**MOTOR-CYCLE DRIVERS PROJECT**

1. **INTRODUCTION**

Motor-cycle riding has become the main activity of many youth (men) in Tanzania. This activity help them to generate income for themselves, their family and other relatives who depend on them. Many people in Tanzania are now using this means of transport as the easy way to reach where they want to reach. Through this means of transportation people take short time to travel from one place to another. Also this means of transportation helps much to generate employment opportunities to youth in all over the country. Injuries represent a significant cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide and road traffic crashes accounts for a significant proportion of these injuries. Tanzania is among the countries with high rates of road traffic crashes.

* 1. **STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM.**

Road accident has become the great problem in our country. In great extent road accident cause the death of young people mostly men who is the labor power of the country. According to the report presented in the parliament by Deputy Minister of Home Affairs Hon. Hamad Yusuf Masauni when answering the question from Hon. **Oscar Rwegasira (MP-Biharamulo West) about the incensement of death caused by Road Accidents in Tanzania. According to country statistics shows that in the year 2013 accidents 23,842 was occurred and cause the death of 4,002 people and 20,689 victims. In the year 2014 accidents 14,360 occurred and cause 3,760 death and 14,530 victims. In 2015 accidents 8,337 occurred and cause 3,468 death and 9,383 victims. (Hon. Masauni).**

A majority of death and victims from the road accidents occurred in Tanzania were males. Majority (70.2%) were between 18 - 45 years age group. Motorcycles were the leading cause of road traffic crashes (53.4%), and drivers (38.3%) accounted for majority of victims. Motorcycle (53.4%) was responsible for the majority of road traffic crashes, followed by motor-vehicles (42.5%) and bicycles (3.7%). Drivers (38.3%) accounted for the majority of victims, followed by passengers (35.4%), Pedestrians (25.5%) and unknown were (1.1%). Majority of motor-cycle crash victims were drivers (62.8%), passengers and pedestrians were more involved in motor-vehicles crash with 53.4% and 48.7% respectively. Helmet and seat belt use among motorcyclists and occupants of vehicles were recorded in 43.3% and 24.4% of patients respectively. History of alcohol consumption prior to the accident was reported in (21.7%) patients. road traffic Injuries in Tanzania are an important public health problem, predominantly in adult males, mostly due to motorcycle crashes. It is therefore important to reinforce preventive measures. **(The Pan African Medical Journal. 2016)**

* 1. **CAUSES OF THE ACCIDENTS.**

Reckless/dangerous driving 40.6%, careless motorcyclists 26.4%, bad roads 17.9%, defective motor vehicles 6.9% and others (like careless cart pushers, animals crossing the roads) 8.2%

* 1. **OBJECTIVES MOTOR-CYCLE PROJECT.**

To work with youth (Motor Cycle riders) in order to help them build strong and sustainable business.

* + 1. **SUPPORTIVE OBJECTIVES**
* To decrease road accidents
* To formalize motor cycle riders business
* To insure availability of financial services to motor cycle riders
* To sensitize on the current issues and contemporary issues such as HIV AIDS and Environmental Conservations.
* To help in business diversification and economic well- being through well established and managed business environments.
  1. **OUTCOMES OF THE EVENTS.**

**We expect the following from the motor-cycle project in Moshi Kilimanjaro,**

1. **The road accident will be reduced in Moshi Municipality**
2. **Motor- cycle drivers will have knowledge on how to use their motor – cycles and how to protect themselves with accidents.**
3. **This event will lead to the strong relationship and cooperation between traffic officers and motor – cycle drivers and owners.**