

SAFE JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL

Enhancing child road safety
through practical strategies

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THE URGENCY AND RATIONALE FOR SAFE JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL

What's the problem?

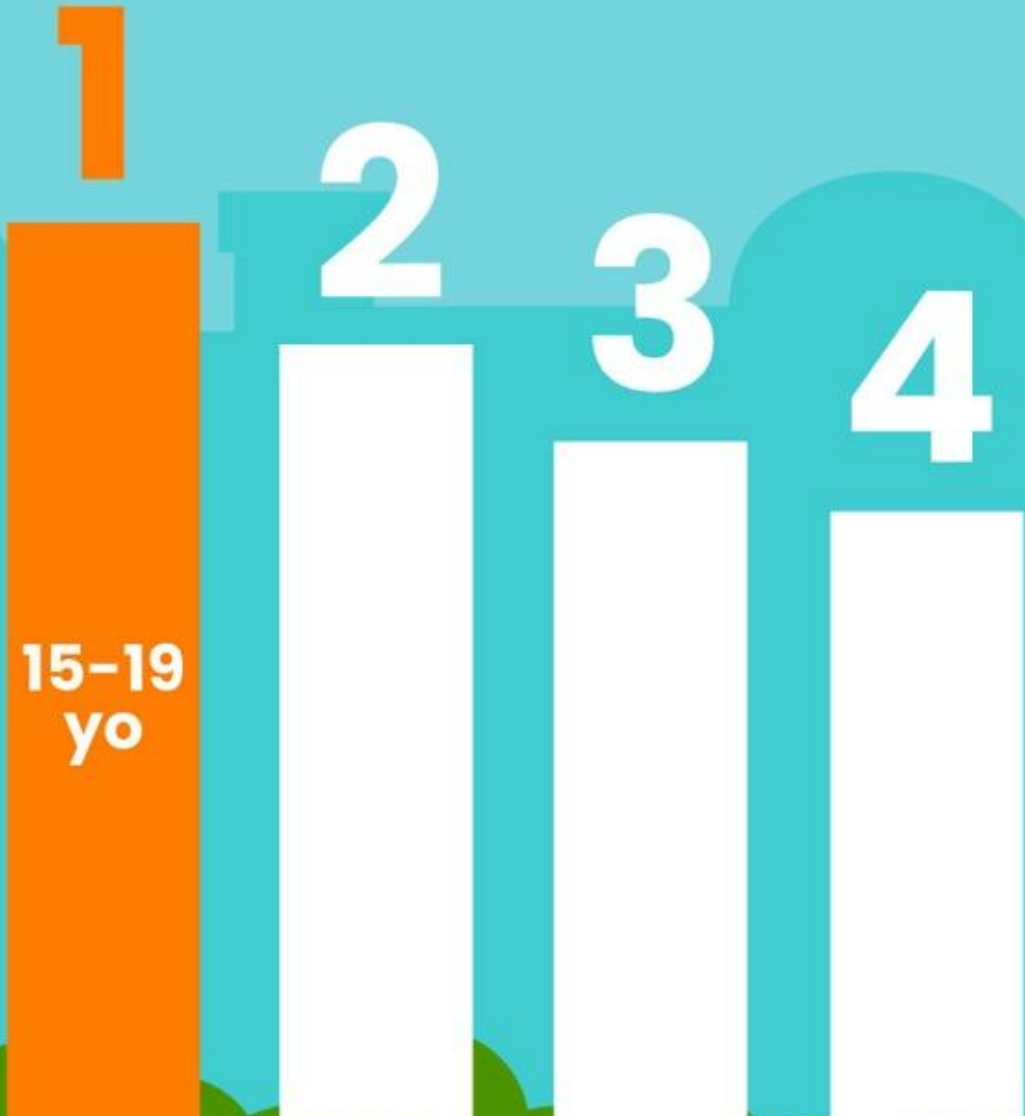
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**CHILDREN UNDER 18
YEARS DIE FROM
TRAFFIC CRASHES
ANNUALLY
(WHO 2014)**

**Every day, 500 lives of
girls are lost due to
road unsafety**



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No. 1
killer of children aged
from 15 to 19

NO. 1 CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG CHILDREN AGE GROUP FROM 15 TO 19 (WHO 2018)

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No.2

killer of children
aged from 5 to 14



**NO. 2 CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG CHILDREN AGE GROUP
FROM 5 TO 14 (WHO 2018)**

ROAD SAFETY CRISIS AND ITS IMPACT ON CHILDREN IN AFRICA

Road Safety Crisis Scale

Africa has the world's highest road fatality rate, with over 259,000 deaths (2021), disproportionately affecting the most vulnerable, including children.

Vulnerable Children Pedestrians

Children from low-income families face unsafe roads lacking sidewalks, crossings, and traffic calming, increasing injury risks.

Economic and Health Impact

Road injuries drain 3-6% of GDP in many countries, worsening public health and limiting economic progress.

Safe Routes to School Solutions

Safe Routes to School programs improve street design, protecting children and promoting healthier, active lifestyles.



THE SAFE JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL PILOT AND ITS OBJECTIVES

Replicable Framework

The pilot offers a step-by-step framework that governments and partners can adapt across various African regions.

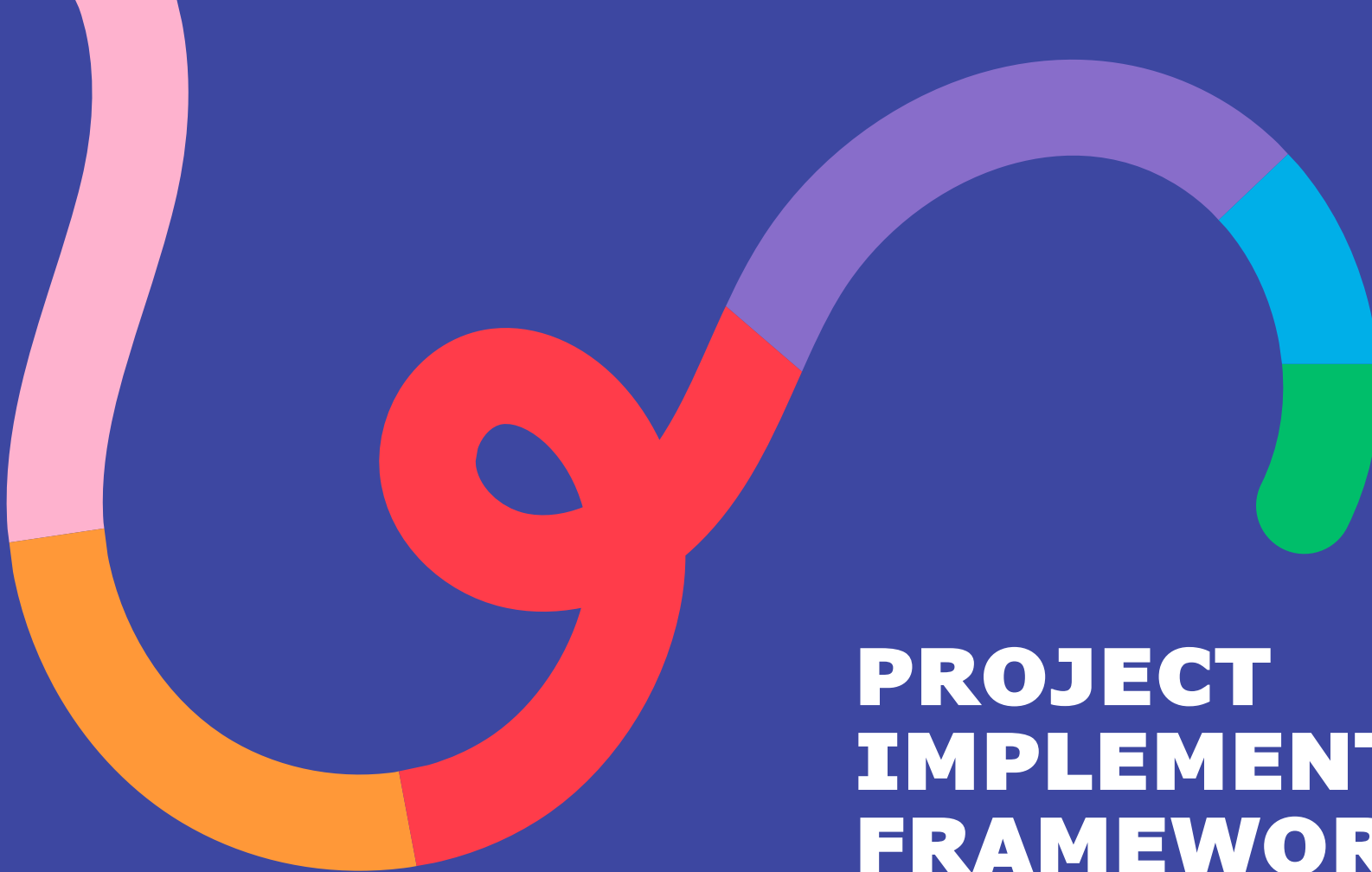
Reducing Road-Traffic Injuries

The initiative aims to lower road-traffic injuries among children walking in school corridors through targeted interventions.

Mitigating Gender-Based Violence

Focused efforts address daily gender-based violence risks faced by girls and boys on their way to school.





PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK FOR SAFE JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL

SETTING OBJECTIVES, GATHERING DATA, AND DEFINING SCOPE

Setting Clear Objectives

Clear objectives guide decision-making and align government, schools, and partners for school safety initiatives.

Gathering Safety Data

Collecting road crash reports, health records, and safety statistics highlights hazardous locations for targeted action.

Defining Project Scope

Refining scope based on data ensures focus on high-risk school zones, corridors, and areas with GBV risks.



RESOURCE ASSESSMENT AND TOOLKIT SELECTION

Resource Assessment

Assess budget, time, and human resources to determine project feasibility and depth of toolkit application.

Tool Selection Based on Constraints

Select diagnostic tools that fit project scope and resource limitations to ensure feasibility and effectiveness.

Tailored Diagnostic Approaches

Use basic tools for limited budgets and comprehensive assessments for larger programs with more resources.



BUILDING A MULTIDISCIPLINARY IMPLEMENTATION TEAM



Road Safety Specialists

Two to three road safety experts focus on infrastructure, mobility, and safety inspections for effective implementation.

Social Safeguards Specialist

A GBV or social safeguards specialist ensures sensitive handling of gender-based and community issues.

Local Liaison Officer

A local liaison officer familiar with the community facilitates communication and collaboration with local stakeholders.

Additional Enumerators

Additional enumerators support mobility and observational surveys to gather accurate data.



TOOLKIT ELEMENTS AND APPLICATION

PURPOSE, APPROACH, AND FLEXIBILITY OF THE TOOLKIT

Toolkit Purpose

The toolkit guides users to assess, plan, and implement safer, more accessible school travel routes for children.

Safe System Approach

The toolkit uses the Safe System approach to design road environments that prevent serious injuries from human errors.

Collaboration and Inclusion

It promotes cross-sector collaboration and integrates gender, disability, and social inclusion throughout the process.

Flexibility and Scalability

The toolkit is adaptable for various project stages and can scale from single schools to national safety programs.



KEY ELEMENTS: DATA MAPPING, STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT, MOBILITY SURVEYS, INFRASTRUCTURE INSPECTIONS, OBSERVATIONAL SURVEYS

Data Mapping

Data mapping helps visualize and analyze road safety and mobility factors affecting schoolchildren.

Stakeholder Engagement

Engaging stakeholders through interviews and focus groups gathers diverse perspectives for effective solutions.

Mobility Surveys

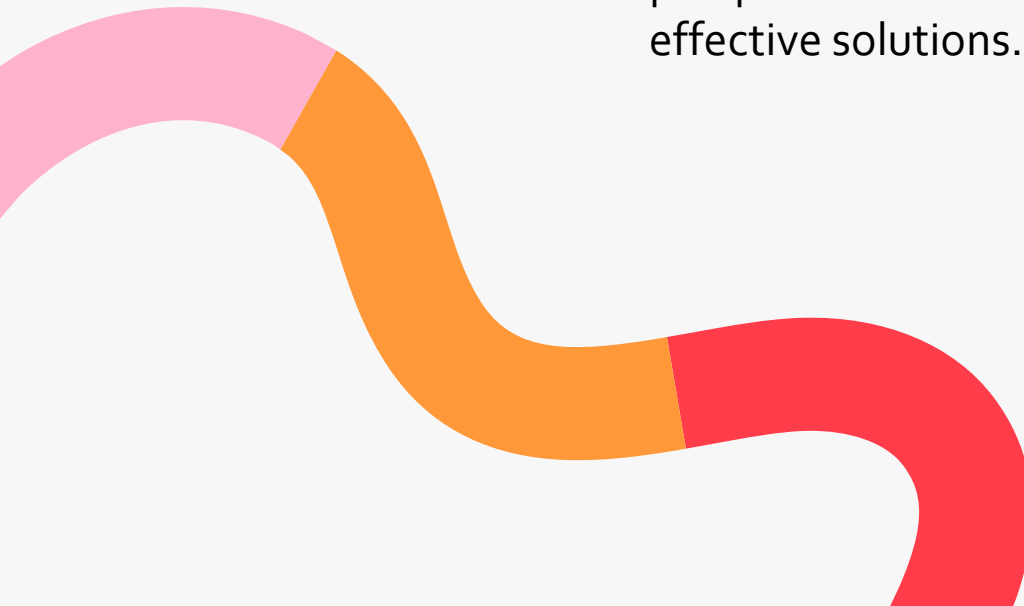
Mobility surveys collect data on travel patterns and challenges faced by schoolchildren on their journeys.

Infrastructure Inspections

Road safety inspections and satellite imagery assess infrastructure conditions to identify hazards.

Observational Surveys

Observational surveys monitor actual behaviors and conditions to inform safety interventions.



CONCLUSION: ADVANCING SAFER SCHOOL JOURNEYS TOGETHER

Data-Driven Safety

Utilizing data helps identify key risk areas and informs effective road safety interventions for safer school journeys.

Community Engagement

Engaging local communities promotes awareness and ownership of road safety measures to protect children.

Collaborative Commitment

Sustained improvements in school road safety require ongoing collaboration and commitment among stakeholders.