WFP's Road Safety Brief 2023

7th UN Partnership Meeting for Road Safety

With one of the largest fleets on the roads, Road Safety at WFP is ingrained in our operational DNA. It represents a continual commitment to proactive training and responsive reporting, making it a top priority within our Occupational Health & Safety framework and dedicated Road Safety focus. Our commitment to Road Safety remains unwavering as we strive to fulfill our mandate of combating global hunger, ensuring that safety is at the forefront of our operational excellence.

With people at the forefront of all our endeavors, the Management Services function has progressed on our efforts to coordinate across various areas of WFP's Road Safety portfolio and this briefing serves to provide a brief overview and update on our 2023 activities, actions, reports and forward-looking plan.

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WFP and Road Safety:

With about 3,428 light vehicles, 401 armored vehicles, and 1,435 WFP-owned trucks daily on the roads, and with an annual exposure of 65 million kilometers driven, road risk exposure is evident to WFP’s personnel as they deliver on our mandate, making Road Safety a top priority for our operations. In 2023, we used 3,027 Light Vehicles, 401 Armoured Vehicles and 1,435 Trucks in our operations including in the emergencies in Palestine and Sudan.

Road Safety Reporting and Policy Actions:

To enhance our emphasis on road safety and ensure full compliance with the UN Road Safety Strategy, WFP is working on an internal cross-functional Road Safety Policy and workplan that aligns with the UN Road Safety Strategy’s five pillars. This initiative is consistent with WFP's Occupational Safety & Health framework.

Achievements| Road Safety Strategy Implementation:

In line with the UN Road Safety Strategy and the Five-Pillars Action Plan, we have:

• Built a strong road safety organizational framework (Introduced a Road Safety Specialist and launched the WFP Road Safety Academy).
• Identified major risk areas, regions, countries, and immediate causes of road safety incidents through missions to South Sudan and Ethiopia, to empower our road safety plan through operations on the ground.

• Established a maximum number of working hours and mandatory Biennial Medical Examinations including eye tests for all professional drivers.
• Established the organizational, administrative, and medical protocols to ensure duty of care and provision of follow-up support in case the personnel is involved in a crash.
• Initiated the streamlining process of Road-related incidents reporting by integrating the OSH platform (Cority) with the existing reporting tools.

Road User Safety Actions:

Road safety awareness actions:

In May, 2023, the Road Safety Week was observed at WFP showcasing the organization’s strong commitment to road safety and duty of care through a global campaign, the launch of the Driver’s Satisfaction Rating and UN Mobility Drivers’ Awards through the UN Booking Hub as well as an exhibition here at the Headquarters.

Fleet Center actions:

The WFP Fleet Center in Dubai:

• Initiated mechanisms to monitor and improve driver & personnel behavior to promote road safety by utilizing the Vehicle Tracking System (capability of monitoring erratic driving styles such as heavy braking, hard cornering, acceleration, and over-speeding events). VTS was also used to immobilize vehicles in the Sudan emergency to prevent looting.
• Capacity building of the drivers and armoured vehicle operators from WFP and other UN agencies through road safety trainings in safe and correct handling of the vehicles, accessories and equipment fitted into the vehicles.
In 2023, the WFP Training Centre (Road Safety Academy) has delivered three driver training modules, benefiting 578 drivers and personnel from WFP and 157 from other UN Agencies and Organizations in 17 countries. Noteworthy participants include agencies such as FAO, IFAD, ILO, IMF, IOM, UN Women, UNDP, WHO, among others.

UN Booking Hub’s Focus on Road Safety:
The instant drivers’ feedback feature of the UN Booking Hub's mobile app allows every passenger to contribute to WFP's and the UN's commitment to road safety, by encouraging passengers to rate trips and provide instant feedback, acknowledging drivers' great work and helping them grow professionally.

WFP Road Safety Academy: Vision & Offering
We are excited to launch the WFP Road Safety Academy with the endorsement of the United Nations Special Envoy for Road Safety Jean Todt supporting the Global Plan for Road Safety 2021-2030 and Sustainable Development Goals, targeting a 50% reduction in road fatalities by 2030. The academy aims to empower WFP and the wider UN System for safer journeys, building on WFP’s years of experience in facilitating road safety trainings, aligned with the UN Road Safety Strategy and Five-Pillars Action Plan.

The Academy will conduct driver training, educate fleet managers, and promote a road safety culture. It aims to expand its current reach across the UN and evolve into a global hub for UN-wide expertise, knowledge, and best practices.

The Academy is currently set to offer the following trainings:
• Advanced Driver Training (ADT)
• Armoured Vehicle Operator Training (AVOT)
• Off-Road Foundation Training (ORT)
• Train the Trainer Module
• Electric and Hybrid Vehicles Submodule

Every training meets the stringent expectations outlined in the UN Security Management Operations Manual. The team comprises eight dedicated instructors proficient in five languages including English, French, Arabic, Spanish, and Russian.