SAFETY IN TRANSPORT OF CHILDREN SCHOOL

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Reality, Obstacles, Challenges in Lebanon

In Lebanon, the number of students divided among public, private, subsidized and refugee schools is 1,077,000 pupils.

According to the assessment made by the secretariat of the National Road Safety Council, the obstacles to safe transport of children to schools and road safety are as follows:

1. No organized public transport.
2. Transport is varied.
3. Private schools have their own fleet of vehicles.
4. Public schools do not have this facility.
5. Walking and private car transport is transportation for most other students in Lebanon.

- There are national standards and standards for student transportation.
- The specifications of the school buses require each bus an adult to accompagnier students and a driver.
- A lack of road safety experience and culture among drivers.
A lack of security around schools
Especially for public schools:
- Signs
- Traffic calming measure
- Passages for pedestrians
- Sidewalks
- Areas of care

The challenges are enormous:
- **Lack of funds** to generalize the public transportation of students. (Public schools)
- **Failure to guarantee** vehicles meeting the standards required for the transportation of students. (Private schools)
- **The weak enforcement of the law** regarding the standards of student transport vehicles and likewise for the maximum number of students allowed to carry

The organization of a second post in the afternoon for the education of Syrian refugee children has become an additional challenge for their security.

The National Road Safety Council has launched a program to improve transport.

Some NGOs participate in the road safety sensation for schoolchildren.
School zones are installed to reduce traffic speed near schools during the times indicated in the school zone sign.

School zones are identified by signs which are displayed on both approaches to the school and show the speed limit and the times during which it applies.

School zones are generally permitted on roads adjacent to schools where there is significant school related activity on and beside the road.
Provide adequate facilities for children to use

- Refuge / traffic island, median
- Kerb extension
- Pedestrian traffic signals
- Road narrowing, indented parking
- Pedestrian fencing
- Ect...
General Warning signs that may be used to warn motorists of the likely presence of school children on or crossing the road near schools include:

- ‘Children’
- ‘Pedestrians’
- ‘Bicycles’
- ‘School’
- ‘Blind’
- ‘Preschool’
- ‘Disabled’
- ‘Crossing Ahead’

School Warning Treatments
Threshold treatments may be provided at entrances to school zones to create a change in driver perception of the speed environment.

In the absence of a school zone, threshold treatments may be used to define the school precinct.
Typical threshold treatment for a school zone
Crossing Supervisors are in charge of ensuring that pedestrians get across roadways safely. They take control of the flow of traffic and stop all vehicles from proceeding so that the pedestrians can cross safely.
Thanks

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