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# NEWSLETTER



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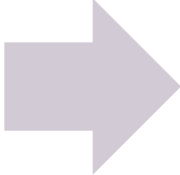
The Mobility Snapshot 2024 Campaign uses local data to assess intersections and advocate for safer streets.

The Commit to Act Campaign is a global road safety initiative led by the Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety. It encourages governments, organizations, and communities to take concrete actions to improve road safety.

URRENO actively raised awareness, advocated for policy reforms, and collaborated with key stakeholders to implement safety measures aimed at reducing road traffic injuries and fatalities. The focus was particularly on protecting vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and cyclists.

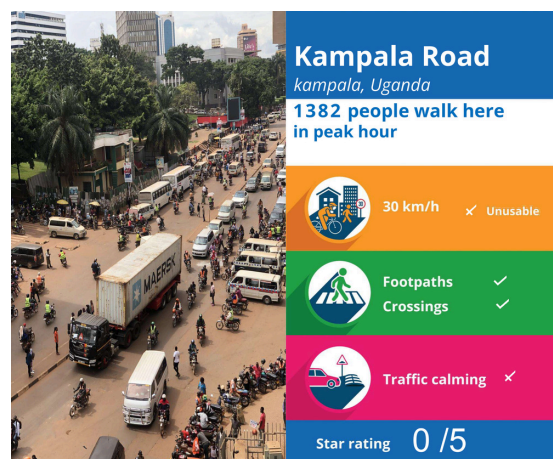
## ALARMING RESULTS

A recent evaluation using a star rating system—an internationally recognized method for assessing road safety—revealed concerning results. Two critical junctions in Kampala scored zero stars, indicating severe deficiencies in infrastructure and design that place pedestrians at significant risk.



## Uganda's Pedestrian Safety Crisis

In 2023, road crashes claimed 1,675 pedestrian lives in Uganda—nearly five fatalities daily. Many of these deaths occurred at busy intersections lacking basic safety measures, such as speed humps, zebra crossings, and protected walkways, leaving pedestrians vulnerable.



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# key stakeholder engagements

we had stakeholder engagement on the results of the intersections assessed. Ministry of Works and Transport (MoWT): Focuses on policy, infrastructure, and speed regulation.

- **KCCA:** Improves pedestrian safety in high-traffic zones.
- **Uganda Police:** Enforces traffic laws and promotes public sensitization.
- **UNRA:** Enhances road safety through infrastructure improvements and better road markings.



## INTERSECTION FINDINGS

- NO 30km/hr.
- limited pedestrian facilities
- No traffic calming measures e.g. traffic lights (currently lights are not functional), zebra crossings (zebra crossings are faded), signages (intersection has no signage)
- Minimal traffic enforcement at the intersection

## WAY-FOWARD

- **Speed Regulation Improvements:** The Ministry is working to enhance speed limit regulations and implement traffic management systems to reduce accidents, especially in high-pedestrian zones.
- **Helmet Use and Non-Motorized Transport (NMT):** Promoting helmet use among boda boda riders and addressing challenges with NMT corridors to ensure pedestrian safety.
- **Auditing Walkway Encroachments:** The Ministry emphasized the need to audit buildings encroaching on walkways, which force pedestrians onto roads, increasing risk.
- **Road Safety Infrastructure:** KCCA committed to repainting zebra crossings, removing illegal humps, and integrating pedestrian safety measures into road projects near schools, hospitals, and markets.