UN ROAD SAFETY FUND

Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety, 82nd session (WP.1)
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Established in April 2018 through a GA resolution and UN SG support. It is hosted by UNECE.

GA new resolution, entering a new Decade of Action for Road safety 2020-2030. Invitation to MS to invest in road safety, including by supporting the UNRSF

Unique multi-stakeholder financing instrument with 11 participating UN organizations, governments, private sector, academia and civil society

Governance through Advisory Board and Steering Committee

VISION
To build a world where roads are safe for every road user, everywhere. All road users, regardless of where they live or what they earn, should be safe when they use the world’s roads, whether they are working, or going to school, or using the roads for leisure.

MISSION
To finance – and leverage further funding for – high-impact projects based on established and internationally recognized best practices that increase road safety and minimize and eventually eliminate road crash trauma for all road users.
UNRSF TIMELINE

15 APRIL 2016
UN General Assembly resolution requested the Secretary-General to explore establishing a road safety trust fund.

12 APRIL 2018
Official launch of the UN Road Safety Fund in UNHQ in New York.

1-10 MAY 2019
Start of implementation of pilot projects.

9 OCTOBER 2019
Launch of the first formal Call for Proposals.

31 AUGUST 2020
UNGA resolution A/RES/74/299, a new Decade of Action for Road safety 2020-2030. Recognition of the UNRSF.

30 OCTOBER 2020
Launch of the 2020 Call for proposals.
UNRSF Strategy
Global Framework Plan of Action for RS
UNRSF ADDED VALUE

- UN mandate, values, legal framework and expertise

- As a UN Fund, it is a strategic Fund with the capacity to leverage resources and mobilize 193 Member States, partners and stakeholders and at a national, regional and international level

- It emphasizes a cross-sector approach for sustainable development and ensures the liaison between the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- It plays a key role as a coordinating body for road safety thanks to its capacity to liaise with governments and road safety partners- in order to ensure coordination and coherence between funding mechanisms and increase aid effectiveness
THE UNRSF GOVERNING BODIES
UNRSF progress

GOVERNING BODIES

Seventh session of the Steering Committee, 6 October 2020
Informal Working Group (IWG) on Fundraising, 9 November 2020
Informal session of the Advisory Board, 23 March 2020.
High session of the Steering Committee, 29 April 2021
Workshop on communications, Mai 2021
STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2020-2022

**UN Regional Commissions**
- Mr. Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene
  - Director ESCWA (Chair)
- Mr. William Lugemwa
  - Director ECA
- Mr. Yuwei Li
  - Director ECE
- Mr. Ricardo J. Sanchez
  - Senior Economic Affairs Officer ECLAC
- Mr. Weimin Ren
  - Director ESCAP

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  - Chief
  - Urban Basic Services Section, Global Solutions Division
  - UN Habitat

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  - Executive Director
  - FIA Foundation
- Mr. Andrew McKellar
  - Secretary General Automobile Mobility and Tourism
  - FIA
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- Mr. Dmitry M. Mitroshin
  - Head of Federal State Institution “Road Safety Research Center”
  - Ministry of Internal Affairs
  - Russian Federation

**World Health Organization**
- Mr. Nhan Tran
  - Head, Safety and Mobility
  - Department of the Social Determinants of Health
  - WHO

**Chair of the Multilateral Development Bank Working Group on Road Safety**
- Mr. Max Ulf Jensen
  - Head of Division
  - Mobility Department
  - European Investment Bank (EIB)

**Civil Society**
- Ms. Lotte Brondum
  - Executive Director
  - Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety
RESOURCE MOBILIZATION
New donor: Kingdom of Bahrain (US$ 250,000)

Donations in 2020

Member States
- AFD on behalf of France $1,096,613
- Republic of Mauritius $1,500
- Hungary $30,000
- Kingdom of Bahrain $250,000

Private sector
- FIA Foundation $3,000,000
- Essilor $200,000
PROJECT PORTFOLIO PROGRESS
UNRSF Projects

UNRSF finances 15 high-impact projects in low- and middle-income countries that will have a concrete and sustainable impact, targeting key gaps in their national road safety systems.

PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD

PROGRAMMATIC FOOTPRINT:
15 HIGH-IMPACT PROJECTS

- Azerbaijan: $500,000, UNDP, WHO
- Egypt, Pakistan: $145,188, WHO
- Jordan: $267,550, UNESCWA
- Lao People’s Democratic Republic: $570,000, UNESCAP
- Philippines: $198,546, UNESCAP
- Senegal, Côte d’Ivoire: $199,500, WHO
- Tunisia: $317,284, UNESCWA
- Argentina: $300,000, UNECLAC
- Brazil: $321,000, UNECLAC
- Cameroon, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tunisia, Uganda: $500,000, UNECA, UNECE, UNEP, WHO
- Ethiopia: $200,000, UN-HABITAT
- Uganda: $265,082, UNECA
- Tanzania: $480,000, UNECA
- Zambia: $450,000, UNDP, UNEP, WHO
- Paraguay, South Africa: $197,694, UNICEF

RSF
THE ROAD SAFETY FUND
UNRSF PROJECTS

- 15 projects, in 19 low- and middle-income countries, covering 4 regions

- implemented by 11 UN agencies, in cooperation with national governments, NGOs, etc.

- Projects with a significant and a sustainable impact on road safety, from improving infrastructure for active mobility, capacity building, policy and law enforcement to strengthening data collection systems
FIRST RESULTS-UNRSF PROJECTS

Two UNRSF funded projects have been completed in 2020.

1. "Strengthening Speed Management in the Philippines", UNESCAP, in collaboration with the Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP) and Imagine Law

- more than 170 speed enforcers trained in best-practice speed enforcement
- high-level officials supported in developing speed enforcement plans
- Over 35 public awareness stories were published reaching 75,000 people engaged through social media on the importance of speed limitations
- speed enforcement package developed
- Train the Trainer workshops
- Memorandum of Understanding with the national Department of Transport on speed enforcement

**Duration:** 12 months  
**Value:** USD 198,546
FIRST RESULTS-UNRSF PROJECTS

2. "Child-responsive urban planning and sustainable urban transportation“, UNICEF, Paraguay, the Philippines

- 209 practitioners and stakeholders trained in child responsive urban planning
- Development of training material
- Sustainable model schools
- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on speed enforcement trainings for law enforcement agencies to ensure child rights inclusion in future urban development projects in Paraguay
- Integration of project’s modules in civil engineering and architecture curriculum in universities in Paraguay

Duration: 12 months
Value: USD $197,694
PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTING CATALYTIC EFFECT

Duration: 12 months
Value: USD $200,000

- The National Non-Motorized Transport (NMT) Strategy includes measures that the country will implement over the next 10 years to improve mobility and facilitate inclusive urbanization focused on sustainable transpiration and pedestrians.

- A temporary bicycle lane in Addis Ababa was made due to the need to provide a safe mode of transport to citizens at the Jeno – Lebu corridor,

- Survey results show that cycling on this corridor has since increased by 7.5 times and 95% of survey respondents want to see the corridor made permanent.

- The Minister of Transport emphasized the need for safe movement as well as the need for speed control and modifying accident-prone junctions.

- The Minister launched #WorldBicycleDay as part of the strategy.

UN-Habitat
Scaling up safe streets designs
Ethiopia
Duration: 30 months

Value: USD $500,000

- The project will put in place requirements to ensure that Africa will only receive quality used vehicles, which will have major road safety benefits, for both car drivers and other road users, and co-benefits on the environment and economy.

- Ensuring a minimum set of operational safety features leads to a 30% reduction in mortality and morbidity (Transport Research Laboratory).

- Periodic technical inspection also decreases the number of vehicles involved in fatal accidents due to technical defects by 50%.

- Ensuring vehicles are equipped with well-functioning equipment will reduce emissions up to 90% (compared to vehicles not equipped with filters or equipped with non-working filters).
Prioritize projects that have a **significant and sustainable impact** on road safety in low- and middle-income countries;

Focus the impact of project proposals through **alignment with national priorities**, opportunities for **synergies and avoiding duplications** with other road safety funds and programmes;

Partially connect with **COVID-19** (active mobility, vulnerable road users, speed management etc.);

Taking also into account:
- partnerships and leveraging of other resources, including co-financing;
- the new UN Resolution A/RES/74/299; and
- the UN Sustainable Development Goals, i.e. cross-cutting issues.
### 2020 Call for Proposals

Parameters communicated to PUNOs

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<th><strong>Application cycle</strong></th>
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| **Eligibility criteria** | Submitted by PUNO Focal Points  
Support to LMICs  
Three applications/PUNO (Four if joint project with other PUNO(s)) |
| **Budgetary limit** | US$ 100,000 – no upper limit |
| **Timeframe** | Max. 3 years |
2020 Call for Proposals

Eligible Proposals Overview

- **29 eligible proposals**
- **32 beneficiary countries**
- **$14.5M funding requested**
2020 Call for Proposals
Timeline – Stage 1

- Webinar for PUNOs
- PUNOs submit strategies
- Panel of experts approved by SC
- 2020 CfP deadline
- Final panel appraisal + inputs by other Funds
- Appraisals sent to Steering Committee
- Steering Committee selection

Timeline:
- 5 Nov 2020
- 9 Nov 2020
- 12 Nov 2020
- 31 Jan 2021
- 24 March 2021
- 31 March 2021
- 29 April 2021

Stage 1
2020 Call for Proposals

Timeline – Stage 2

Applicants notified

Individual workshops convened with selected projects

Stage 2 docs submitted to secretariat

Funds released by MPTFO

May 2021

May-July 2021

3 weeks to submit / 5 weeks to finalize 31 August 2021

September 2021

SOME DATES TBC
ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATIONS
Communications
RECENT PRODUCTS

Find these products at http://www.unece.org/unrsf/home.html

UNRSF Who we are?

Benefits of joining the UNRSF as a donor

3rd newsletter

Facebook account
Communications

UPCOMING EFFORTS

- Communication strategy
- Annual report 2020
- Website
- Events and campaigns
  - 3rd Anniversary of the Fund, 12 April 2021
  - Kapuscinski Development lecture, Paris, 4 Mai 2021
  - UN Road Safety Week, 17-23 Mai 2021
  - City Challenge on distracting driving, 2021-2022
  - Pledging conference, 2021 (date TBC)
SECRETARIAT
Recruitment of the new Head of the RSF secretariat

- Fulvia Montresor, Programme Officer: fulvia.montresor@un.org
- Madeeha Bajwa, Programme Officer: madeeha.bajwa@un.org
- Stephanie Schumacher, Communications Officer: stephanie.schumacher@un.org
- Anastasia Metzger, Programme Assistant: anastasia.metzger@un.org
BALANCED SCORECARD
How we will monitor and implement that plan

LOOKING AHEAD
Resource mobilization: major priority for secretariat and governing bodies, through traditional as well as innovative resource-mobilization

Ensure that the Fund’s projects are generating significant and sustainable impact+ demonstrate results and value

Expand partnerships to advance interlinkages b/w road safety and other issues

2020 Call for Proposals: launch and programme
Thank you

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