

Global Road Safety Facility

Mission

The Global Road Safety Facility will generate increased funding and technical assistance for global, regional and country level activities designed to accelerate and scale-up the efforts of low and middle-income countries to build their scientific, technological and managerial capacities to prepare and implement cost-effective road safety programs.

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Facility Goals

Strengthen global, regional and country capacity to support sustainable reductions in road deaths and injuries in low and middle-income countries.

Catalyze increased road safety investment in low and middle-income countries.

Accelerate safety knowledge transfer to low and middle-income countries.

Promote innovative infrastructure solutions to improve the safety of mixed traffic, mixed speed road environments in low and middle-income countries.

Establish a global traffic safety police network to improve safety law enforcement capacity in low and middle-income countries through peer-to-peer support and services from high income country jurisdictions.

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- The World Bank's Global Road Safety Facility was launched in [November 2005](#) and it commenced formal operations in April 2006. The Facility is a direct response to the global call for action by the United Nations General Assembly Resolutions [58/289](#) and [60/5](#) (Improving global road safety) and World Health Assembly Resolution [57.10](#) (Road safety and health), to address the silent epidemic on the world's roads.
- The Facility aims to generate and catalyze increased funding to support initiatives aimed at reducing deaths and injuries in low and middle-income countries, as specified in its mission and goals. Experience in high-income countries demonstrates that road deaths and injuries are preventable, and the potential benefits to low and middle-income countries are huge. Preliminary estimates by the World Bank indicate that more than 2.5 million lives could be saved and 200 million injuries avoided if fatality rates per vehicle could be reduced a further 30% by 2020.
- The Facility is located within the Transport and Urban Development Department of the World Bank and it has received initial donor support from the [FIA Foundation](#) for Society and the Automobile, the Government of the Netherlands and the World Bank's Development Grant Facility. Discussions are now being held with other potential donors. At the commencement of its operations the Facility allocated US \$1 million to partner organizations undertaking global road safety programs. Work has now commenced on preparing a program of country activities to be supported by the Facility.

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