

VISION ROAD SAFETY FOR ALL

Road safety in LMICs is a great concern

Each year, more than a million people are killed in road crashes and tens of millions people get injured. The burden of road crashes for individuals, families and society, in terms of pain and grief, loss of lives and quality of life, health care needs, income losses and other tangible and intangible consequences are enormous.

A major portion of this burden is borne by low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). They account for 90% of the road fatalities, while LMICs only have 60% of the world's vehicle fleet. Among the many factors that explain this global road safety inequality, a shortfall in road safety knowledge and research infrastructure in LMICs is generally recognized as a major contributor.

Road Safety for All's mission: improve road safety in LMICs through better knowledge

Road Safety for All is dedicated to help LMICs improving their road safety, through increasing knowledge on road safety in these countries and improving their knowledge infrastructure. We believe that the availability of extensive knowledge on road safety in LMICs, and proper utilization of this knowledge, is key to make progress in reducing the number of road casualties. This includes knowledge on the road safety performance in LMICs, road safety management, road safety data collection and (cost-)effective road safety programs and interventions, among others. In our vision, a solid road safety knowledge infrastructure is an important prerequisite for achieving a high level of road safety knowledge, and ultimately to improve road safety in LMICs in a sustainable way.

How Road Safety for All works

Road Safety for All is an independent non-profit organization of volunteers who have many years of professional experience in the field of road safety. We are an initiator of projects aimed at improving road safety knowledge and knowledge infrastructure in LMICs. Projects may focus on transferring knowledge, training, developing research programs and building research capacity in LMICs, among others. To make a long-lasting impact, we pay particular attention to setting up a sustainable organization for continuation of a project after the start-up phase, or embedding the project in existing organizations. To that end, we collaborate with road safety organizations in LMICs, including governmental organizations, NGO's, research institutes, universities and private foundations, as well as with international organizations dedicated to improving road safety.

Example: Delft Road Safety Courses

A successful example of Road Safety for All's way of working is Delft Road Safety Courses (DRSC). In 2012 Road Safety for All started organizing courses for road safety professionals from LMICs, to increase the professional capacity in these countries and to support the development and implementation of evidence-based road safety strategies and action plans that are relevant to each country's unique local context. After Road Safety for All's initiative to organise these courses in Delft, DRSC has become an independent organisation (NGO) with sustainable funding. In addition to the courses in Delft, the activities of DRSC have been expanded to organizing dedicated courses in the LMICs themselves, in cooperation with local road research institutes and universities.

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