Road Safety Performance Review
Ethiopia
Key findings and recommendations

**OVERVIEW OF THE SITUATION**

**TRENDS, AS REPORTED BY ETHIOPIA**

- **x2 ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS DOUBLED** between 2007 and 2018
- **13 PEOPLE LOST PER DAY** to road traffic injuries

**ROAD USERS**

In urban areas, pedestrians account for the majority of fatalities

52%
ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT

- No accession to any of the UN Road Safety Conventions
- Less than 1 percent of road fund dedicated to road safety
- Non-motorized transport strategy for Addis Ababa in progress

ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

Size of road network has increased from 26,550 km in 1997 to 126,773 in 2018

VEHICLE SAFETY

- Annual growth in vehicles: 14%
- Amount of used cars: 85%
- Many of which are not equipped with basic safety features

POST-CRASH RESPONSE

- In Addis Ababa, one in five victims arrive at hospitals by ambulance services

- 20.3%
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. RATIFICATION OF UN ROAD SAFETY CONVENTIONS AND AFRICAN ROAD SAFETY CHARTER

2. ESTABLISH AN EMPOWERED LEAD ROAD SAFETY AGENCY
   - Allocate sufficient funding
   - Assign competent personnel

3. ENSURE THAT ROAD SAFETY LEGISLATION IS HARMONIZED, UNIFIED AND ENFORCED ACROSS ETHIOPIA

4. FINALIZE CRASH DATABASE SYSTEM

5. INTRODUCE MANDATORY ROAD SAFETY AUDITS AND INSPECTIONS
Priority Commitments and Current Progress reported by the Ministry of Transport, December 2020

1. Began process to accede to UN Road Safety Conventions
2. Developing a crash database system for evidenced-based management
3. Set a national target to reduce accident fatalities by 50% by 2030
4. Set a national target to enhance enforcement by 75% by 2025
5. Finalizing road safety audit and inspection manuals
6. Developing road safety strategy for 2030
7. Providing capacity building activities for traffic police, professional engineers and maintenance workers
8. Evaluating existing laws and directives
9. Conducting mass media campaigns and preparing a national road safety communication strategy
10. Included road safety in the school curriculum for 2021, from pre-school to grade 12

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