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RTSA Director & CEO Eng. Amon Mweemba talks to Dr. Gladys Muyembe during the handover of wheel chairs

By Rita Bwali

As part of its corporate social responsibility and commitment to post-crash care, the Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA), last month donated 10 adult wheelchairs to Lusaka's Chawama Level One Hospital.

The donation underscored the RTSA's dedication to making post-crash care a major focus area in promoting road safety.

The RTSA Director and Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Amon Mweemba, who handed over the wheel chairs stated that enhancing post-crash care was crucial to preventing avoidable deaths and disabilities. He said that by supporting healthcare facilities like Chawama Level One Hospital, the RTSA was actively contributing to the recovery and reintegration of accident victims into society.

"We are aware that by enhancing the healthcare capabilities at Chawama Level One Hospital, we are actively contributing to the recovery of individuals impacted by road traffic crashes," Eng. Mweemba said.

And Chawama Level One Hospital Head of Physiotherapy Dr. Gladys Muyembe, who represented the Medical superintendent, said the donation came at a time when the health facility lacked wheel chairs for accident and emergency patients.

Dr. Muyembe said the hospital provided healthcare to Chawama Constituency and surrounding areas and attended to more accident victims due to its proximity to Kafue Road.

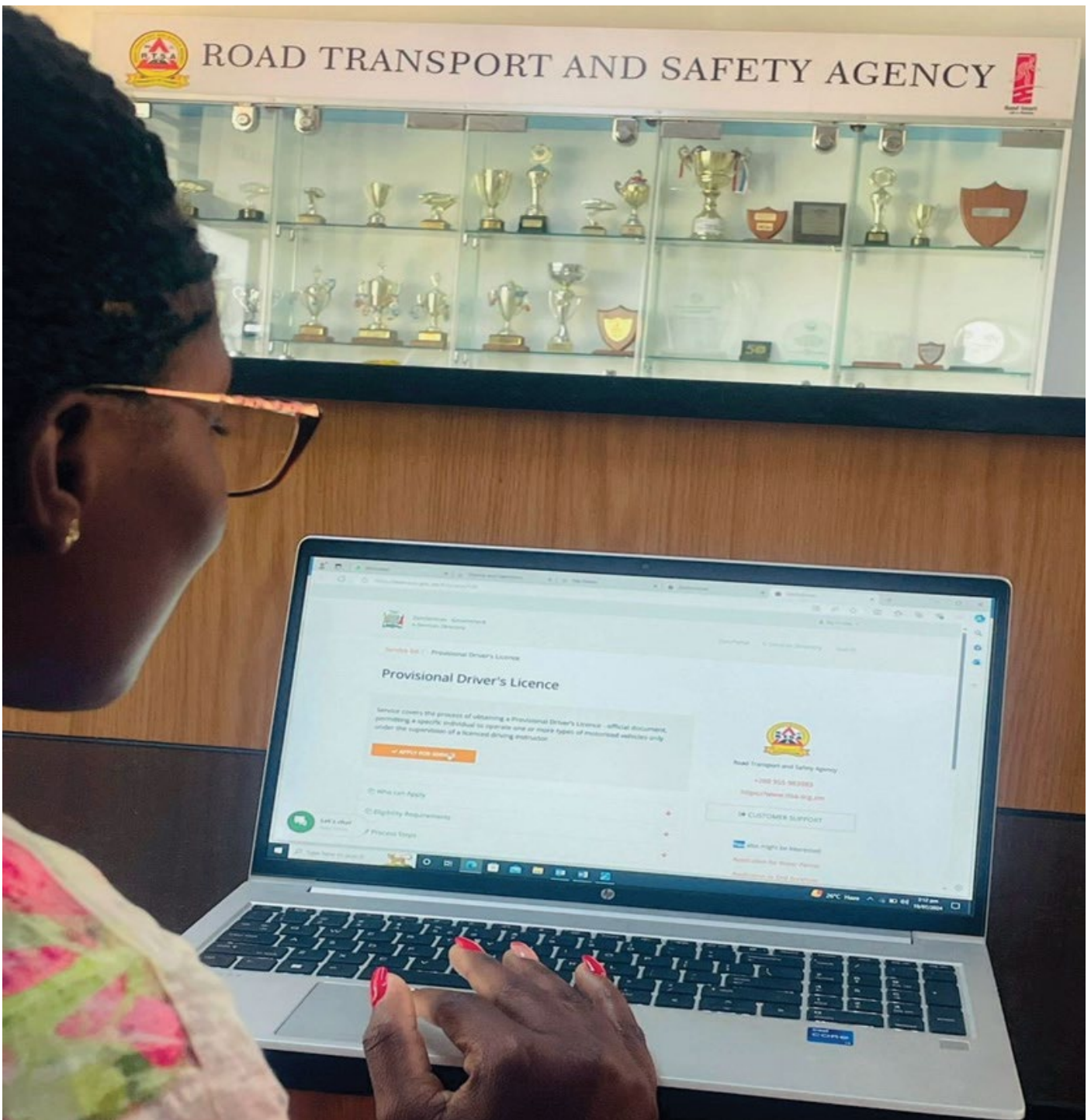
She urged the RTSA to continue supporting the hospital with more equipment as a way of improving post-crash care and emergency response.

"We are grateful for this donation and we would request additional support in areas such as stretchers and better equipment at the facility," Dr. Muyembe said.

The donation of wheelchairs by the RTSA marks an important step in addressing the critical post-crash care needs in Zambia, aimed at reducing the long-term impact of road traffic accidents on victims and their families.



RTSA GOES ONLINE WITH BOOKING OF THEORY TEST.



By Mwape Sawasawa

In an innovative way to enhance service delivery and reduce congestion at the Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) stations, the RTSA has introduced online booking for the Provisional Driving Licence theory tests.

This service is available and accessible on the Zamportal

platform and aims to ensure a more efficient and user-friendly experience for all clients.

On 23rd July, 2024 the service was rolled out at the RTSA Ridgeway and Mimosa stations and will later be rolled to other stations countrywide. This service is accessible to both account holders and non-account holders on the Zamportal platform, providing a convenient and streamlined process

for booking of theory tests.

The RTSA emphasises that walk-in bookings will no longer be accepted at these stations, prospective clients are encouraged to utilize the online platform to secure their bookings.

the RTSA remains committed to improving service delivery and ensuring road safety for all road users.

RTSA LAUNCHES SEATBELT AND CHILD RESTRAINT CAMPAIGN...WHY I BUCKLE UP!



Use of obligatory **seatbelt and child restraint** reduces the impact of injury when involved in a Road Traffic Crash.

By Rita Bwali

The Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) demonstrated its unwavering dedication to promoting road safety during the 2024 Zambia International Trade Fair (ZITF) by launching a seatbelt and child restraint campaign, dubbed “**why I Buckle up**”

During a media briefing highlighting the importance of the campaign, the RTSA Director and Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Amon Mweemba, said the use of obligatory seatbelts and child restraints reduced the impact of injury when an accident occurs.

Eng. Mweemba said the campaign marked the beginning of concerted efforts to promote compliance on the use of seatbelt and child restraint regulations as outlined in **Sections 167 and 168 of the Road Traffic Act No.11 of 2002 and Statutory Instrument No.79 of 2016.**

He said this measure was being implemented arising from recent road traffic statistics.

In the first half of 2024, Zambia recorded a total of 9,035 road traffic crashes, resulting in 600 fatalities and numerous injuries. This represents a 6.7% decrease in crashes compared to the previous year, although fatalities saw a 14.3% increase, underscoring the ongoing need for enhanced safety measures.

"Seatbelts and child restraints are among the simplest yet most effective measures to save lives on our roads," stated Eng. Amon Mweemba.

He explained the legal obligations and safety benefits associated with proper usage of seatbelt and child restraints, urging drivers and passengers to comply without exception.

The RTSA also reported a notable 21.3% reduction in traffic

violations nationwide, reflecting increased enforcement efforts and public awareness campaigns.

Lusaka Province reported the highest number of incidents, followed by Copperbelt and Central Provinces. Pedestrians accounted for a significant portion of the fatalities, emphasizing the vulnerability of road users.

As the RTSA continues to lead initiatives aimed at enhancing road safety across Zambia, Eng. Amon Mweemba reiterated the agency's commitment to ensuring that safety regulations were rigorously enforced. Through continued collaboration and public engagement, the RTSA strives to make Zambia's roads safer for everyone.

The Zambia International Trade Fair (ZITF) was held from June 26 to July 2, 2024 in Ndola, under the theme "Unlocking economic potential through collaboration and partnerships," and attracted a substantial turnout, with over 1,000 exhibitors and more than 170,000 attendees.

One of the highlights of the RTSA's presence was the introduction of the SI camera, showcasing advancements in road safety technology aimed at reducing accidents and improving enforcement capabilities.

The Agency's ongoing efforts extend beyond enforcement to include educational initiatives aimed at changing attitudes towards road safety by fostering a culture of compliance and responsibility.

FLEET SAFETY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



By Monde Likando

In a proactive move aimed at bolstering road safety across Zambia, the Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA), in collaboration with stakeholders and under the guidance of the Ministry of Transport and Logistics (MTL), has introduced the Fleet Safety Management program (FSMP). This comprehensive Program is designed to help transport companies in managing and improving fleet safety standards nationwide.

The development of the FSMP followed the establishment of Zambia's National Road Safety Policy, Strategy, and Action Plan by the MTL through the RTSA. This initiative underscored the government's commitment to fostering a culture of safety, ensuring compliance with regulations, and mitigating accidents within the transport sector.

Key components of the FSMP focuses on sensitising and empowering operators of Commercial Public Service Vehicles (PSVs) to formulate and implement tailored fleet safety management policies. These policies were intended to integrate rigorous safety practices into all aspects of PSV operations, based on the size and specific needs of their fleets.

The FSMP is structured around five fundamental pillars:

1. Driver management
2. Vehicle management
3. Journey management
4. Health and Safety management
5. Organizational management

According to Section 107 (2) of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act No. 8 of 2022, operators seeking or renewing Public Service Vehicle Road Service Licenses (RSL) must demonstrate adherence to a Fleet

Safety Management Policy as a pre-requisite. Non-compliance may result in the rejection of license applications or legal action.

The guidelines set forth in the FSMP are not only mandatory but also pivotal for operators seeking exemptions for night driving. Any PSV operator found violating these regulations faces potential prosecution and rejection of their RSL application.

Adhering to the FSMP is expected to significantly enhance safety, minimize risks, and optimize fleet operations by reducing human errors that contribute to road accidents. This initiative marks a significant step forward in Zambia's efforts to improve its road safety profile and protect all road users.

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By Monde Likando

The Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) is a corporate body established under the Road Traffic Act No. 11 of 2002 to implement policy on road transport, road safety and traffic management.

Arising from this mandate, the Agency has embraced stakeholder collaboration through community engagements with various organisations, traditional associations and stakeholders to broaden its coverage to carry out road safety programmes through education and sensitization activities to address road safety among road users in the country.

The activities are done so as to reduce or cushion the likelihood and impact of road

crashes and adherence to road traffic rules and regulations. Traditional ceremonies like the Bene Mukuni traditional ceremony of the Toka-Leya people of Kazungula District in Southern Province have provided the Agency a platform to share information on various road safety related issues and procedures on how to acquire the RTSA services to members of the public due to the large crowds such events attract.

A team of RTSA officers attended the Bene Mukuni traditional ceremony from the 5th to the 7th of July, 2024 to sensitise members of the public on road safety and provide enforcement during the ceremony

During the build up to the ceremony, the RTSA team carried

out sensitisation and education of motorists, riders and pedestrians at the Zimbabwe Market in the Central Business District of the tourist capital, at the Maramba Main Market and on the Kazungula Livingstone road.

During the ceremony at Simukale Heritage Site, the team mounted an information kiosk where various road safety materials and services were shared with members of the public.

The RTSA dedicates its efforts to ceremonies due to the high number of people who attend the events which if not regulated through its presence increases the likelihood of road safety being compromised.

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