



The VIA program in Angola

Road Safety in Angola

In the past five years, road accidents in Angola have caused a total of 10,000 accidents, according to data released during an international conference held in Luanda. More than 2,600 people died on Angolan roads in 2021. Road accidents are the second leading cause of death in the country after malaria.

During the celebration of the Provincial event in Huambo/Angola, the head of the Department of Transgressions and Accidents of the National Police, Fidel Filipe, revealed that the daily average of accidents in 2023 is 35 accidents, seven deaths and 36 injuries across the country. "From January to October, we are talking about 2,183 accidents, 452 deaths and 2,445 injuries."

At the Patrice Lumumba school, 82% of young people who attend that school use motorbikes as a means of transport, either through parents and guardians or through a motorcycle taxi. The school does not have a zebra crossing, traffic lights, nor are there any means of traffic signals, which has caused many accidents. In the months of March to September alone, 25 children were left home to take care of their health due to accidents caused on this road.

TotalEnergies in Angola

TotalEnergies Angola is the leading deep offshore operator in Angola. TotalEnergies Angola lead several community outreach initiatives in the country.

TotalEnergies in Angola, has been active since 1953 and has led environmental and community outreach initiatives in the country to promote education, entrepreneurship, community support, culture and sport. TotalEnergies has a network of nearly 50 service stations as part of a joint venture with Sonangol,

The partnering NGO

ADPP (Ajuda de Desenvolvimento de Povo para Povo) stands for “Development Aid from People to People”. ADPP works in the fields of education, health, agriculture, environment, and integrated community development. In 2022 ADPP worked in 62 municipalities: Total numbers of people reached in 2022 was 1.300.000 in 17 provinces. All activities are built on three pillars:

- A community-based perspective that empowers individuals, families, and communities to make positive changes in their own lives.
- Close working partnerships with local, provincial and national government to promote sustainable development.
- An integrated approach that links activities in education, health, agriculture and environment, and community development for maximum impact.

<https://www.adpp-angola.org/en/mais/publicacoes>

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VIA deployment

During the implementation of the VIA project, ADPP had the support of parents and guardians, School Directors, National Police, Firefighters, Community, ADPP Teaching Directors. In terms of implementation, we faced many challenges but with the support of the entities mentioned at the beginning we were able to implement the project as it should be.

Angola began implementing the VIA in February this year, implemented in 5 Provinces: Huambo, Luanda, Bié, Cuanza Sul, Uíge. In terms of commitment to the project, we reached the established target of 10,000 students.

➤ The Project worked in 35 schools, 41 Classrooms, 140 Teachers in service, 350 ADPP Teachers in School Practice, 525 ambassadors, 5 joint actions with ambassadors in the community and neighboring schools.



The project first found the 5 coordinators – a teacher from each of the 5 Teaching Schools that implemented the project.

In May, the coordinators will come together to discuss how to implement the project – and begin discussions on the topic of SAFE MOBILITY and how to mobilize young people for dialogue and debates – so young people can become active in the process.

The coordinators were already trying to make posters at this time – and had good discussions about clear messages – in design and with words.

In each Teaching School, we had awareness sessions – so future teachers were made aware of issues related to SAFE MOBILIDADE:

In turn, students from teaching schools work with students and teachers in 35 schools – with awareness sessions, discussions, and actions. At the end of the 2022-2023 academic year, participating students, together with teachers and students from Teaching Schools, made drawings and posters, trying to express the problems that were identified.

15 ambassadors were chosen from each primary/secondary school.

During the first part of the vacation, the 75 ambassadors from each province will gather at the Teaching Schools and learn more, and discuss their issues further.

experiences. Also make posters. The ambassadors also exchanged experiences about the dangers of some of the actions taken.

In August, the coordinators get together again to exchange experiences and prepare for the final months of the project. We evaluate all designs made and give good advice to each other.

At the beginning of the 2023-2024 academic year, ambassadors, together with practitioners, will work with other students in their schools – with information and debates about safe mobility.

In October, the ambassadors made a second round of expressing themselves in art – exhibiting in their schools and choosing the best in each province.

In all provinces, ambassadors spoke on local radio with various messages about safe mobility. Some ambassadors went to various authorities with ideas on how to improve safety on the way to school.

The national event takes place at Escola do Magistério ADPP Luanda with the participation of 3 ambassadors from each province and the coordinator, a group of students from a primary school in Ramiro – the village near EM Luanda, and local authorities, including traffic police, directors from some of the participating schools in Luanda, and representatives from TotalEnergies, Angola and a group of practitioners from EM Luanda

The event includes debates in mixed groups between the provinces – where other visitors participate and experiences are exchanged.

The established jury will vote to find the poster that will represent Angola at the regional event.

The winning school

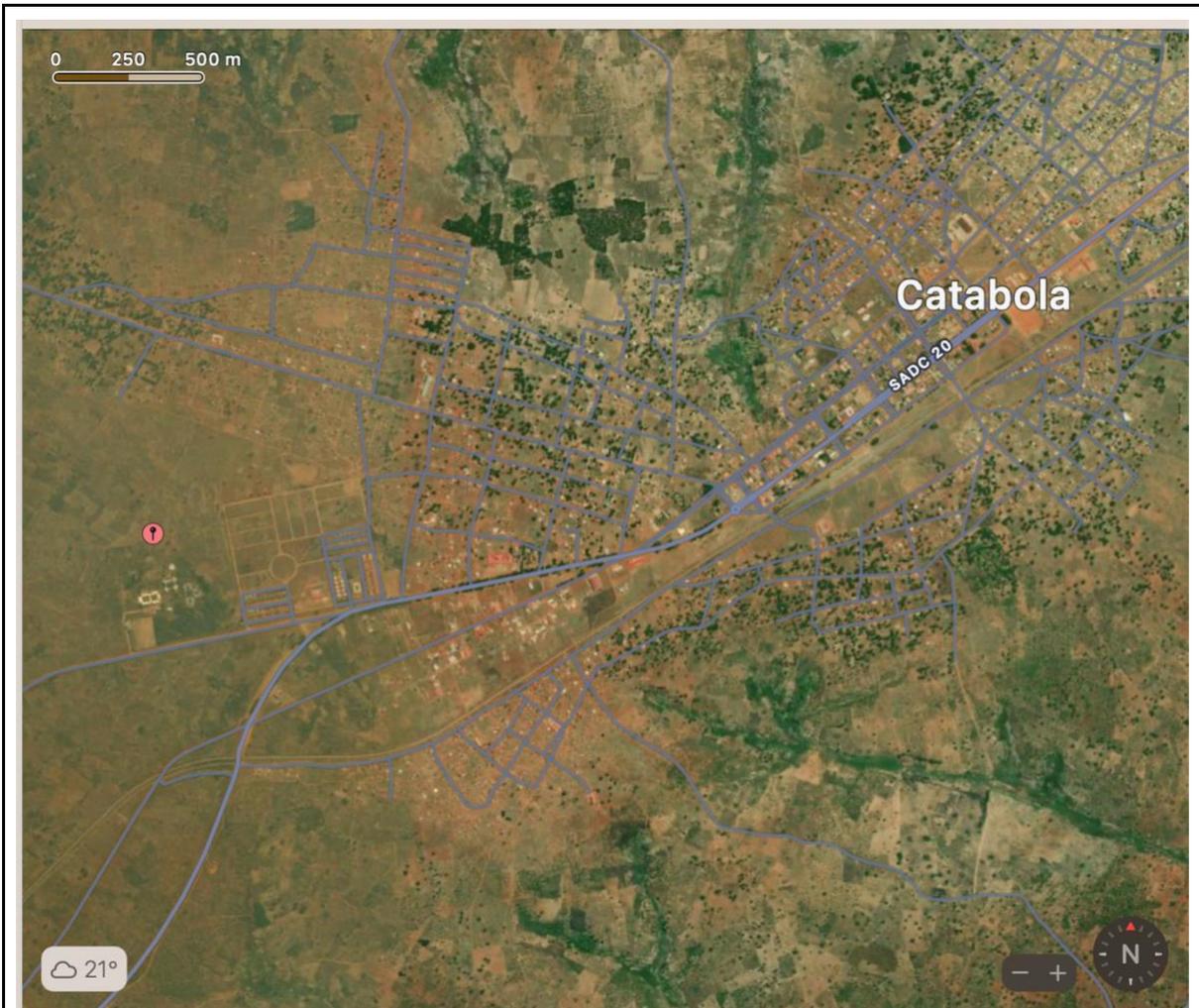
PATRICE LUMUMBA SCHOOL, municipality of Catabola, province of Bie.

The school has 387 students in the 7th – 12th grade.

Catabola is located 50 km from the provincial capital, Kuito. The railway has a station in Catabola, and the train passes through the town of Catabola.

The province of Bie is located in the middle of Angola, on the high plateau as it is called.





The “pin” shows the location of the ADPP Teaching School. The Patrice Lumumba School is situated in the outskirts of the city.

VIA Ambassadors for Safe Mobility in Angola

The ambassadors:

- 1- Engrácia Domingos Mendes;
- 2- Justina Cayovo Chitula Herculano;
- 3- Mendonça Manuel Nguelengue Cambuta;
- 4- Bernardino Paulo Félix Aurélio;
- 5- Emanuel João Kengue Tulumba.

Their teacher: Arcádio Albino Muecália Tchilanda Jamba







The ambassadors of this school mentioned the following as problems:
Many students arrive at school via motorbike, without helmets and often with 2 or 3 passengers.
Another problem is the train that crosses the city very close to the school – and many children have to cross the railway – and there is a dangerous game of trying to cross just before the train passes.
The ambassadors also mentioned the problem of using the phone, and listening to music instead of paying attention.
One ambassador explained that she taught her father not to use the phone when driving the car.

Recommendations

As ambassadors, we work with each other, exchanging experiences, and discussing risk behavior on our own. (For example, riding a motorbike without a helmet and with many passengers). Among us, there is much more to do – because even with many debates, risky behavior continues – between us and our peers. Road education must be included in the curriculum – as a topic in each class and not just when there is a project like this.

We try to raise awareness among other students in our schools – and in some cases we draw attention to authorities about problems we think they should solve.

We can say whether this is just a start, because there is a lot of negligence among those who are supposed to ensure security – and as young people we need to have the courage to speak openly about some of the problems that are caused by a lack of discipline on the part of adults, including the police and their implementation of the highway code.

The prevention poster:

Our school has been the target of many motorcycle accidents involving drivers and pedestrians. We want to raise awareness among all drivers and passengers to stay alert on public roads.

The message of our poster tells us that each of us is responsible for our own lives and the lives of others.

Our poster is aimed at society in general and mainly at all young people to draw attention to not riding more than one passenger on a motorbike and wearing a helmet to ensure safe mobility on your daily journey.

Our poster will be used in exhibitions, lectures, mobilization on public roads, institutions and in debates between students to guarantee safe mobility for all.



