



ESWATINI NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2023-2030

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INTERNATIONAL ROAD INJURIES PREVENTION INDABA

HAPPY VALLEY MOTEL, ESWATINI



OUTLINE

- Mandate of the Road Safety Council of eSwatini
- Why road safety matters
- Broad strategic objectives
- Road safety action plan
- Where we are
 - Achievements to date
 - Challenges and mitigation measures



Mandate and Power of RSCE

- **Established** by Road Safety Council Act, 1983
- **Mandate:** Promote road safety
 - execute a comprehensive research programme on road safety;
 - inquire into and make recommendations on any matter on road safety;
 - guide the Government and the public on road safety;
 - initiate road safety measures.
- **Power** of the RSCE: Coordination
 - The Council shall, in the performance of its duties —
 - (a) assign research projects to persons or organisations who in its opinion are best qualified to carry them out;
 - (b) consult with (*work with or through*) other authorities, organisations or persons.



Mandate and power of RSCE (2)

- To execute the mandate, RSCE require
 - Clear and up-to-date management framework
 - Resources
 - Financial through road safety fund derived primarily from road safety levy
 - Human resource (secretariat)
 - Partners/ Friends of RSCE
 - Stakeholders



Why road safety matters?

- Safe Roads are social and economic engine of any society, and
- Facilitates development by linking people, products and markets
 - link producers to markets,
 - workers to jobs,
 - students to school, and
 - the sick to hospitals, etc.



Why road safety matters?

- Proactively prevent accidents,
- Prevent and reduce road related disabilities and/or deaths,
- Mitigate (emotional, psychological) suffering



Road Safety Strategy: Vision and Intermediate Goal

- Elimination of fatal and serious injury on Eswatini's roads by 2063
- Intermediate Goal is to achieve a 50% reduction in serious injuries and fatalities by 2030



Strategic Objectives

- **Strengthen governance**
 - Review current legislation
 - Strengthen capacity
 - Establish/ or revamp sustainable funding mechanism
- **Strengthen coordination function**
 - establish engagement mechanism with stakeholders committed to support implementation of the strategy
- **Improve on monitoring, evaluation and reporting**
 - Common case definition
 - Digitalisation of data system



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- **Prevent road accidents**
 - Education
 - Vehicle safety
 - Road infrastructure improvement
 - Law Enforcement
- **Implement crash reduction and improve response**
 - Onsite response coordination system (RIMS)
 - Dispatch coordination and of emergency vehicles
 - GOLDEN HOUR
 - Capacity of emergency care in health facilities
- **Research**



WORKPLAN

objective	Activities	Timeline	Status
Review legislative and institutional arrangements relating to the Road Safety Council, to strengthen its legislative mandate, stakeholder governance and coordination, and human and financial resources	Engage a consultant to review legislation (Road Safety Council Act 1983) to convert the Road Safety Council to a fully autonomous entity as stated in the Road Safety Strategy 2023-2030	October 2024	Part one completed
	Have discussions with relevant government sectors to operationalise a sustainable Road Safety Fund in line with the approved Road Safety Strategy 2023-2030	March 2025	Discussion between Council and MoPWT initiated



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Objective	Activities	Timeline	Current status
Establish an ongoing road safety capacity building program under the Council, to ensure that key agencies and stakeholders considerably strengthen their technical road safety capability and leadership response to the issue.	Identify key stakeholders and agencies and develop a database	December, 2023	Registration form completed am registration ongoing
	Carry out capacity needs assessment and develop training programme,	February 2024	Not done
	Conduct training of trainers	September 2024	Not done
	Cascade training to organisations' members	Ongoing	Not done



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Objective	Activities	Timeline	Current status
Implement a sustained road safety education and awareness campaign across the country	Develop and implement a road safety campaign programme focusing on high risk causes of road traffic crashes		Costed Proposal completed
	Engage community leadership in the identification and training of community police/designated cadre of Road Safety champions in each chiefdom		
	Procure two trucks for removing cattle from or along the road		
	Work in collaboration with cyclists' association in promoting the use of specialised Road Safety approved helmets by cyclists		



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Implement a sustained road safety education and awareness campaign across the country, targeting schools, communities, commercial and public transport owners and workers, community leadership, media houses, cyclists, civil society, politicians, public	Develop/review regulations on the use of appropriate road safety approved helmets	August 2024- and ongoing	Costed Proposal completed
	In collaboration with Mobile phone companies (MTN and Eswatini Mobile) in implementing public education and awareness campaign on laws/regulations that regulate, and the dangers of using of mobile phones while driving		Pending
	Procure two trucks for removing cattle from or along the road		Pending
	Enforce Road rules, regulations		Pending



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Carry out an International Road Assessment Programme) study of a sample of the most highly trafficked main roads, and the preparation of a road safety investment programme to improve safety star ratings for all road users	commission a consultant to Capacitate the Roads Department in the application of the iRAP Rating System and also make recommendations for road safety improvements		Funding and technical assistance Proposal to iRAP completed
	Conduct assessment of roads using rating system and	November 2024	Pending
	Implement road safety improvements on identified roads	Ongoing	Pending

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Carry out an An AVIS (Assessment of Vehicle Inspection Systems) study of vehicle safety standards and inspection programs to prepare a prioritised schedule of vehicle safety reforms	Engage a consultant to conduct an assessment and grading of vehicle inspection systems, and identify best practice for vehicle safety reforms	March 2024	Pending
	Amend legislation for vehicle testing stations and inspection systems to be in line with Tripartite Transport and Transit Facilitation Programme (TTTFP)	March 2025	Pending
	Carry out improvements in existing vehicle testing stations in line with TTTFP standards	March 2026	Pending
	Build regional testing centres in line with TTTFP standards		Pending
	Procurement of four Mobile Testing Stations and training 30 personnel on the automated vehicle testing centres		Pending
	Synchronize vehicle registration system, and licensing and vehicle testing centres		Pending
	Public education on the improved and automated testing centres		Pending



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Objective	Activities	Timeline	Current status
Review of Eswatini’s driver licensing system, to identify the actual processes and electronic systems and registries required to manage the licence life-cycle, and establish a pathway for improving identify safety standards	Appoint / nominate a Project Team (PT) to drive the establishment of Driver License Testing Centres	Dec 2023	Project underway led by MoPWT
	Engage a consultant to conduct an assessment of Eswatini’s driver licensing system and benchmark against other countries to identify best practice for improvement	August 2024	Pending
	Establish five Driver License Testing Centres (DLTCs) in line with best practice; managing the life-cycle of the final driver’s license	2026	Pending
	Establish the National Transport Information System (NaTIS) to integrate all	2026	Pending



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Objective	Activities	Timeline	Current status
Establish a Road Safety Strategic Information System for improved Road Safety Management	Carry out a benchmarking exercise with established SI Units in the region, to inform the development of a robust RS M&E system	Dec 2023	Project underway led by MoPWT
	Establish Strategic Information Unit within RSCE and capacitate the personnel	August 2024	Pending
	Develop a comprehensive Digital Monitoring and Evaluation system to track implementation of the RS action plan	June 2024	Formative assessment ongoing
	Capacitation of the SI personnel	August 2024	Pending
	Sensitization and training of road safety stakeholders in M & E	Sept 2024	pending
	Provide mentorship to RS Stakeholders on M & E	ongoing	pending



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Objective	Activities	Timeline	Current status
Implementation of a single national emergency medical response number, measuring time between crash and care, and developing/training networks of voluntary first responders in the community	Advocate for the establishment of a Coordinating Call Centre to activate single national emergency medical number	March 2024	Pending
	Formulation of a National policy for emergency response	Dec 2024	Pending
	Provision of breakdown services for removal of vehicles from the road	Dec 2025	Pending
	Establishment of Road side trauma centres	March 2025	Pending
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	Identification volunteers for training as first aid responders	Ongoing	Ongoing



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Advocate for a sustainable mobility review of public transport systems (both formal and informal) to promote greater use, and significant safety improvement	Amend the Road Transportation Act 2007	March 2025	Ongoing as part of RS legislation review
	Advocate for and participate in the formulation of Regulations for road transportation industry	March 2025	Pending
	Advocate for the enforcement of Regulations	Ongoing	Pending



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Objective	Activities	Timeline	Current status
Cary out a speed management review, including good practice speed limits, and piloting supportive infrastructure for integration in the road safety investment programme.	Develop speed management practise for Eswatini & Introduce speed management system to be part of the NaTIS	March 2024	Part of legislation review
	Assess current speed management practices (data required)	Dec 2024	Pending
	Revise upwards speed violation fines and table in Parliament for debate	Dec 2025	Pending
	Facilitate understanding of speed management	ongoing	Pending
	Provide speed management equipment	Ongoing	Pending



Workplan 2023-2030

Objective	Activities	Timeline	Current status
Advocate for an external review undertaken by a senior traffic police expert of the Traffic Police function in Eswatini, addressing institutional/organisational/operational issues as well as capacity building	Engage a consultant to carry out a comprehensive assessment and review of the traffic section of the REPS	October 2024	Pending
	Implementation plan for the findings of the consultant report for improved enforcement	Dec 2024	Pending



National Road Safety Campaign

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Proposed Campaign Slogan:

“Obey the rules or face the consequences”

Proposed road safety Campaign

Schools

- Training of road safety champions
- Manage Road Crossings

Communities

- Community based campaigns
- Community Leadership
- Cyclists

Commercial & Public Transport

Other stakeholders

- Media
- CSOs
- Public Sector & Private Sector Companies



Proposed approaches

1. Educational Campaigns

Media slots

- Talks
- Snap messages (prime time)
- Print media articles



Proposed approaches

- Road Shows in busy towns
 - Rotational
 - Frequency
- Community based educational talks (Tinkhundla)
- School based education campaigns



2. Ongoing Roadside Preventive Measures

- **Roadside Campaigns**

- Education
- Roadside checks for vehicle roadworthiness
- Spot checks blood alcohol content
- Law/rules Enforcement



3. Ongoing Road Infrastructure Improvements

- **Road audits and management**
 - Road signs
 - Road markings
 - Roadside bush clearing
- **Roadside Incident Management System**

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Proposed budget: E4,950,000

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Road Infrastructure Improvements: 1, 350,000

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ROAD SAFETY
COUNCIL OF ESWATINI



Vision: Elimination by 2063

Intermediate Goal: reduce deaths and serious injuries by 50% in 2030

Objectives:

- Strengthen management and coordination capacity
- Sustainable funding
- Capacity building programme
- Prevention and response
- Monitoring, evaluation and reporting

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