



## **Media Release**

### **AMA Road Safety Report (2011-2015)**

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly, in partnership with the Bloomberg Philanthropies Initiative for Global Road Safety (AMA-BIGRS), has released the first AMA Road Safety Report, analysing data from 2011 to 2015. The report reveals that 13,059 crashes occurred during this span, showing the need for strong efforts to improve road safety in Accra.

According to the report, based on data from police crash reports, 2,934 people were seriously injured and 909 died from road crashes in the Accra metropolitan area from 2011 to 2015.

Other key findings:

- The highest number of crashes during this period was recorded in 2015, with 2,979 crashes, a 40.6% increase from the number recorded in 2014.
- Almost 90% of road fatalities in the observation period were pedestrians, motorcycle riders and bicyclists—the most vulnerable road users. Pedestrians constituted about 70% of all fatalities, motorcyclists (drivers and passengers) about 14%, and bicyclists about 2%.
- Males accounted for approximately 80% and 70% of deaths and severe injuries, respectively. The highest proportion of deaths and serious injuries in 2015 was among men 25 to 39 years old: 77 fatalities and 252 serious injuries occurred among males in this age group that year.
- About 60% of road crashes on the major national highways in the Accra metropolitan area were recorded on the N1, with the N6 and N4 also showing a significant proportion of crashes.
- Saturdays saw the highest number of crashes and serious injuries in 2015, although most fatal crashes took place on Sundays.
- In general, the hours of 7 to 8 p.m. were particularly prone to crashes, fatalities and serious injuries in 2015.

The launch of this first AMA road safety report is a component of ongoing road safety surveillance activities. The AMA aims to regularly publish additional road safety reports to track progress and inform interventions to save lives. AMA-BIGRS will engage with health facilities within the Accra metropolitan area in the coming months to review and analyse data on victims of road crashes who are sent to health facilities. These activities are in line with the Mayor's goal of using data to inform decision-making.

AMA-BIGRS is a five-year initiative supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies with four components: safer streets and mobility, enforcement, strategic communication, and surveillance. A number of activities and interventions to enhance road safety have been undertaken since the AMA-BIGRS partnership began in 2015. These include road assessments to guide design recommendations for safer roads; the launch and continuous implementation of the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan; the formation of a task force including the Motor Traffic and Transport Department (MTTD) of the Ghana Police Service and City Metropolitan Guards, and road safety communication campaigns to reduce drink driving during festive occasions.



The report will inform the strategic planning of further road safety measures in the future. The identification of high-risk locations and times of day will help city agencies focus their efforts on engineering remediations and targeted enforcement that will have the most impact.