



The Crucial Role of the Global Road Safety Facility and Development Banks

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Overview

Road safety as a development priority.

Our collective response so far.

What could we achieve?

Facility and development bank roles.

Development

Development aims to promote higher living standards for all, with an emphasis on improved health, education and people's ability to participate in the economy and society.

It aims to foster an investment climate conducive to increased growth, productivity, and employment, and to empower and invest in people so that they are included in the process and freed from poverty.



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Development and poverty

The concept of country development has broadened from a narrow focus on income and spending to include education and health, and social, cultural and political participation.

As the absence of development, poverty must be understood from a similar perspective. Poverty is now defined as the inability to achieve basic prescribed standards in most or all of these areas.



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Road safety and development

The sheer scale of the projected health losses from road crashes makes road safety a development priority. This is an inescapable conclusion.

Improving road safety in developing countries concerns investments in infrastructure, governance and institutions, and the health of individuals. It addresses the vulnerability of citizens to catastrophic death and injury, especially the poor and also those thrust into poverty as a consequence.



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Our collective response so far

- Strong on rhetoric and weak on resources.
- We have a blueprint and global mandate for action but as highlighted by Lord Robertson's 'Make Roads Safe' campaign, sustainable sources of funding are lacking.
- 'Business as usual' must be viewed as professional fatalism and the needless giving away of lives and life quality on a sustainable basis.



What could we achieve?

- This will depend on the resources that can be mobilized and innovation that can be unleashed, but over the coming decades many millions of lives could be saved and many tens of millions of serious injuries avoided.
- It will also depend on how quickly global, regional and country safety management capacity can be strengthened, to overcome limits to absorptive capacity and improve responsiveness.



Facility and bank roles

- The Facility will build capacity by accelerating knowledge transfer, catalyzing investment and promoting innovative infrastructure solutions in low and middle-income countries.
- Development banks will scale-up program and project investment support and will quality assure the safety of infrastructure provided.
- These roles are complementary and vital.

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