ADVOCACY: PROMOTING TRAFFIC LAWS

What can be done to reduce road accidents in Uganda by at least 90%?

Below are the principal measures to introduce so as to reverse the road-crash misery in Uganda by at least 90%. We encourage partners of RSI - Uganda to advocate for the same.

1. Introduce Road-safety Education in Schools as a subject right from nursery to University.
   Let children know where they live and how they get to school.
   Understand the difference between a footpath and the road etc.
   This approach will produce quality Traffic officers, traffic guides, trainers, Driver Instructors, online-Traffic monitors, environmentalists etc.
   See: Road Safety Education for Schools...

2. Update the Uganda Highway Code to international standard. This also creates external Jobs.

3. Introduce Computerised Theory & Hazard Perception test centres nationwide; to test novice drivers before the Practical Test.
   Successful drivers are then given Certificates and Counterpart Driving Licence CDL that qualifies one to the Practical Test on the road. This measure enhances the need to study the Highway Code (Rules of the Road).
   See: Illustration Videos...

4. Introduce Counterpart Driving Licence CDL upon which penalty points are indicated. This stops offenders to continue driving even after causing reckless death.

5. Introduce “Approved Driving Instructors Board” to carefully examine qualified Driver Instructors. As of now any driver in Uganda is an Instructor regardless of the theory knowledge in driving.

6. Introduce the ‘On-road surface restriction markings’ especially in urban centres, to improve the road environment. Injuries are associated with traffic volume and traffic speed. See: ...

7. Increase the number of random breath tests to reduce “Drink and Drive”; 

8. Introduce the Mobile Electronic surveillance system "MESS" versus the traditional enforcement method of man power.

9. Tighten the ‘express fine scheme’ to violators of the traffic restrictions and rules and; seize vehicles of defaulters as total policing. People don’t fear the law but fines and loses.

10. Introduce the Sale of Seized Vehicles by Public Auction through contracted companies.

This concept will create jobs and a huge revenue base in form of fines for the government. It is cheap to start and requires only Parliament to legislate laws to effect it and save lives.

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