



## Biography

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Mumbi Kamuri is a social Expert who has a passion for communities, she is a good listener and a team player, who is very assertive and objective in everything she does.

She is a trained sociologist and HR specialist with a bias in community development. With over 20 years' experience working with communities, she brings in the humane side when dealing with situations which affect people either directly or indirectly. Due to the cordial relationships created with communities living and trading along the railway line, the safety perspective in the railway sector has become everybody's passion, making it easier for RVR to address rail safety at level crossings.

*“I may be a drop in the ocean, but the ocean will be less without me” she said.*

## Presentation: “Pedestrians at level crossings”

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Level crossings are a significant source of risk on the transport networks. Although the number of accidents/incidents at level crossings has decreased between 2012 and 2014, averagely 35 and 34 incidents occurred in 2012 and 2013 respectively as compared to 19 incidents in 2014. Every one of those incidents was a personal tragedy which could have been averted. As a department, which is responsible for rail safety in September 2013 we adopted an explicit target of zero incidents with zero fatalities at level crossings.

Although the safety record of Kenya's level crossings has improved in recent times, concerns have been expressed about whether Rift Valley Railways Kenya Ltd (RVRK) is sufficiently focused on protecting the safety of road users and pedestrians who traverse them. There have been a number of high profile accidents for which RVRK has been criticized for ignoring prior warnings that level crossings were unsafe. In this paper, I attempt to answer the following questions:

- Is RVRK giving sufficient priority to improving safety at level crossings?
- Are current safety measures at level crossings adequate? How should they be improved?
- In addition to bridges, what other cost-effective measures can be introduced to replace or improve safety at level crossings?
- How should public awareness of safety at level crossings be improved?