



Introduction to the Road Traffic Injuries Research Network

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Rationale: Recognizing...

- Over a million people die each year from road traffic injuries
- Millions more injured, hospitalized, and disabled due to road injuries
- Major losses to the economy of low and middle income countries
- Social impact on individuals and families is immeasurable



Goal of the Network

*Establish **networking** mechanisms and assist in the creation of **partnerships** between RTI researchers and institutions globally, to support **research** agendas in **low and middle income** countries*



Objectives of RTIRN (1)

- To *advocate* for the necessity of research to reduce the burden of road traffic injuries in low and middle income countries
- To *set priorities* for road traffic injury research in low and middle income countries
- To *develop capacity* for road traffic injury research in low and middle income countries
- To *promote investments* for health research on road traffic injuries in low and middle income countries



Objectives of RTIRN (2)

- To *facilitate communication* between partners involved in road traffic injury research
- To *conduct strategic research* on road traffic injuries in low and middle income countries
- To *disseminate and promote the application and utilization* of research results



Governance/Management

- Policies governed by the Board
 - comprises HIC and LMIC researchers (Africa, Asia and S. America), and key stakeholders (WHO, World Bank and GFHR)
- Day to day management:
 - Secretariat in LMIC
- Donors:
 - Global Forum for Health Research, World Health Organization, World Bank, George Institute
- Strategic Plan:
 - Developed and currently guiding activities



Activities to-date: Examples

- Several partner meetings: Uganda, Geneva, Tanzania, Vienna, India
- Establishment of list serve; quarterly electronic newsletter “Road Research”
- Training/capacity building workshops
- Multi-country study on non-standard helmet use in 9 sites
- Small grant program for senior/junior researchers and students







Skill Development Workshop:

Motorcycle Injuries in Low and Middle Income Countries

Nairobi, Kenya

23 June 2009



Kenya Workshop: Rationale

- Capacity development for injury research in low and middle income countries
- Through networking mechanisms that promote partnerships
- Interaction of researchers from different backgrounds, skill levels and disciplines



Kenya Workshop: Overall Goal

- To **raise awareness** about the increasing burden of motorcycle crashes and injuries in Low and Middle Income Countries, and explore **state-of-the art strategies** for preventing and controlling them, with a special emphasis on **Africa**.



Kenya Workshop: Objectives

- To describe the **burden**, trends and characteristics of MC crashes and injuries in LMICs.
- To identify leading **risk factors** and reasons for this rising trend.
- To review effective **interventions** for MC crashes and injuries that are applicable in LMIC settings.
- To discuss **research** designs and surveillance methods.
- To recommend some context-specific **strategies** for addressing MC crashes and injuries in LMIC.



Kenya Workshop: Plan

- Rich agenda with talks from experts from around the world
- Discussion amongst all participants to raise key issues and elaborate on technical details
- Dialogue on challenges for Africa and how they can be addressed
- Gathering for diverse stakeholders through which future action is expected



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