

Transaid presents at a Regional Road Safety Seminar 13-14 March 2017 in Tanzania



The International Road Federation (IRF) Geneva, in partnership with the Tanzania Ministry of Works, Transport & Communications, convened a two-day Regional Seminar on 13th and 14th March 2017 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The seminar's theme was, "**Fast Tracking Road Safety Initiatives in Africa: An Inescapable Necessity.**"

The purpose of the conference was to improve understanding of **road safety** initiatives taking place in Tanzania and the wider region and to share best practice. The conference was declared open by Professor M. Mbarawe (Tanzanian Minister of Works, Transport and Communications).

Transaid was invited to deliver two presentations and to contribute to the identification of road safety solutions. The first presentation was delivered on day one as part of a session on Road Safety Education and Awareness. Transaid's Sam Clark spoke about improving road safety through the introduction of enhanced driver training standards in the East African Community. He referenced a recent competency based curriculum that was developed by Transaid for HGV and PSV drivers and how this is being rolled out in Uganda.

“It was encouraging to see the advances being made by Tanzania, and the rest of sub-Saharan Africa in addressing road crash fatalities. Stronger enforcement in Tanzania by the Traffic Police in particular is evidently having positive results”

–Sam Clark, Transaid Programmes Support Manager

On the second day, during a session entitled Road Safety Action Plan and Its Implementation, Sam presented a paper on the impact that implementing **Transport Management Systems** can have in contributing to road safety as well as improved service delivery to show that longer term investment in road safety measures has longer term efficiency benefits for companies and organisations with large vehicle fleets.