School Area Road Safety Assessments and Improvements

(SARSAI)

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• Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) focused on road safety from a public health perspective

• Founded in 2005 in the United States

• Working in Tanzania since 2009. Also Kenya, Zambia, Malawi, Namibia, Botswana and Mozambique

• Mission:
  – Amend works to reduce the incidence of road traffic injury among the most vulnerable road users while helping create an environment for long-term, sustainable injury reduction
• School Area Road Safety Assessments and Improvements
  – Highest risk schools
  – Poor areas alongside busy roads
  – Cheap, fast, effective

• Assessment:
  – Schools chosen based on surveys and studies
  – Identify and work with local leaders
  – Interview teachers, parents and children
  – Research road user behavior
  – Analyse existing infrastructure
  – Prepare recommendations for interventions
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• In partnership with Centers for Disease Control and Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

• Population-based control study of RTI rates, using household surveys

• 18 school areas: 9 programme and 9 control

• Baseline data collection ➔ Implementation of SARSAI ➔ Follow-up data collection

• Advocacy for safety to be considered at design stage
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