on key road safety issues, including: The dangers of excessive speed, risks associated with carrying excessive passengers or cargo, wearing helmets and reflective jackets, potential for crashes during and after football matches, the impact of increased traffic due to oil and gas activities and the closure of Karuma Bridge, how to use the road safely by following traffic laws, road signs, and markings to avoid crashes and to establish challenges encountered by the champions.

In Buliisa it was conducted on stages of Kakindo stage, Ngwedo farm stage, Kisiabi stage, Kisansya stage, Bugoigo stage, Kakindo stage and Kirama stage, Kihungya stage, Biiso A & B stage, Nyamukuta stage, Walukuba A & B stage and Nyamasoga stage. In Pakwach, it was conducted at Punyango stage, pateng stage, Umbrella stage, Mango stage, and Kamwokya stage among others.



CLO during support supervision at the Bulela stage in Pakwach

5. MONITORING AND EVALUATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS.

SWRW field staff conducted a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation (M&E) exercise in the Albertine region from August 19th to 22nd, 2024. The primary objective of the M&E was to assess learners' perceptions and attitudes toward road safety measures implemented through the Community Road Safety Project. The exercise also aimed at collecting feedback from school heads and teachers at the implementing schools to gather their perspectives on the project's effectiveness. The insights gained from this evaluation will inform future project activities and ensure that the Community Road Safety Project continues to make a positive impact on road safety in the Albertine region.

This report therefore presents findings from the monitoring exercise of the road safety interventions implemented in schools within Hoima, Pakwach, Buliisa, and Kikuube districts.

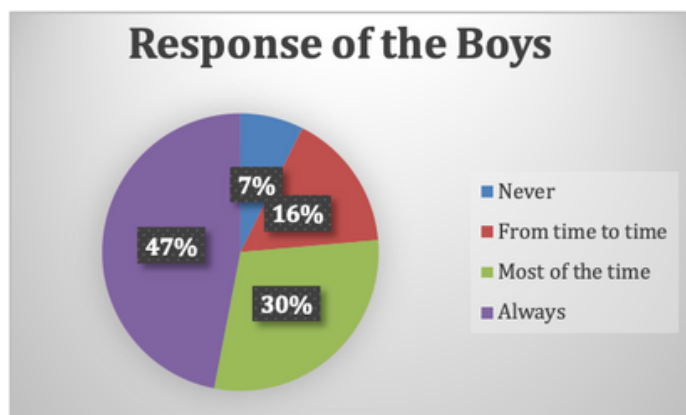
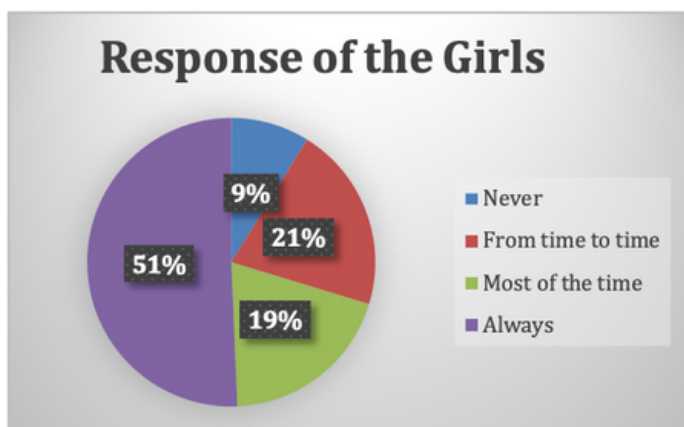


The Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) team recently conducted visits to numerous schools in Buliisa, Pakwach, Hoima, and Kikuube districts. A total of 44 schools benefited from this initiative, including Bugoigo, Walukuba, Busingiro, Nyamasoga, Biiso, St Marys, Nyeramya, Buliisa, Kisiabi, Kisomere, Ngwendo, Kihungya, Kibambura, Amari Garden, Bugana, Wanseko, Ndandamire, and Kisansya in Buliisa district.

Key Findings.

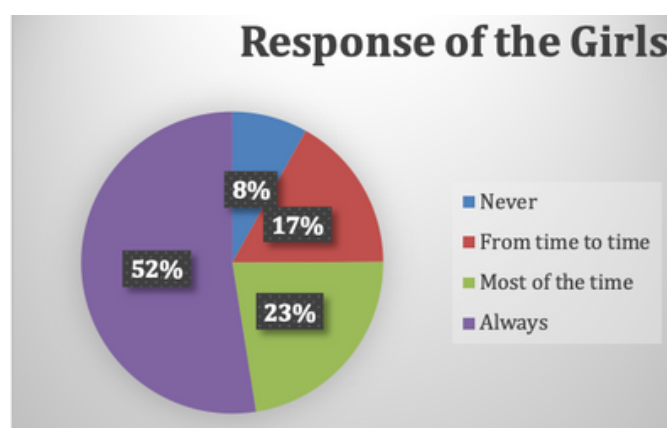
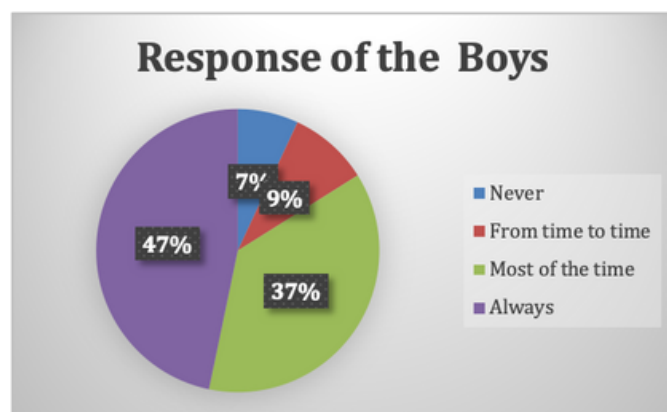
Crossing at a safe crossing point.

Of the 3,805 female learners who responded, 51% always cross the road at a safe and designated crossing point near the school and only 9% do not observe safe crossing points. 47% of the 5,072 males who responded cross at safe points and only 7% do not as demonstrated below.



Walking on the right side of the road.

52% of the female learners sampled always walk on the recommended right side of the road facing oncoming traffic and 47% of the male learners walk on the right.



Overall, female learners are keen on following the recommended road safety measures than their male counterparts. A bigger percentage of the pupils follow the recommended road safety measures always and most of the time. Only a small percentage follows the

recommended measures from time to time and with continuous road safety education around the schools, this narrative will change to have a unified road safety culture among the learners.

Observation.

Through direct observation, students from Buhamba Primary school in Hoima district, and Ngwedo, Kisomere, and Kibambura Primary Schools in Buliisa District were seen walking on the right side of the road, facing oncoming traffic as they returned home.



Pupils of Kisomere Primary School in Buliisa walking on the right side of the road on the way from school.



Pupils of Kibambura Primary School in Buliisa walking on the right side of the road on the way from school.



Pupils of Ngwedo Primary School in Buliisa walking on the right side of the road on the way from school.

PHOTOS FROM THE M AND E EXERCISE.



The SWRW CLO and Ms.Ndagire of Total Energies during the M&E visit at Ngwedo P/S



The SWRW CLO and Ms.Ndagire of Total Energies during the M&E at Kisiabi P/S



SWRW CLO during the M&E visit at Pajobi P.7 P/S in Pakwach district



Mr Mugisa (PAU), Ms Ndagire (TotalEnergies), and the SWRW Sociologist during M&E at Kigorobya Muslim P/S



Mr Mugisa (PAU), Ms Ndagire (Total Energies), and the SWRW Sociologist debrief after M&E at Bulemwa P/S

6. MASS SCHOOL AWARENESS SESSIONS.

Safe Way Right Way field staff conducted mass school awareness sessions reaching +25,000 students in Buliisa, Kikuube, Hoima, and Pakwach districts and Hoima City. The learners were trained in preparations for Holidays due to increased traffic in the area because of ongoing construction work at the Karuma bridge. A total 80 mass awareness sessions. 33 mass school awareness sessions were conducted in the quarter. The sessions focused on reminding students of the importance of safe practices even when not in a school environment.



In Hoima City, the Petroleum Authority Official participated in the awareness session at Duhaga girls' primary school.

Schools reached in Hoima City included Mandela Annex SS, Duhaga SS, Duhaga Boys, Duhaga Girls, Buswekera P/S, Karongo P/S, Bwikya Muslim SS, Bwikya Muslim P/S, Central P/S, St Leos P/S, Parajoki P/S, Mpaija P/S, Bulemwa P/S, Hoima public P/S, St Jude P/S Kyentare P/S and St Andrea SS.



Road safety Awareness session at Duhaga Girls p/s attended by the PAU Officer Mr Samuel Mugisa from the regional office in Hoima city.

In upper Buliisa we reached Bugoigo p/s, Nyamukuta p/s, Walukuba P/S, Butiaba seed secondary school, Nyamasoga P/S, Mukitale P/S, Mukitale Dev't secondary school, Biiso war memorial secondary school, Biiso p/s, St- Marys p/s, St - Francis secondary school, Busingiro p/s, Kihungya p/s, Garasoya p/s and Nyeramya p/s and Treaty junior Nursery and Primary school.

SWRW teacher ToTs conducted 22 sessions at their respective schools, Nwoya (17) at Goma Central, Purongo Hill and Olwinyo P/S, in Kikuube (2) at Sir Tito Winyi and Kigede Parents, and Buliisa (3) at Kijanji and Walukuba P/S.



CLO sensitizing learners at Bugana P/S

7. SUPPORT AND MENTORSHIP TO ROAD SAFETY CLUBS.

Safe Way Right Way's impactful initiative reached 25 schools across Hoima, Pakwach, and Buliisa districts. Through 30 interactive training sessions in July, educators and students learned cutting-edge techniques – music, dance, drama, and debates – to effectively promote road safety among peers.

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Despite curriculum demands, teachers found innovative ways to prioritize road safety. Utilizing extra-curricular time, students employed engaging strategies: MDD performances, debates, poetry slams and songs to spread vital road safety messages

effectively communicated key road safety messages, including the importance of pedestrian safety, safe road crossing practices, and the dangers of distracted walking on the road.

Schools in which sessions were conducted include Ndandamire primary school(01), St Andrews SS(02), Green shoots SS(01), Kibanjwa primary school(01), St Ludovico Primary school(01), Kihungya primary school(01), Kibengeya Primary school(01), Buliisa primary school(01), Uganda martyr’s SS(01), Kirama P/S (01), St Amal P/S(01), Kisansya P/S(01), kisomere P/S(01), Wanseko P/S(01), Walukuba primary school(01), Ngwedo P/S(01), Kisiabi P/S(01), Bugana P/S(01), Butiaba P/S(01), Sir Tito winyi P/S(1), Fatima college Munteme(02), Pakwach modern P/S(02) , Pakwach Girls P/S(02), St John Bosco Munteme(1), Buhaguzi model SS(1), and Bulemwa P/S (1).

8. COMMUNITY SENSITIZATION IN RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

SWRW through the religious leaders conducted 102 road safety awareness sessions reaching 10,000 + community members in religious institutions during weekend and Friday prayers to intensify road safety awareness within the communities in Pakwach district.

Sessions were conducted in religious institutions of Pakwach catholic mission, St Janani Luwum Anglican church, Pajobi COU, Gospel Pace setting, Puvungu Anglican church, St Paul.

9. ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES AND JINGO

An average of 6 radio jingles per day were broadcast on three radio stations in the Albertine. The Karuma bridge diversion has caused increased traffic flow on Hoima-Masindi Road, Hoima-Buliisa Road, and through Nwoya district, as vehicles detour towards Gulu and Juba in Southern Sudan. To address this situation, SWRW is collaborating with local radio stations in the Albertine region to broadcast targeted road safety messages in different languages to inform the community, riders, and drivers about road safety during this critical period.

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SWRW run 120 road safety spot messages on three radio stations monthly and on Kings FM in Masindi, Spice FM in Hoima, and Biiso FM in Buliisa district in the Albertine region reaching out to approximately 1M people with road safety messages regarding the traffic diversion at Karuma Bridge.

Road Talk shows

Safeway Right Way conducted 3 radio talk shows in the quarter on Spice FM, and Radio Maria in Hoima City to discuss road safety issues in the Albertine region. The RTO, Tumwebaze Yoram, and the OC Traffic, ASP- Kakooza Emanuel, representative from PAU participated as guests.



RTO Albertine, OC Traffic Hoima, and SWRW Sociologist during the Radio talk show on road safety at Spice FM .



Traffic Police Spokesperson, Afande Michael Kananura at Spice FM for a radio talk show, together SWRW sociologist and Petroleum Authority Uganda (PAU) Officer.



MONITORING AND AWARENESS SESSIONS IN THE ALBERTINE REGION

SWRW staff conducted Monitoring and Evaluation activities in schools implementing the VIA project. The team collected data from sample schools implementing the project to assess learners' perceptions and attitudes toward road safety. Direct observations were also conducted at some of the schools on the main highway to record pupils' behavior related to proper road safety practices. A total of 54 schools were sampled (Buliisa -19 schools, Pakwach -8 schools, Hoima -15 schools, and Kikuube - 12 schools).

The activities were conducted with support from the Petroleum Authority of Uganda and Total Energies, the inspectors of schools, and headteachers who actively participated and provided feedback on the project implementation. Awareness sessions were conducted in the schools and the team got a rare opportunity to sensitize parents who had come for the PTA meetings.

Number of parents reached during the awareness sessions: Bugana P/S 205(135F,70M), St Mary's Nursery and Primary school 145 (95F,50M) and Kapaapi Primary School 33(21F,11M).



The monitoring and Evaluation Lead delivering a session at Kabojja Junour School

MONITORING VISITS TO THE UGANDA SOCIETY OF THE DEAF SCHOOL AND NAMIREMBE INFANTS AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Safe Way Right Way project officer and M&E lead visited the Uganda Society of the Deaf and Namirembe Infants and Primary School in Kampala to monitor and evaluate the VIA teachers' work in the schools and gather feedback from school heads on the project's effectiveness and to conduct due diligence of the two schools and prepare for the distribution of trees from Total Energies. The team met the deputy head teacher of Namirembe Infants School and the principal of the Uganda Society of the Deaf.

VIA COMPETITION TECHNICAL SUPPORT SESSIONS

The SWRW project team comprising the Project Officer, Communication volunteer, CLO, Sociologist, and Monitoring and Evaluation lead had in-school sessions with the teachers and ambassadors of Kibanjwa PS, ST. Ludovico PS, Kihungya PS and Kisomere PS in collaboration with teams from Total Energies, Exploration and production.

The meetings commenced with remarks from the field team. Statements from the VIA educators, the administrators, and the SWRW project officer followed the comments. The objective of the sessions was to monitor project implementation progress and provide technical support and guidance to the teachers and ambassadors in preparation for the competition on 18th October 2024. The sessions are accounted for as follows:

Kisomere Primary School

At Kisomere Primary School, the ambassadors had done work on all the 3 phases and presented a map showing the risks identified, the recommendations to address the risks, and the actions conducted so far. The team appraised the activities implemented by ambassadors under the 3 phases and gave recommendations for improvement.

The project team encouraged the ambassadors to use the play and songs composed as action tools to raise awareness within the school.

Also, the school is close to a community market that poses numerous risks to the students. The ambassadors were encouraged to volunteer on a market day to raise awareness of road risks identified by the community.



Ambassadors at Kisomere Primary School



Mr. Buyinga John of TotalEnergies addressing road safety ambassadors at Kisomere PS

Kihungya Primary School

In the session at Kihugya Primary School, the SWRW staff was joined by Allan Matsiko from TotalEnergies. The ambassadors had done work on all the 3 phases and presented a map showing the risks identified, the recommendations to address the risks, and the actions conducted so far. The ambassadors were encouraged to improve their work in Phase 3 to include actions that will contribute to dealing with the risks identified in Phase 1.

The ambassadors were advised to improve their risk map as some of the risks identified were not clear, and some of the risks on their road were left out. More so, some of the recommendations proposed were not tagged to the risks identified.



Ambassadors at Kihungya Primary School

Kibanjwa Primary School

At Kibanjwa Primary School, the SWRW team was joined by Richard Tumusiime from Total Energies. The ambassadors had done work on all the 3 phases. The ambassadors presented a map showing the risks identified, the recommendations to address the risks, and the actions conducted so far. The team made recommendations for improvement to the ambassadors regarding all the 3 phases.

The ambassadors presented a song and a poem on road safety that they will use in the action phase to create awareness about the risks identified within and outside the school to the students, the parents, and the communities surrounding the school.

The Tools developed by the ambassadors at Kibanjwa were very informative, and they were encouraged to translate their poems and song into the local language to be able to reach the wider community.



Ambassadors of Kibanjwa Primary School presenting a song

Ludovico Primary School

At Ludovico Primary School, the ambassadors had developed a sketch of their work on the 2 phases which they were yet to transfer to make a concrete presentation. The team guided the ambassadors on more risks and recommendations that could be added to their presentation.

The ambassadors were in the process of developing actions for phase 3 and were guided on the best way to go about it.



Mr. Tumusime addressing participants at St. Ludico Primary School

Kabojja Junior School

The Safe Way Right Way (SWRW) project Officer and Monitoring and Evaluation lead conducted a monitoring and support visit at Kabojja Junior School. Kabojja is one of the 5 schools implementing the VIA – safe Mobility ambassadors Program 2024. During the engagement, the team reviewed the work done by the road safety ambassadors, including the school assessment, the risks identified, and the recommendations developed to address the risks.

The team took the opportunity to go through the work step by step. It was clear that the ambassadors had done a thorough risk mapping of the school environment and refined the recommendations with the team's support.



The ambassadors at Kabojja Junior School making a presentation .

PROFESSIONAL DRIVER TRAINING UGANDA (PDTU) – MUKONO SCHOOL



Introduction

The PDTU is a training school under SWRW offers standardised and subsidised professional drivers. From its inception, the school has trained a total of 2070 drivers, 220 of which are women. In the 3rd This Quarter, the school registered a total of 134 students and 16 of them are women. Through out the quarter, the school trained skilled drivers in several driving classes as follows: 55 Drivers were trained in medium goods trucks which is class C; 60 drivers were trained in trailer driving which is CLASS CE . Furthermore, we delivered refresher training for 7 instructors in Class C; 5 instructors in class CE and; 5 Instructors in Theory. Below are the monthly performances of the school for July, August and September.

PERFORMANCE TABLE

PERIOD	CLASS	NO TRAINED
JULY - SEPT		
	Class C NLA (Medium Goods Trucks)	39
	CLASS CE NLA (Trailer)	51
	CLASS DE NLA (Bus)	
	Class CE Abridged (Trailer)	7
	Class C abridged (Medium Goods Trucks)	20
	Instructor Refresher C	7
	Instructor Refresher CE	5
	Instructor Refresher Theory	5
TOTAL NO		134

NOTE: NLA refers to New License Acquisition



Instructor Kitagenda Musisi training drivers in truck/trailer driving



Left to Right: Female drivers standing with SWRW instructor in front of bus, and Ayikoru, a female trainee, undertaking practical training in bus driving.



Semuju Ivan, an alumnus trained by SWRW in 2021 and now employed by Hima Cement, during his courtesy visit at the driving school



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