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UN ROAD SAFETY FUND

For a world where roads
are safe for every road user,
everywhere.

Launch of UNRSF 2021 Annual Report – Press Release

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The UN Road Safety Fund launched its 2021 Annual Report on 18 May with public and private sector and civil society partners in an event at the International Transport Forum Summit in Leipzig, Germany.

The latest Report *"Making an impact: safer roads, improved lives"* highlights how through greener, cleaner and safer mobility the Fund has positively impacted on people's quality of life in line with Sustainable Development Goals 3.6 and 11.2.

Today, there is a growing demand – further awakened by the global covid-19 pandemic – from citizens worldwide for an ability to walk, cycle and move safely in liveable cities and spaces. The Report shows how the Fund is building global multi-stakeholder action in this area, investing in safe, resilient and sustainable road safety systems and scaling up assistance for countries and regions most in need, to drive prosperity for everyone.

Case stories in the Report capture results from across the Fund's 25 road safety projects in 30 low- and middle-income countries – thanks to donor support – alongside its global partnerships, platforms of engagement and outreach and advocacy. From creating safe liveable spaces for walking and cycling, and around schools, in Africa to innovative, evidence-based tools, models and training across the Middle East, Asia and Latin America, the Report shares how the Fund has promoted safer, accessible and inclusive roads for all users.

"This 2021 Annual Report marks the end of the Fund's successful foundational phase, underpinned by a strong record of results – as highlighted in the 2021 independent evaluation. Now, the Fund is armed with the know-how, capacity and diverse partner engagement needed to scale its impact in 2022–2025. In line with the Global Plan of Action for Road Safety, the Fund stands ready to ramp up its contribution to delivering on a safer world and improved lives for all road users everywhere."

Nneka Henry, Head of the UN Road Safety Fund

"As this 2021 Annual Report highlights, the Fund brings together support from governments, the private sector, NGOs and UN agencies, pooling expertise and financing and driving systemic change. The Fund is starting to have a tangible impact on road safety with specific results achieved already in 30 countries worldwide. Road safety is a quick way to reduce unnecessary mortality, especially in the global south. That's why road safety is an important part of the SDG agenda on health, cities, poverty, economic growth and more. And why the Fund is going to continue to drive for more investment to bring safer roads to more people."

Matthew Baldwin, Chair of the Advisory Board, UN Road Safety Fund

"Leading up to the High-Level Meeting for Road Safety, this 2021 Annual Report shows the added value of the Fund as a key actor to achieving our global targets. From better urban planning for school zones, low emission non-motorized transport, and speed management to cleaner safer used vehicle standards, the projects target the countries the most at need. It is an exciting time for the wider community to join this momentum and financing opportunity. Investing in road safety unlocks a pathway for a sustainable and vibrant future."

Jean Todt, UN Secretary General's Special Envoy on Road Safety

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Notes to Editors:

The UN Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) - set up in 2018 - is a global partnership working to help halve road deaths and injuries in low- and middle-income countries, where over 90% of the 1.3 million fatal crashes occur each year. The Fund works with communities, civil society, governments, companies and UN agencies to address critical gaps in national road safety systems. As an innovative pooled fund, the UNRSF mobilizes financing from private, public and individual donors channelling resources to high-impact, scalable and sustainable road safety projects worldwide.

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