



CHALLENGES IN AFRICA

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GRSP IN AFRICA

1) GRSP has been active in Africa since inception in 1999.

2) GRSP's current African portfolio includes:

- Botnar Child Road Safety Challenge
- Road Safety Policing Programme
- Road Safety Advocacy and Grants Programme
- Global Road Safety Leadership Course
- GRSP Africa Region Road Safety Conferences (x6)
- Private Sector Member Programmes
 - ✓ Michelin Corporate Foundation
 - ✓ Shell
 - ✓ Total Foundation
- National Road Safety Partnerships



THE DATA CHALLENGE

- 1) **Effective action** to mitigate Africa's road safety crisis can only be taken if it is **targeted** and **measured**.
- 2) A requirement for this is the collection and availability of **accurate data**.
- 3) Such data is a necessary condition for designing and implementing **good policy**.



THE DATA CHALLENGE

1. There are **large discrepancies** between the number of **officially reported** deaths and the WHO **estimates**.
2. Little or **no data** is available on **performance indicators**.
3. A **lack of coordination** on data leaves decision makers with an **inaccurate picture** of Africa's road safety situation.
4. This situation generates limitations for **every aspect of road safety management** and delivery, including:
 1. Resource allocation and prioritization
 2. Advocacy
 3. Intervention selection
 4. Measuring the impact of interventions



THE DATA CHALLENGE

- 1) Africa is left with **legislative gaps** and **weak legislation**.
- 2) **Awareness** and **education** regarding current or new legislative initiatives is low.
- 3) Enforcement agencies are **under-resourced** and possess **limited capacity** to enforce legislation.
- 4) **Weak registration** and **licensing systems** result in large numbers of **unsafe vehicles** and **poorly trained drivers** and further **diminish the ability to enforce** road safety laws.



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WHO estimates are 4 times higher
than officially reported road deaths in Africa



23 African countries
use the internationally accepted 30-day fatality definition



Less than 50% of African countries
have operational national crash database systems

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Region Total Population, 2016 : **1.01 billion**

Government Reported Fatalities, 2016 : **57,856**

WHO Estimated Fatalities, 2016 : **270,284**

GBD Estimated Fatalities, 2016 : **166,620**

WHO Est. Fatalities per 100,000 Pop., 2016 : **27.64**

GBD Est. Fatalities per 100,000 Pop., 2016 : **19.72**

Estimated Serious Injuries, 2016 : **4,054,260**



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Cost of Fatalities and Serious Injuries \$128 billion	Road Crash Fatalities and Injuries in the economically productive age group (15 - 64) 65%
Cost as % of region average GDP 9.0% of GDP	Ratio of Male to Female Road Crash Fatalities in the Region 2:1

ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGE



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One of the main results of the SaferAfrica project, funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation program, is the **African Road Safety Observatory (ARSO)**.

Launched in 2018 its goal is to build a body of data to monitor Africa's performance and improve decision making. ARSO:

- Brings together **government** representatives and road safety experts in the **transport** and **health** sectors.
- Supports decisions on **key governance issues** and priorities for **data improvement**.
- Facilitates the **exchange of knowledge**, sharing of **best practices** and the scaling up of **effective policies** across the region.



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