Review of road crash data systems in African countries

TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A ROAD SAFETY OBSERVATORY IN AFRICA
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Variables and data sources

• What to collect: crash, exposure, performance, attitudes, ...
• Why to collect it: evaluation, trend analysis, benchmarking, ...
• Where to collect it from: administrative data sets, ad hoc data sets, ...

• But, do we really need to start from scratch?
What to collect

What is being collected and how
Reviews done: Others

• Dakar meeting in February 2018, 7 countries attended and presented their reviews
• UNECE’s country reviews (1 published)
Reviews done II: SSATP’s own work

- Work commissioned to Dr. Pieter Vienter
- 15 countries either interviewed or visited
- Developed recommended minimum variable list (mostly crash-related)
- Later work augmented with preferred data source choice
  - *(this is the base for our discussion later in the agenda on variables)*
Reviews done III: Safer Africa

• [www.saferafrica.eu](http://www.saferafrica.eu)

• EU-funded Project finishing in 2019

• Broader objectives, but includes a section on development of an “African Observatory” which currently exist as a web platform

• Two different surveys to 29 African countries. Respondents varied in profile.

• Five ongoing pilot studies (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Malawi, South African and Tunisia) evaluating impact of road safety data management on its quality and accuracy.
Reviews done IV: EuroMed

- [www.etsp.eu](http://www.etsp.eu)
- EU-funded Project finishing in 2020 with the target to create an integrated transport network in the region. This includes an assessment of data issues to strengthen their national data capacity.
- 7 countries (4 of them in Africa).
- Reviews were collected through site visits to countries and meeting with multiple stakeholders
Reviews done V: Country profiles

- FIA-initiative soon public at [www.fia.com](http://www.fia.com)
- Compilation of all data reported by countries to different international organizations
- 220+ indicators organized by burden, the 5 pillars, and country background. Includes reported data AND performance and SUM4all indicators on road safety which have been recently adopted
- All countries in the world available, including 54 African countries
Country profiles II - More on the reporting sources

- Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation Health related SDGs. Available online at https://vizhub.healthdata.org/sdg/
- Information on conventions and regulations accessed by each country are available online at http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/conventn/agree_e.pdf. Current file dated 17/07/2017
- Signatories to ILO convention 153 can be found in: http://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/en/?p=1000:11300:0::NO:11300:P11300_INSTRUMENT_ID:312298
- Signatories to UECE AETR can be found in: www.unece.org/transport/trans-agreements-and-conventions-21.html
- …
Summary of reviews (2016-2018)

As of July 2018, 110 country-specific assessments in 54 countries

- Five countries (Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria, South Sudan and Tanzania) are addressed in four reviews each.
- Fourteen countries (Benin, Botswana, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Togo, Tunisia and Uganda) have been reviewed in three independent processes each.
- Thirteen countries have two reviews each (Algeria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Guinea, Lesotho, Liberia, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, Eswatini – previously Swaziland), and Zimbabwe).
- The remaining 20 countries in the continent had one review each, the FIA-produced country profile.
- A few countries may have had additional reviews conducted in the past. For example, the project entitled ‘Extending the road safety research and development capacity in Morocco’... or
Today ... 28 countries in the room 😊

• 23 of them with two or more reviews
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• Please note that within a few days you will all receive a folder with all reviews for your country
Joint conclusions: Strengths

• Ongoing efforts well received and actively participated in
  • Better understanding on what is happening and what is needed
• Available (free or low cost) software and hardware tools
  • E.g., DRIVER (one of the presentations later on in agenda)
• Implementation-ready criteria and operational definitions available
  • E.g., UNECE/IRTAD/WHO, MiniCadas,
• Previous experiences (e.g., Europe, OISEVI)
• National and international attention and some resources, including the establishment of the UN Road Safety Fund Trust
• Increasing political awareness
Joint conclusions: Weaknesses

• Measurement of burden
  • fatalities (police counts vs. Health information systems counts)
    • Hence, a special session in our agenda today
  • non fatalities

• Heterogenous crash data-related systems
  • Another special sesión in our agenda today

• Little information on performance indicators
  • Thus, the next 3 slides

• Biases in data collection (and analysis)
What to collect

What else needs to be collected and how
Country Profiles III. Criteria for variable input

- Either already collected by international bodies
- Or soon to be requested by them:
  - UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (Ref: Technical Report by the Bureau of the United Nations Statistical Commission on the process of the development of an indicator framework for the goals and targets of the post 2015 development agenda (working draft))
  - Voluntary Global Performance Targets for Road Safety Risk Factors and Service Delivery Mechanisms (Developing voluntary global performance targets for road safety risk factors and service delivery mechanism.)
Additional performance indicators

- 12 global performance targets with their corresponding
- 40 indicators agreed by UN member countries.
  - Only 12 indicators need specific ongoing data collection systems:
    - Has halved the proportion of vehicles traveling over the posted speed limits
    - Effectively enforces legislation on helmet
    - Reached almost 100% of the proportion of motorcycle rides correctly using their helmets
    - Implemented and effectively enforced legislation requiring the use of safety belts for all motor vehicle occupants
    - Implemented and effectively enforced legislation requiring the use of child-restraint systems meeting appropriate standards
    - Reached close to 100% proportion of all motor vehicle occupants using safety belts
    - Reached 100% proportion of all child motor vehicle occupants using standard child restraint systems
    - Implementing and effectively enforcing regulations on safety for child restraint systems sold
    - Implemented and effectively enforced on driving under the influence of alcohol and/or other psychoactive substances
    - Implemented and effectively enforce legislation restricting or prohibiting the use of mobile phone while driving
    - Implemented and effectively enforced regulation and audits of driving time and rest periods for professional drivers
    - Achieve national targets of the time interval between a crash resulting in serious injury and the provision of first professional emergency care
Why to collect it — If you did not have strong reasons you would not be here...

A few examples on needed/available data
Indicator 2: Total UN Conventions on Regulations on Vehicles Signed
Indicators 3 and 4: % of Star Ratings >=3 on divided road carrying 20,000 vehicles a day, Vehicles
Where to collect it from

Data sources
Suggested plan

Review your own countries’ reviews
Participate in WG to debate on priorities for Regional Observatory
Create a road map to success
# How to move forward?

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For each domain, set targets from improvement and monitoring progress

- Collaboration with input sources:
  - Indicator definers
  - Data collectors
- Collaboration in defining still missing data sources
- Guidance on priorities for regional observatories’ priority setting

Example of quality check evolution: Number of deaths

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The Data sources
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The origin
- Crash Records (when crashes happen)
- Individuals, Driver, Vehicle registration systems (census)
- Road inventories (census)
- Health care sector data (Emergency, hospitalization - when events happen)
- Insurance sector (when events happen)
- Road user behavioral data (random samples of either observational or self-reported behavior repeated studies)

Their characteristics
- Universal population coverage vs. Selection bias
- Ongoing vs. Repeated vs. Ad hoc
- Consistency over time in coding schemes
- Administrative vs. research
Thanks
Indicator 2: Total Signed UN Conventions on Roads and Signals
Indicators 3 and 4 (IRAP)

Comparison between countries not recommended as road network selection varies.

percent of Star Ratings >=3 on divided roads carrying 20,000 vehicles a day, Vehicles

- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Uganda
Thanks