Chris survived a car crash where he lost his wife and 4 month old son after a head-on collision with a truck trying to overtake their car.

Chris is today the founder and executive director of StartOver, an NGO whose mission is to achieve better and safer roads, and to provide enhanced medical care to people suffering from road crashes.

His message: "Mindsets must change. And, if through advocacy, we manage to save only one life, we will have saved the whole world."

On 2 December 2017 at Namagunga, Chris Kaganzi lost his young wife, their 4 month old son and a friend’s daughter in a car crash, on the highway. They didn’t put on their seatbelts. The other four occupants sustained serious physical and emotional injuries that will forever leave scars. In the car were two young families who had travelled to Jinja for an end-of-year fellowship.

The impacts of road crashes go beyond the roads. There is a range of other hidden costs such as psychologist, social and economic impact. They traumatize those left behind and devastate livelihoods for many years.

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His hero: A young man named Abdallah took care of Chris after the crash. They met at the hospital’s emergency service. He stayed with Chris the whole night, providing support and urging him to stay strong. Abdallah was of inestimable help, but Chris couldn’t find him afterwards and was therefore never able to say thank you.
UNRSF invests in road safety in Uganda and finances the project “Strengthen Road Safety Management for evidence-based intervention through reliable road crash data, building capacity in research and monitoring evaluation”.

The project goal is to strengthen the capacity of Uganda in data collection, analysis and research for evidence-based intervention, as well building capacity in monitoring and evaluation.

The project is implemented by UNECA, in partnership with Ministry of Works and Transport.

Chris has a message: “I lost my entire family (wife and son) in a road crash, which I survived.”