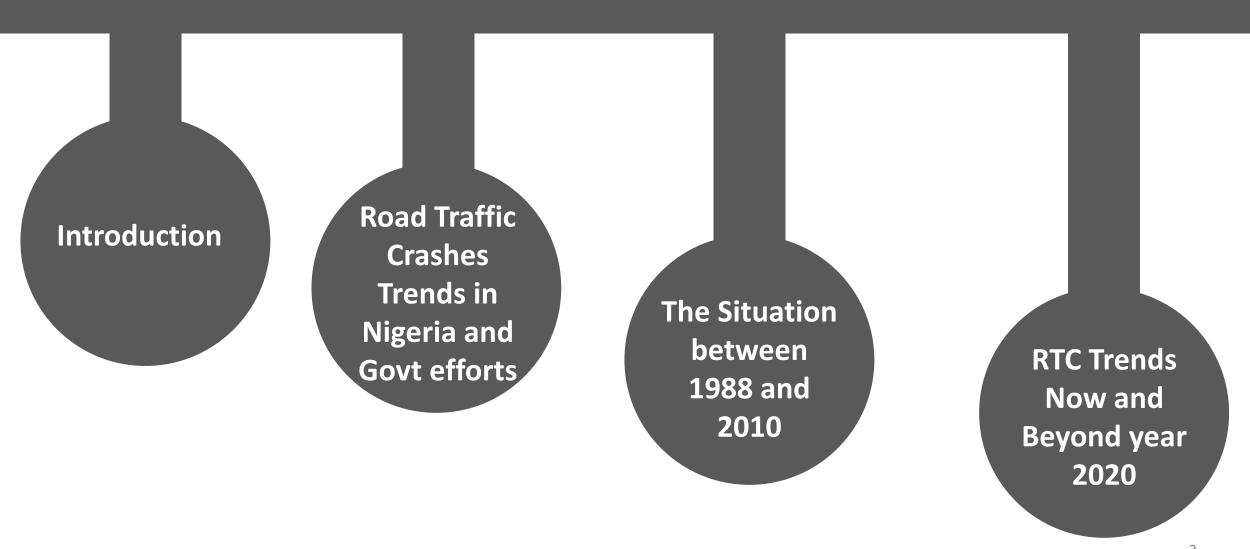
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Road Traffic Crash Trends in Nigeria

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Overview



Introduction



The pace of technological advancement especially in the automobile world has enhanced man's mobility as well as posed serious concerns on human safety.

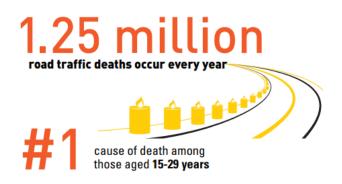
Due to improper "access" to automobiles by unqualified persons, the world's roads including that of Nigeria is increasingly becoming dangerous to travel on throughout history.

Global Road Traffic Situation



The trend of global statistics on road traffic deaths is a reflection of the situation at continental, national and local levels.

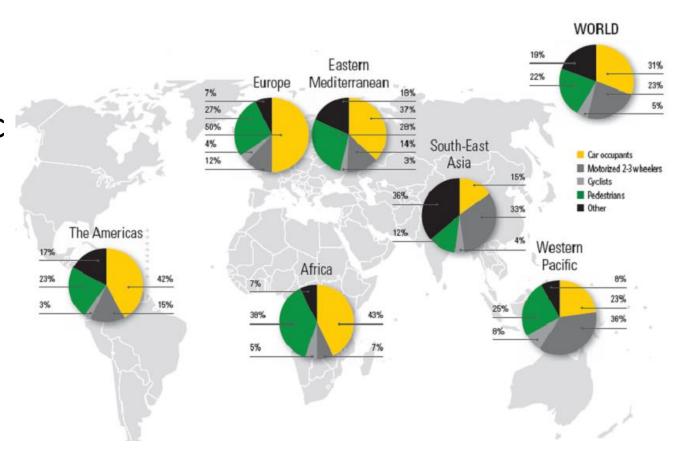
The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that around 1.25 million people are killed annual due to road traffic injuries.



Geographical Spread of Traffic Crashes Worldwide

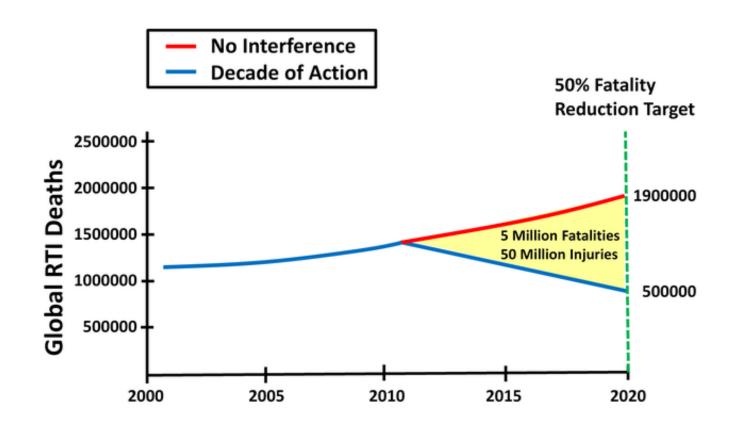
There is a strong association between developed environments and road traffic fatality.

It is observed that Europe and Northern America have improved road traffic records while the developing world have poor trends.



Global RTC Trend and Forecast

Despite massive global awareness of the road traffic problem, forecast show that the trend could be downwards or upwards if something or nothing is done about the present situation.



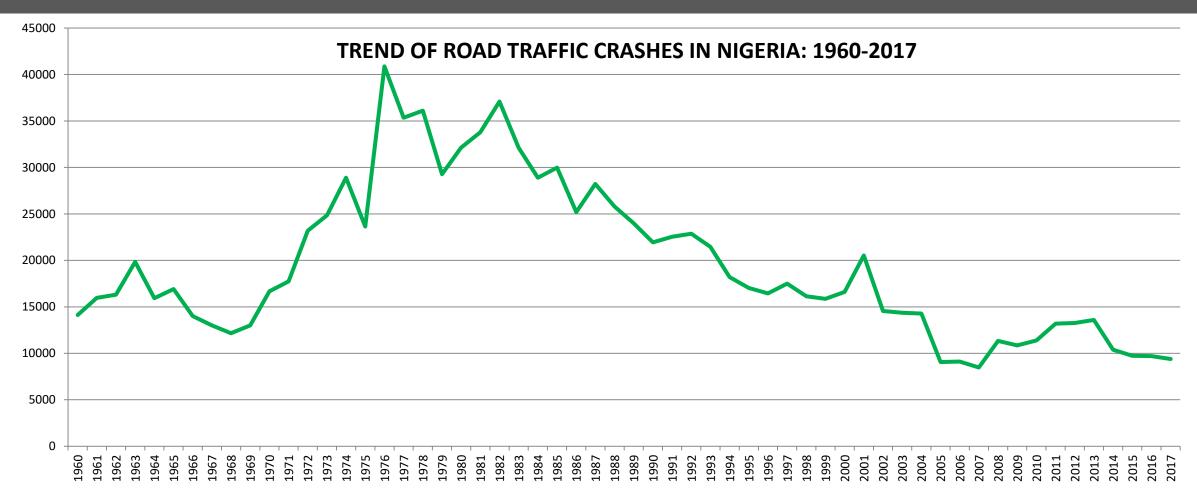
Road Traffic Crash Trends in Nigeria and Government Efforts

Nigeria like other sub-Sahara Africa nations have been hardly hit by road traffic crashes. The overall effect has impacted on productive manpower, economy and the trend remains unacceptable over time.





Road Traffic Crash Trends in Nigeria



Efforts of Government



Before the establishment of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Nigeria's roads were rated the worst next to Ethiopia.

The Nigerian Government took steps to reverse the trend through institutional arrangements and policies.

Efforts of Government...ii



The Situation Between 1988 and 2010

Pre-FRSC Trends: 1960-1987

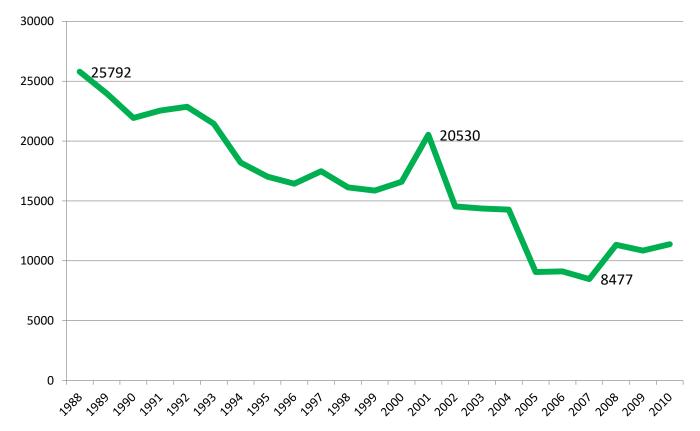
The economic boom of the 1970s, increased population and motorization all contributed to the peaking (40,881) of road traffic crash trends within the period.

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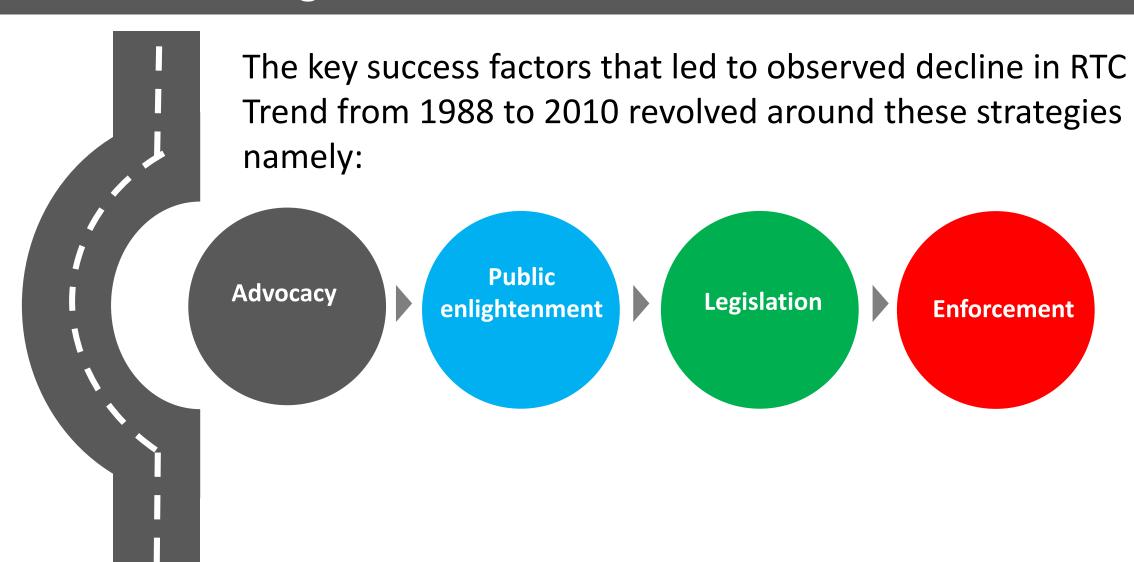
RTC Trends During FRSC Establishment: 1988-2010

Justifying Government's need for establishing a Lead Road Safety Agency, the FRSC deployed strategies that led to accelerated decline (25,792 to 8,477) in RTC trends in the country.

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To further sustain the declining trend in RTCs in Nigeria, FRSC aligned with some regional and global initiatives and safe systems approach such as the Accra Declaration of "2007-2015" and the UN Decade of Action programme launched in year 2010 to advance global action on reducing traffic fatality and injuries.





Ministerial Round Table
African Road Safety Conference
Accra, Ghana
8 February 2007

50% reduction in traffic fatality by African nations between 2007 and 2015

Accra Declaration

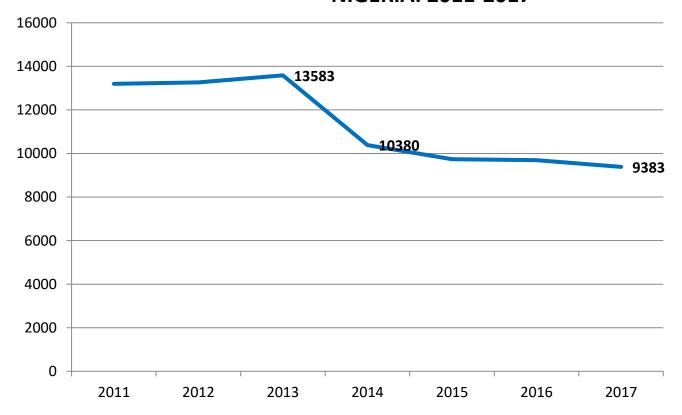


50% reduction in traffic fatality worldwide between 2011-2020

RTC Trends in Nigeria: 2010-2017

The country's RTC profile has consistently trended downwards due to sustainability of efforts and improvements of current strategies.

TREND OF TOTAL ROAD TRAFFIC CRASH CASES IN NIGERIA: 2011-2017



Some Strategies Deployed in Further Downing the RTC Trend In Nigeria

Compulsory Crash Helmet and Seatbelt Usage

Introduction of e-Dashboard Management System

World Bank Safe Corridor Project

Introduction of Annual Lecture Series

Introduction of *School Bus*Policy

Improvement of the Driver's License and Plate Number scheme

Emergency Ambulance Service Scheme

Nationwide integrated ITbased operations

Road Transport Safety
Standardization Scheme (RTSSS)

Safe –To-Load Programme

Speed Limiting Device Installation

Driving Schools through the Driving Schools' Standardization Programme (DSSP)

RTC Trends Now and Beyond year 2020

Nigeria looks forward to attaining Zero Road Traffic Death.

This is in line with its vision zero concept as aspired by other nations of the world.

To achieve this however, some national and global steps have been taken.



Vision 20:20:20



The Road Safety perspective of the Vision 2020:20 of the Federal Government of Nigeria views Nigeria roads as being among the top 20 safest roads to travel on in the world

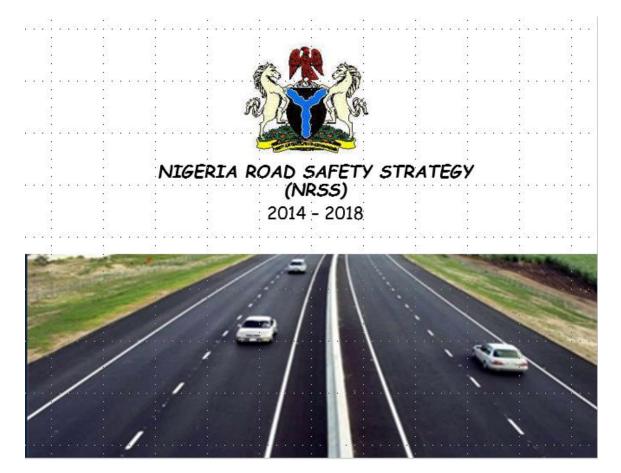
SDG Implementation in Nigeria



Road Safety has relevance in 6 (*goals 2;3;4;11;13;17*) of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) expected to end in year 2030.

The focus is to implement programmes relevant to identified goals and make Nigeria a better place to live in.

Full Implementation of the Nigeria Road Safety Strategy (NRSS)



A visionary and concrete step towards realizing a zero traffic crash situation in the country, the NRSS is designed to involve all stakeholders in achieving a "Nigeria where road traffic crashes result in no death".

Conclusion

The trend of Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) worldwide is worrisome and has become a worldwide concern prompting the United Nations to act urgently in bringing the tide downward and fast too.

Nigeria's RTC trend is however declining but the pace need to be accelerated to "ZERO" levels as every life lost on the road counts.

There is no doubt that all stakeholders need to positively engage to achieve this as road safety is both a shared and collective responsibility.



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