



CASE STUDY: TEHRAN & MASHHAD, IRAN IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES AT SHOHADA, IMAM ALI & AZMOODEH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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8 schools assessed, 3 upgraded, leading to a **safety jump** from 1-star to 4- and 5-stars and a **safer journey** for students

LOCAL AND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

- In 2019, Road Safety Pioneers led life-saving safety improvements on school zones in Iran.
- The initiative was supported by the Global Alliance of Road Safety NGOs and the International Road Assessment Programme's Star Rating for Schools (SR4S) app.
- The project followed Alliance Advocates Training in New Delhi in November 2018, allowing the NGO to put their new skills into practice.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

- Assessments were conducted around eight primary schools in Tehran and Mashhad using the SR4S app.
- The Local Road Authority had first used a different assessment method (through a consultant) with the aim of prioritising high-risk locations for upgrade. After comparing the results from SR4S and their own method, SR4S was determined to be more accurate and reliable.
- Three schools were found to have a 1-star safety rating and were selected for the implementation of safety treatments.
- Treatments included the installation of delineation, speed bumps, road studs and an on-road thermoplastic school sign.
- SR4S was again used to assess the school zones post-construction. The result was an improvement to 3-stars for the Shohada School, 4-stars for the Imam Ali School and 2-stars for the Azmoodeh School.
- Road Safety Pioneers also met with the local office of Ministry of Education, which led to a training session for school teachers. The teachers applied their learnings to teach the children how to walk safely to and from school.
- Close engagement with local school authorities and parents helped Road Safety Pioneers understand the most important road safety concerns of the stakeholders.



Above: Putting SR4S training into practice assessing dangerous school roadsides, and before and after results at Imam Ali Primary School.



Above: Improvements underway with road markings to delineate and enhance school zone visibility.

Below: Students learn about road safety and how to safely walk to and from their school.



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The Star Rating for Schools App (SR4S) is a systematic approach based on evidence to measure, monitor and communicate the risk associated with the road infrastructure around schools. The tool combines an easy-to-use Central Reporting web application and a Data Collection Android app. These applications work together to harness the power of the International Road Assessment Programme's (iRAP) Pedestrian Star Ratings to measure the risk children are exposed to on their journey to school.

Our vision is of a world where all children travel safely to and from school

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