



**BODA BODA TRAINING 29TH JUNE, 2021, KCB GROUNDS,
KAJIADO**

**Speech By Rashid Mohamed, Director General, Kenya Roads Board
(Krb) During The Bodaboda Training Held At Kajiado Central On 28th
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**County Commissioner of Kajiado County,
Our stakeholders; National Police Service, Ministry of Health, AAK,
Kenya Red Cross
Members of the fourth Estate,
Boda Boda riders,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Good Morning

I am pleased to join you today on this occasion of boda boda road safety training. Thank you for taking time to attend and participate in this annual activity courtesy of the Kenya Roads Board. (KRB).

Our support to the boda boda industry to improve road safety generally is aligned to the Nations broader development agenda namely, The Third Medium Term Plan of Kenya's Vision 2030 and the Big Four Agenda. KRB will continue to focus on promoting road safety initiatives and conducting road safety audits.

Before I speak more on today's boda boda training, allow me to give you a background of Kenya Roads Board.

This year (2021) marks 21 years since the Kenya Roads Board was formed with a mandate of funding, overseeing and coordinating road maintenance, rehabilitation and development funded by the KRB Fund. As such, KRB works with Road Agencies, that is, Kenya National Highways Authority (KENHA), Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA), Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KERRA), Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and the 47 County Governments to maintain the road asset valued at approximately Kshs. 3.5 Trillion.

The Board publishes the Annual Public Roads Programme (APRP) which provides information on budgets allocated for development, rehabilitation and maintenance of various roads in the country funded by the KRB Fund.

I am glad to state that tremendous progress in road network improvement has been made and significant impact felt by the mwananchi on the ground.

I commend the entire board members who have been a supportive team through their strategic guidance and working round the clock to ensure the board achieves its mandate.

The Board has achieved major milestones which have been guided by previous strategic plans and planned commitments. Through this plan, the board was able to increase road maintenance levy fund annually from Ksh.28 billion to Ksh.63 billion for the FY 2018/2019

These funds have not only enabled road agencies to complete their projects on time but also increase maintenance coverage in the country. Our current Strategic Plan 2018-2022 is underpinned by Kenya's Vision 2030 blue print and the Big Four. In implementing the current strategy, the Board will focus on formulating regulations that will create an operating environment characterized by stability, efficiency, order and high-quality service delivery.

At KRB, part of our broader CSR activities involves road safety programmes that seek to reduced road safety crashes as envisaged by the UN Decade of Safety. Our programme for boda boda riders is aimed at ensuring our young women and men in the sector are licensed and well

kitted with road safety gear in a bid to reducing road carnage in the country.

The Board is hoping to leverage partnerships to broaden the reach and effectiveness of our road safety awareness and campaigns, taking active steps to improve our engagement with industry stakeholders and improve road safety.

The National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) estimates that out of the total 3114 deaths caused by road carnage in 2020, 884 were caused by boda boda riders.

Through strategic partnerships and collaborative efforts with our stakeholders, I am confident that we will continue to effectively steer growth and development in the sector by significantly reducing road accidents and promoting road safety.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today's training is one of many road safety initiatives that we have conducted in Kisumu, Kisii, Migori, Kilifi, Busia, Nyeri, Malindi, Machakos, Nakuru, Narok, Nyamira, Kakamega and Elgeyo, Marakwet counties.

The initiatives include road safety Programmes for boda boda riders, trainings and licensing of boda boda operators, provision of personal protective equipment and institutional support to hospitals' trauma centers. In the 13 counties we have visited, we have trained close to 5,000 riders, provided 3,000 helmets, 10,000 reflective jackets and first aid kits among others. Further, we have trained 150 riders who sat licensing examination by NTSA and passed.

Today our riders will learn about riding skills, personal protection, response to accidents scenes and adherence to traffic laws. A voluntary HIV/AIDS counselling and testing unit will also be on site. Today, every rider will take home a helmet, 2 reflective jackets and a handbook with safety information. My appeal to you is *to think safety first* by ensuring you are licensed to ride, adhering to all traffic regulations and wearing personal protective clothing at all times.

We are grateful to our stakeholders, the County Government of Kajiado, the County Commissioner, Kajiado, Automobile Association of Kenya (AAK), Kenya Road Cross, (KRC), National Police Service, National Youth Service and Ministry of Health, Kajiado for making this day a success.

As I finish, allow me to remind you that Covid-19 is still here with us. Let us all adhere to the government health and safety regulations to prevent the spread of this virus.

With those remarks, I declare this training officially opened.

Ahsanteni sana!

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