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| Type of Incident | Equipment Damage/Loss (Actual Consequence) Multiple Fatality (Potential Consequence) |
| Key Issues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PMV driver was observed to be under the influence of alcohol. The PMV driver was observed driving erratically and at high speed through the village zone set at 40 km/h. The PMV driver (local and experienced) disregarded and broke the convoy procedures. |
| INX Incident No | 119275 |
| Date & Time | Monday, 24 th April, 2023 17:00hrs |
| Location | Km 20 Tabubil-Kiunga Highway - Miasomnai Village |
| Injury | First Aid |



DESCRIPTION

A convoy operated by Starwest, consisting of an escort vehicle and two prime mover trucks, was travelling back to Kiunga from Tabubil after delivering Major Project materials. At Km20 at ~17:00hrs, a 25-seat Toyota Coaster public motor vehicle (PMV) overtook the last prime mover truck (Green Flag) and collided with the right side cabin of the first escorted prime mover truck (Red Flag). Both the PMV and the Prime Mover truck sustained significant damage from the impact.

Both the Prime Mover and PMV operators had their seat belts on, which prevented them from sustaining more serious injury or death. The operator of the Prime Mover truck sustained minor first aid lacerations on his head and back. The PMV operator and a passenger did not sustain any injuries from the accident.

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LESSONS

- Reinforced the dangers of drink driving and speeding, and that wearing seat belts saves lives.
- Continue to promote awareness of the OTML Convoy Procedures to the communities and PMV operators.
- OTML and Business Partner highway users to immediately report any acts of dangerous driving to the Supervisor/ Escort so in turn APD can alert Local Police.

ACTIONS

- OTML CR, APD, OHS team and MVIL and Tabubil traffic police to conduct awareness to PMV drivers on the OTML convoy procedures, importance of wearing seatbelts and dangers of drink driving and speeding.
- Install signboards along the road side villages to make awareness on PMV user along Tabubil – Kiunga road to adhere to convoy procedures.
- Conduct toolbox talks and education of convoy operators and escorts, when encountering reckless driving, if safe to do so pull over and let them pass and report dangerous driving occurrence as near miss incident to their supervisor/escort leader, so APD can alert Local Police.
- Reinforce awareness and emphasis on the importance of wearing seatbelts.

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