



# UNITED NATIONS ROAD SAFETY TRUST FUND



## UN Road Safety Trust Fund Secretariat 2018 Narrative Report

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

An estimated 1.3 million people are killed every year in road traffic crashes, and up to 50 million more are seriously injured. Beyond human suffering, road traffic deaths and injuries cause significant economic losses to individuals and societies, keeping millions of people in poverty and creating an estimated US\$1.85 trillion burden on the global economy each year.

While the need to improve road safety has gained increasing recognition during the course of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011-2020), targeted efforts are yet to be adequately funded at the local, national, regional or global levels. With estimates indicating that up to US\$700 million a year are needed to tackle this far too neglected problem, securing adequate funding is a critical priority.

As a result, the United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund (UNRSTF) was created in April 2018 to catalyze funding, build up capacity and leverage the expertise of the UN system to directly address the needs of countries and other stakeholders, to achieve the road safety-related SDGs (SDG 3.6 and SDG 11.2) and to sustainably improve road safety.

The UNRSTF has a central role to play as a truly transformative force that accelerates broad-based financial support and catalyze country-led process to implement known, effective solutions that save lives, avoid serious injuries and lift a major financial and economic burden.

### **I. Purpose**

The United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund is global in scope and will aim to assist all UN member States to improve their national road safety systems. The demand is demonstrated by the adopted resolution 70/260 “Improving global road safety”, which requested the Secretary-General “to consider the possibility of establishing, from voluntary contributions, a Road Safety Trust Fund, to support the implementation of the Global Plan for the Decade of Action and the road safety-related Sustainable Development Goals.”

The Fund activities aim to assist all UN member States to:

- a) substantially curb the number of fatalities and injuries from road traffic crashes
- b) reduce economic losses resulting from these crashes.

To achieve the reduction targets, projects in countries are expected to achieve specific outcomes attributed to the five Pillars of the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety, outlined below:

- Outcome/Pillar 1: Strengthened road safety management capacities
- Outcome/Pillar 2: Improved safety of road infrastructure and broader transport networks
- Outcome/Pillar 3: Enhanced safety of vehicles
- Outcome/Pillar 4: Improved behaviour of road users; and
- Outcome/Pillar 5: Improved post-crash care

The UNRSTF Secretariat is housed at the UNECE and is working to support the achievement of the following objectives:

1. Strengthening road safety management capacity at the national and local levels, and unlocking sustainable sources of domestic road safety financing in low and middle-income countries by mobilizing global financial and technical resources;
2. Supporting road safety programmes at the national and local levels across the five pillars of the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety through funding support to participating institutions and organizations throughout the investment cycle;
3. Coordinating complementary channels of road safety and sustainable transport assistance to countries and cities to harmonize initiatives for the Sustainable Development Goals, to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of the goals.

The Secretariat will provide logistical, operational and substantive support to the Advisory Board and the Steering Committee. Its costs will be covered by the Fund and as stipulated in the Terms of Reference of the UNRSTF, the responsibilities of the Secretariat are as follows:

1. Convening the Advisory Board and Steering Committee meetings, preparing the agendas and communicating decisions/recommendations;
2. Advising the Steering Committee on strategic priorities, programmatic and financial allocations;
3. Providing logistical and operational support to the Steering Committee and the Advisory Board;
4. Elaborating and ensuring compliance of the Operations Manual of the Fund;
5. Organizing calls for proposals and appraisal processes;
6. Consolidating annual and final narrative reports for submission to the Advisory Board and the Steering Committee;
7. Conducting monitoring and evaluation, and consolidate information in a result-based management system;
8. Liaising with the Administrative Agent on administration of the Fund; and
9. Undertaking resource mobilization under the guidance and supervision of the Steering Committee and the Advisory Board.

## **II. Assessment of Programme Results**

From the establishment of the UN Road Safety Trust Fund in April 2018, the following results were achieved in 2018 by the Secretariat of the UNRSTF:

- **Outputs:**
  - Governing body meetings: Two Advisory Board and Steering Committee meetings were held in August and November 2018.
  - Financial allocations: Five pilot project were approved

- Resource mobilization: \$19 Million pledged contributions with 11 donors of private and public sectors
- Development of and adoption of the following founding documents:
  - UNRSTF Terms of Reference
  - Global Framework Plan of Action for Road Safety
  - Funding Criteria and Priorities
  - Fundraising Strategy and Policy
  - Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Board
  - Rules of Procedure of the Steering Committee
  - Operations Manual
- **Outcomes:**
  - Five pilot projects approved address road safety in eight low- and middle-income countries: Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Philippines, Paraguay, South Africa, Egypt and Pakistan.
  - Projects focus on improving safe street design, addressing speed management, strengthening legal frameworks, improving data collection and child-responsive urban planning
  - Five pilot projects address three outcome indicators of the UNRSTF Terms of Reference:
    - Outcome/Pillar 1: Strengthened road safety management capacities
    - Outcome/Pillar 2: Improved safety of road infrastructure and broader transport networks
    - Outcome/Pillar 4: Improved behaviour of road users

### **III. 2019 Expected Outputs**

- Business or implementation plan for the Fund for the period 2019-21;
  - Messaging and branding package;
  - Implementation of five pilot projects;
  - Resource mobilization efforts;
  - Governing body meetings;
  - Stakeholder consultations;
  - Hiring of full Secretariat; and
  - First formal call for proposals.
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