

CATEGORY B

CHAPTER THREE

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TRAFFIC & ROAD SAFETY



3.1. Nature of Road Traffic Crashes for the Period January – December 2022

During the period under review, there were **20,394** crashes reported out of which **3,901** were fatal, **10,776** were serious and **5,717** were minor as shown in Table 65. The number of fatal crashes increased by **16.9%** from **3,757** in 2021 to **3,901** in 2022. The number of serious crashes increased from **9,070** in 2021 to **10,776** in 2022. The number of minor crashes increased from **4,616** in 2021 to **5,717** in 2022. Overall, there was a **17%** increase in the number of crashes reported in 2022 from **17,443** crashes in 2021 to **20,394** crashes in 2022.

**Figure 65: Comparison of Common Offences T&RS (2021 - 2022)**

Offence	No. of Offenders	
	2021	2022
1. Using a motor vehicle which is not in good condition	55,102	92,029
2. Careless or inconsiderate use of motor vehicle	55,751	78,693
3. Driving a motor vehicle without a valid driving permit	19,653	39,447
4. Driving a vehicle without third party	37,793	39,532
5. Riding a Motorcycle without wearing a crash helmet on the road	40,078	41,224
6. Driver in a vehicle not wearing a safety belt	19,636	31,041
7. Using a motor vehicle for carriage of passenger or goods for hire when it's not licensed to do so.	13,747	23,808
8. Driving in excess of prescribed speed	6,130	20,416
9. Obstructing a road or waiting or being left parked or being loaded or unloaded on a road	10,334	16,161
10. Riding a Motorcycle without a valid driving permit	35,373	20,063
11. Using a motor vehicle without reflectors and / or warning signs	6,244	11,325
12. Using handheld Mobile Phone while driving a motor vehicle	6,767	9,058
13. Pillion riding	7,795	8,906
14. Dangerous loading	6,641	7,522
15. Using a vehicle operator's license in breach of the license issued (carrying excess passengers)	6,928	6,954
16. Carrying of passengers on motor vehicle in such numbers in such position as to be likely to interfere with safe driving	3,485	4,699
17. Using motor vehicle whose plate is obscured	3,274	3,571
18. Passenger in a vehicle not wearing a safety belt	581	1,161
19. Permitting driving without a valid permit	956	1,026
20. Failing to give right of way to authorised emergency vehicle	120	117
21. Driving a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol	193	124
22. Permitting a person not enrolled as a student in a driving school to drive	111	78
23. Using a motor vehicle for instructing learners drivers without a valid certificate of fitness	19	24
24. Driving public service vehicle without a valid driver's badge and certificate of compliance	5	8
25. Failing stop at a railway level crossing	6	6
TOTAL	336,722	456,993

3.2. Monthly Trend of Crashes and Fatalities

The month of December registered the highest number of crashes (**2,013**). It was followed by March (**1,824**) and August (**1,786**). The month of July showed the lowest number of crashes (**1,532**), followed by February (**1,572**). In regard to fatalities, the month of December had the highest number of fatalities at **470** followed by January (**426**), and March (**415**). Fatalities were lowest in the month of February as shown below;

Table 63: Monthly Trend of Crashes January – December 2022

Month	No. of crashes	No. of fatalities
January	1,698	426
February	1,572	330
March	1,824	415
April	1,633	412
May	1,654	408
June	1,703	364
July	1,532	348
August	1,786	371
September	1,695	332
October	1,658	348
November	1,626	310
December	2,013	470
Total	20,394	4,534

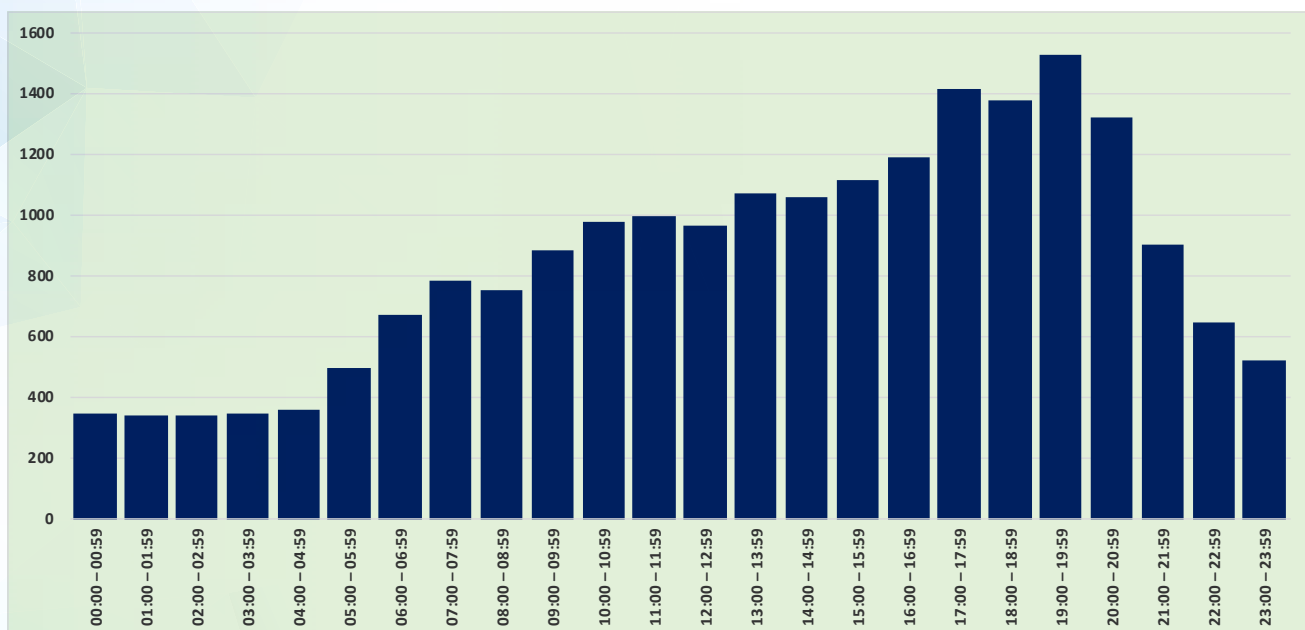
3.3. Ownership of Vehicles Involved in Crashes 2022

18,252 vehicles involved in crashes were privately owned. Vehicles belonging to Central Government were **581**, Local Government were **156**, Police vehicles were **307**, Army vehicles were **178**, Foreign registered were **1,362** and NGO vehicles **1,052** while the ownership of **1,908** vehicles was unknown as shown in Table 64;

**Table 64: Ownership of Vehicles Involved in Crashes**

Ownership of Vehicles	No. of vehicles	Percent
Central Government	581	2.4
Local Government	156	0.6
Army	178	0.7
Police	307	1.3
Prison	37	0.2
Diplomatic	139	0.6
Foreign Registered	1,362	5.6
NGO	1,052	4.4
Private	18,252	75.7
Unregistered	139	0.6
Unknown	1,908	7.9
Total	24,111	100.0

The highest number of crashes were recorded between 1900 and 1959hrs. This could be as a result of the rush hour as road users return home from the day's activities. The lowest number of crashes was recorded between 0200hrs and 0259hrs mainly due to reduced activity as shown below;

Figure 66: Time of Crashes

3.4. Victims/Casualties

There were **21,473** casualties from road crashes in 2022, an increase of **19%** as compared to 2021. Persons who died as a result of road crashes increased by **9%**, persons seriously injured increased by **21%** and those that sustained minor injuries increased by **33%** as shown in Table 65;

**Table 65: Casualties during the period January – December 2022**

Victims	2021	2022	Percentage change
Killed	4,159	4,534	9.0
Seriously injured	12,589	15,227	21.0
Slightly injured	1,287	1,712	33.0
Total	18,035	21,473	19.1

3.5. Persons Killed

There was a **9%** increase in the total number of persons that died as a result of road crashes from **4,159** in 2021 to **4,534** in 2022. The increase was in majority of the road user categories except for pedal cyclists and drivers that reduced by **9%** and **1%** respectively as shown below;

Table 5: Comparison of Fatalities by Road User Group 2021 and 2022

Road user Category	2021	2022	Percentage change
Driver	200	198	-1.0
Motorcyclist	1,390	1404	1.0
Passenger on Motorcycle	528	552	4.5
Pedal cyclist	180	164	-8.9
Passenger in Light Omnibus	64	114	78.1
Passenger in Medium Omnibus	13	24	84.6
Passenger in Heavy Omnibus	16	38	137.5
Passengers in other vehicles	384	461	20.1
Pedestrians	1,384	1579	14.1
Total	4,159	4,534	9.0

3.6. Value of Tickets issued out to Offenders

The value of tickets issued out to offenders was shs. **38,585,200,000**.

Table 66: Value of Tickets issued out to Offenders in 2022

Month	Tickets Issued Out	Value of Tickets Issued Out
January	37,394	3,177,500,000/=
February	36,614	3,118,140,000/=
March	41,324	3,550,860,000/=
April	35,682	3,073,600,000/=
May	40,760	3,508,260,000/=
June	37,606	3,128,580,000/=
July	38,770	3,332,480,000/=
August	33,418	2,949,860,000/=
September	34,283	2,965,800,000/=
October	34,486	3,034,200,000/=
November	50,133	3,661,580,000/=
December	36,523	3,084,340,000/=
Total	456,993	38,585,200,000/=

3.7. Strategies to Reduce Road Crashes

1. Enforcement of traffic laws and regulations through targeted operations mainly focusing on boda bodas and major risk factors such as speed, driving under influence of alcohol/drugs, seatbelt use and distracted driving;
2. Building capacity of Traffic Personnel to handle the road safety challenges;
3. Community engagement that involves Local Council Leaders, religious leaders, Community-based Organisation at grassroots will be emphasised;
4. Automation of IOV processes to reduce the DMCs on the road;
5. Data management to ensure Traffic and Road Safety decisions are evidence-based;
6. Strengthening monitoring of CCTV to identify traffic offenders and aid in crash investigations;
7. Enhancing integrated highway patrols for security and safety.