

# Review of: "A Review of the Processes and Procedures of Road Traffic Accident Mortality Data Collection in Zambia"

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The article "A Review of the Processes and Procedures of Road Traffic Accident Mortality Data Collection in Zambia" analyzes a very actual topic, a lack of reporting, and consists of 7 parts. At the beginning of the article, the underlined problem of underreporting, poor traffic police response, and lack of reporting to relevant departments about cases of death in road accidents is discussed. Besides this, there is an absence of a systems thinking approach in data collection in Zambia. The research methodology was limited only to interviews conducted to gather insights. The findings provide information about three authorities responsible for gathering information about mortality on the roads. But there are plenty of problems with the lack of police training, data discrepancies, and some arising disparities. When victims arrive at the Ministry of Health, their records are paper-based with a huge lack of standardization. In the third organization of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, there are also low death registration rates and a lack of harmonization with other data sources such as police and hospitals.

Conclusions inform us that about 23 percent of deaths are not found in police or hospitals, as the system relies on voluntary registration left for relatives. The actual number of traffic deaths is greater than the official data indicates.

The article gives very important recommendations for police training and collaboration with the police for more effective road safety measures.

The article can be recommended for publication.