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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