Project Impact

- Raised awareness on the high instances of RTAs and road safety
- Provided a framework for future researchers to identify high risk areas, and reduce RTAs through educational/training services, and GPS

Impact on us

- Professionally, we learned to:
  - Adapt and work with the tools provided to us
  - Collaborate with community partners
- Personally, we learned that all of our actions, no matter how small can affect the world we live in

Reducing RTAs in Mwanza, Tanzania

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Goals

- Reduce the high instances of road traffic accidents (RTAs) and mortalities in Mwanza, Tanzania
- Create a Public Health Education campaign on RTAs and mortalities in Mwanza, Tanzania

Activities

- We created:
  - A research proposal
  - Public awareness posters for road safety
  - Presentation for a community partner: Tanzania Association of Home Economics (TAHEA)

Outcomes

- Research proposal—3 studies involving educational and training services, and implementation of GPS warning system
- Presentation—to TAHEA on our research proposal
- Poster—to raise awareness on road safety

Example of a Poster

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Recommendations

- Increase collaboration between interns and host members to increase work efficiency and utility of resources

Challenges

- Limited research on RTAs, mortalities, and interventions used to reduce RTAs in Mwanza, Tanzania
- Lack of standardized protocols (i.e., different ways to implement GPS warning systems to drivers)
- Working in an unfamiliar academic setting, with different standards and protocols