Issue Brief on the Link between Boda boda Motorcycle Transport and Crime, 2018

Boda boda transport has become a popular and entrenched means of transport in both rural and urban areas in Kenya yet is inadequately regulated giving incentives for risk taking, recklessness and impunity among operators. The main study objective was to find out the *lived-experiences* of users and the relationship between boda boda transport and crime in selected twenty-four (**24) counties** across the country and covered 5515 sample respondents.

The research found a strong connection between boda boda operators, weak regulation and the siege mentality to increased cases of causing death by dangerous riding (79.5%); breach of public order (66.2%); robberies (52.9%); possession and usage of dangerous drugs (49.5%); committing murder (38.7%); kidnapping and abduction (26.2%); defilement (17.8%) and rape (17.2%); smuggling of contrabands and other goods across borders (15.9%) and illegal possession and smuggling of firearms and weapons in Kenya (9.9%).

Key recommendations

i. Government initiates development of a **Data Hub** of motorcycles used as boda bodas.
ii. The Traffic Department to **operationalize** the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) Regulations (Operation of Motorcycles) 2014 and **conduct regular crime and road safety campaigns** among users, owners and operators.
iii. Initiation of **an Executive Order** on boda boda transport to curb the rising siege mentality and impunity in this Sector.

Our response

We disseminate research findings and recommendations to government agencies concerned with the administration of criminal justice for purposes of policy planning and formulation.

What you can do to help

You can help prevent boda boda related crimes and security threats in Kenya by reporting to the Police, NCRC website (http://crimeresearch.go.ke/report-crimes/) and NCRC Mobile Phone Crime Reporting/Monitoring tool from mobile phones operating systems: Google Play Store, App Store and Windows Store (Free Service)