

Empowering Communities for Road Safety in Nepal: An approach to community engagement and advocacy

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Background

Nepal is practicing a devolved system of government with 7 provinces and 753 local administrative units (known as *Palikas*). *Palikas* have both the funding and the authority to oversee local roads and manage transportation infrastructure within their jurisdictions.

Objective

To improve road safety applying an approach that enables communities to advocate for a change in local levels through community mobilisation.



Site selection and formation of Forums



CEI Milestones

- January 2024 (Introduction)**
Orientation meeting: Roles and responsibilities of CRSFs
- February 2024 (Meeting 1)**
Social mapping for crash locations
- May 2024 (Meeting 2)**
Haddon's matrix to identify causes

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- August 2024 (Meeting 3)**
Sensitise CRSF and Leadership for LRSC
- September 2024**
Process for establishing LRSC begins

Local Road Safety Committee
- October 2026 (Meeting 10)**
Road Safety Toolkit

Convincing local leadership for historically neglected issues is challenging and the process is time consuming.

Implications

From our learning we will co-produce a toolkit for all palikas in Nepal that describes how this approach to community level advocacy for road safety can be established.