



UNRSF Project in Jordan

REDUCING ROAD DEATHS AND INJURIES IN JORDAN
THROUGH INCREASING RESTRAINT USE

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Virtual Workshop of Road Safety in Arab Countries

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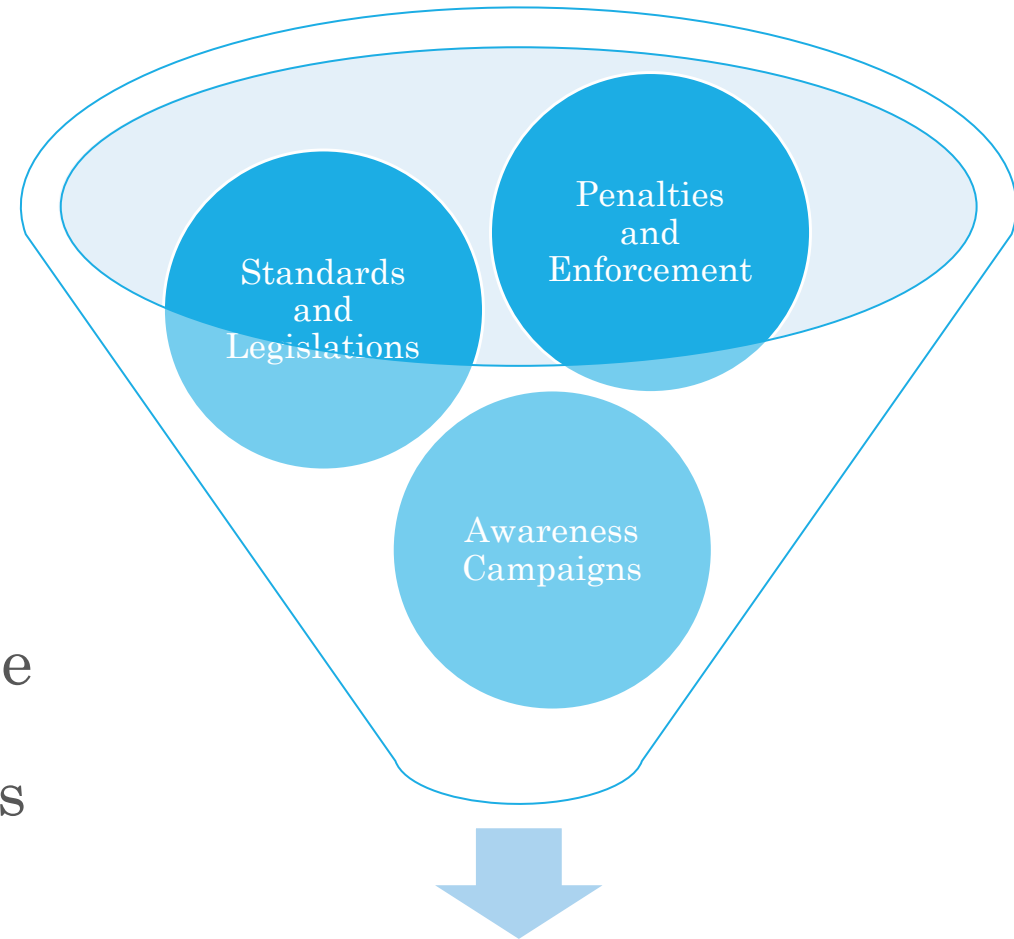
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UNRSF Project Importance

This project represents a real opportunity for improving road safety in Jordan. Road crashes are one of the major issues that impose a threat on pedestrians and drivers in Jordan . Over the past years there were no similar projects that address the two important pillars of Safer **Road Users** and Safer **Vehicles**.

Project Brief

The project aims at combining measures on **legislation, penalties, standards, enforcement and awareness campaigns** to **identify and bridge the gaps/loopholes** in the existing seat belt and restraint regulatory framework in Jordan as a first step towards developing a comprehensive seat belt and restraint regulatory framework.



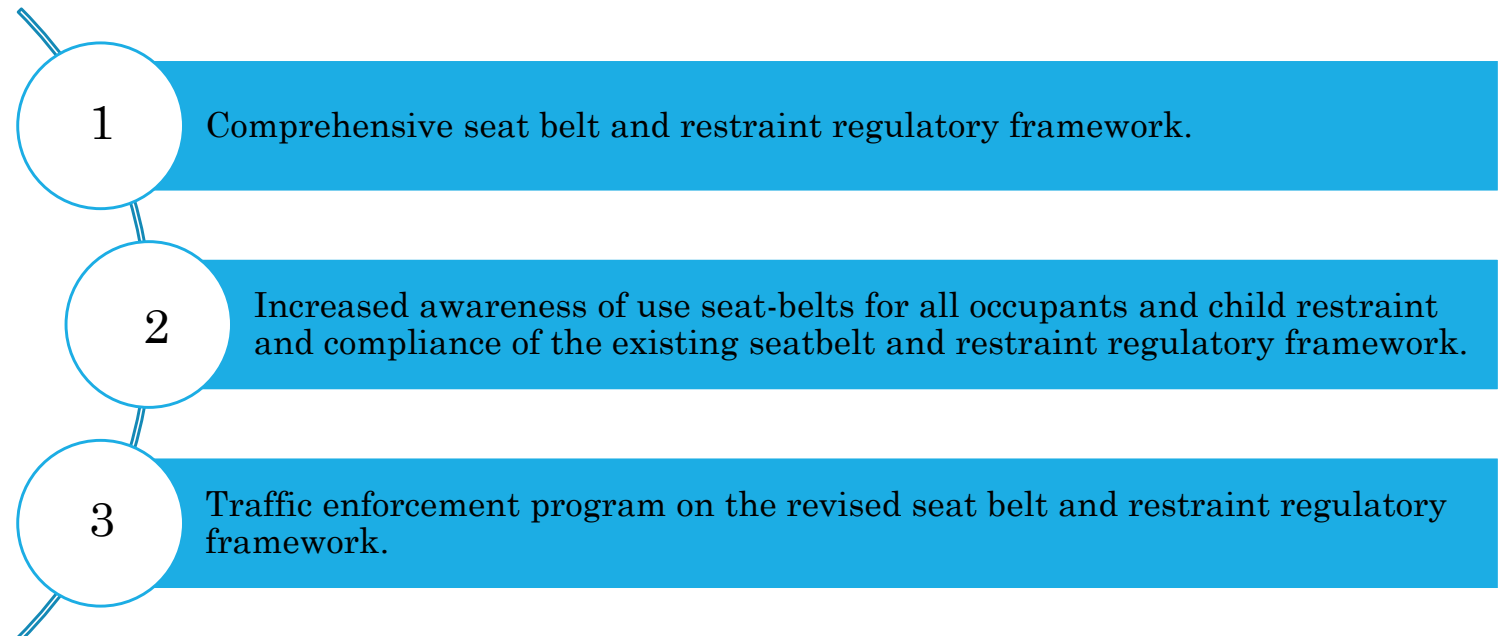
Comprehensive seat belt and restraint regulatory framework

Project Objective

- Overall Objective:

Increase restraint use in Jordan to ultimately reduce road deaths and injuries by bridging the gaps in areas of the existing seat belt and restraint regulatory framework in Jordan.

- Project Outcomes:



Project Stakeholders

Main Stakeholders



Ministry of
Interior Affairs

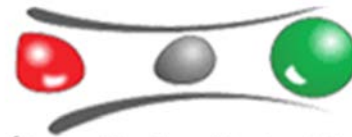


Ministry of
Transport



Public Security
Directorate

Other stakeholders



مؤسسة المواصفات والمقاييس الأردنية
Jordan Standards and Metrology Organization

Project Implementation



Drafting
Comprehensive
seat-belt and
restraint
regulatory
framework



Conducting
an Awareness
Campaign



Traffic
enforcement
program on the
revised seat-belt
and restraint
regulatory
framework



Conducting an
Enforcement
Campaign

UNRSF Project - Phase I



Assessment of the existing seat-belt and restraint regulatory framework

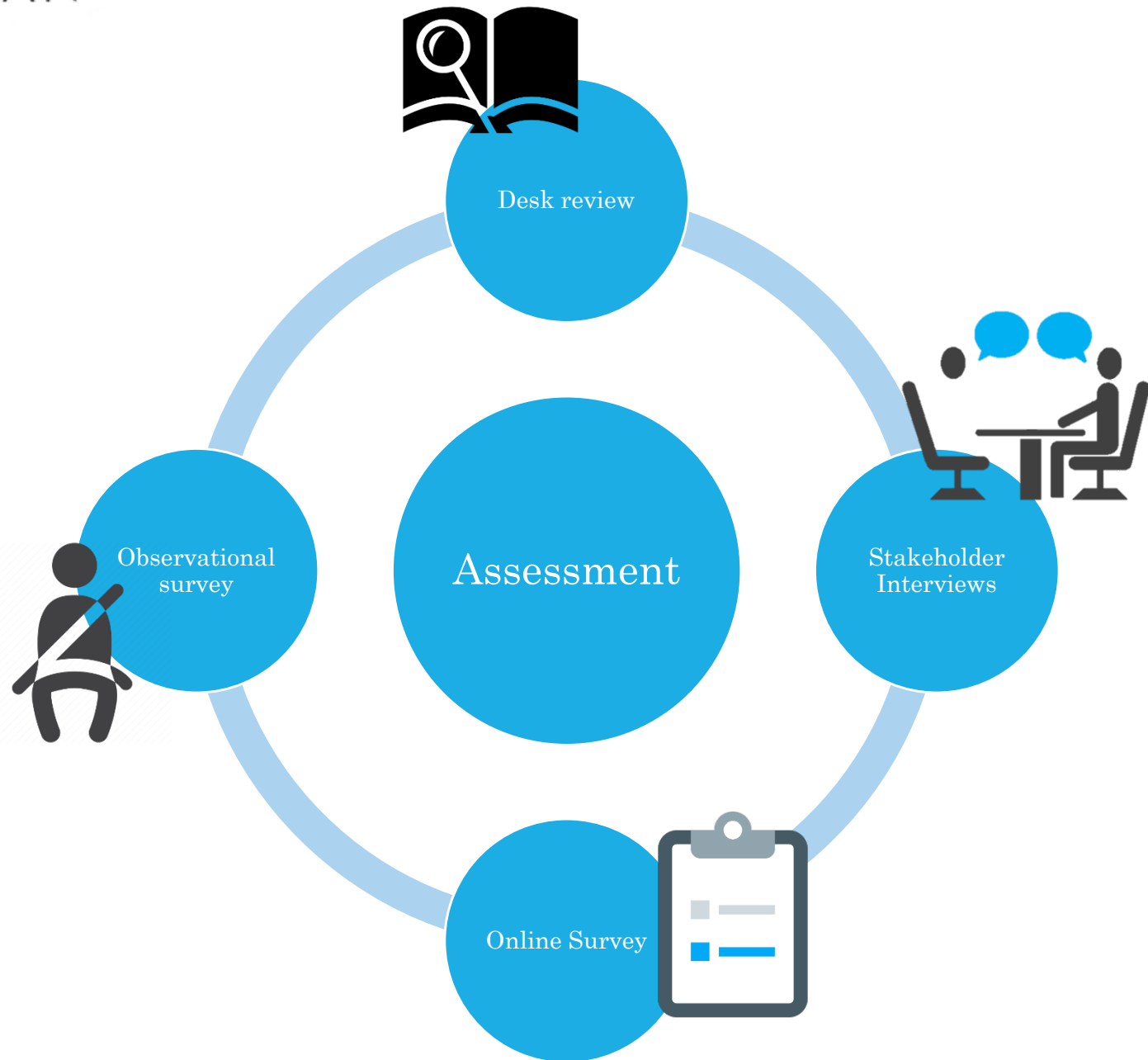


Stakeholders Workshop



Drafting Comprehensive seat-belt and restraint regulatory framework

Assessment of the existing seat-belt and restraint regulatory framework



Current Situation of the Seat belt and Child seat in Jordan – Findings

Regulations

The seat-belt and restraint system regulatory framework lacks many important aspects and updates to sufficiently reduce road crashes. It partially covers the **drivers** and **front-seat passengers** with a **deficiency in enforcement** and **non-deterrent fines**.

Current Situation of the Seat belt and Child seat in Jordan – Findings

Penalties

15 JOD (21 USD) for:

- Not using seat-belts for front-seat passengers in the vehicle
- Placing children under ten in the front seats of passenger cars and common transport vehicles

Standards

- National standard for seat belt of 1998
- No adopted standards for child seat

Current Situation of the Seat belt and Child seat in Jordan – Findings

Main Identified Gaps

The current legislation :

- **Does not** state the **obligation** to wear a seat-belt for **rear seat passengers**;
- **Does not** state the **obligation** to use the **appropriate restraint system for children**
- Is **limited** to equip only “**small**” passenger cars with the seat-belt for **rear seats**
- Include **no instructions** to equip the vehicle with **airbags**
- Imposes **non-deterrent** and **non-dissuasive** fines in correlation with the risk of non-compliance.

Current Situation of the Seat belt and Child seat in Jordan – Findings

Decision maker process

The current seat belt and restraint legislation in Jordan and the studies conducted indicate a slow decision making process within the country, resulting from the lack of perception of the importance of seat belt and child restraint and their role in protecting and saving lives.

Current Situation of the Seat belt and Child seat in Jordan – Findings

Public Awareness

The preliminary results of the online survey that conducted in March 2021 showed low awareness percentages:

- **19%** of the survey population acknowledge the benefits of seat belts, while **25%** are aware of the risk resulting from not wearing seat belts.
- **15%** of the population parents acknowledge the benefits of child seats.

Current Situation of the Seat belt and Child seat in Jordan – Findings

Actual using rate of seat belt and child seats

The preliminary results of the observational survey of 16,895 vehicles conducted in April 2021 showed the following percentages of seat belt and child seats using:

- **23.50%** of drivers
- **9.27%** of front-seat passengers
- **1.49%** of rear-seat passengers
- **8.61%** of children under 12 years were restrained in child seats

Upcoming activities

- **Stakeholders Workshop**

The preparation of the workshop has already started. The workshop aims to engage various traffic safety related stakeholders, inviting them to participate and discuss the findings on the seat-belt and restraint regulatory framework in Jordan, representing the identified needed changes to stakeholders.

- **Drafting Comprehensive seat-belt and restraint regulatory framework**

Based on the identified gaps, the needed changes were preliminary identified. The draft will be ready within the next three months to be submitted.

Challenges

- Lack of data on road safety in general and on the seat belt and child restraint particularly.
- COVID-19 measures in Jordan affected the regular working days and hours, causing meeting dates to be postponed.

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