EXPLORING THE EXPERIENCES REGARDING THE PROVISION OF PREHOSPITAL CARE OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS AMONG FIRST RESPONDERS IN MALAWI

Introduction

I would like to thank everyone for your time. The overall aim is to develop an educational intervention for first responders to improve prehospital care for victims of road traffic accidents. The specific objective of this part is to explore first responders' experiences with the provision of prehospital care for RTA victims in Malawi. The results of this study will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used for the intended research purposes. Participants' identities will be concealed, and they will be assigned a code number; no names will be recorded. The given code number will further be used to refer to the participant's data, including publications and other research reporting methods.

Social demographic factors

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Gender	
• Male	
• Female	
Qualification	
• No formal education	
• Primary school	
• Secondary school	
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Marital status	
• Married	
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Background Information

How often do you encounter road traffic accidents during your work?

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Experiences as First Responders

Can you describe a situation where you acted as a first responder at an accident scene?

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What motivated you to assist in these situations?

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Role and Actions

What actions do you typically take when you arrive at an accident scene?

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How do you decide what kind of help to provide?

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Challenges Faced

What challenges do you face when helping at accident scenes?

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How do you manage these challenges?
(Particularly regarding resources or equipment)

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Training and Preparedness

Have you received any formal training for handling prehospital RTA emergencies? If so, what kind? If known, how did you learn about prehospital care for RTA?

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Do you feel prepared to handle these situations? Why or why not?

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Improvements and Suggestions

What support or resources would help you provide better assistance at accident scenes?

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Do you have any suggestions for how the role of taxi drivers could be better integrated into emergency response efforts?

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Conclusion

Thank you for taking the time to share your insights. If you have any additional comments or thoughts, please share them with us. The information you share will help to develop an educational intervention for first responders to improve road traffic accident victims. If you would like to be informed of the study results, please contact Chimwemwe Munthali at +265 981866286 or at Chimwemwe.munthali@sjogu.ac mw/ 2026911210@ufs4life.ac.za. The findings are accessible for 5 years, and please do not use home telephone numbers. Should you have concerns about how the research has been conducted, you may contact Professor Lizemari Hugo-Van Dyk at +27827812699 or HugoL1@ufs.ac.za and Dr Geldine Chironda at +265889976444/ +2773502460 or gchikanya@seedglobalhealth.org, or the HSREC administration contact details: 051 401 2352.