What is the Network? (www.rtirn.net)

A global partnership…
for the promotion, conduct and utilization of research for the prevention and control of road traffic injuries in low and middle income countries (LMIC)
What is the Network? (www.rtin.net)

- Over 260 partners from 46 countries, predominantly (80%) LMIC countries
- Linked by a website, listserv, online forum and quarterly newsletter
- Supported by a secretariat based in Pakistan
- Overseen by governing Board

Objectives of the Network

- To *advocate* for research to reduce the burden of road traffic injuries in LMIC
- To help *set priorities* for road traffic injury research in LMIC
- To *develop capacity* for road traffic injury research in LMIC
- To *promote investments* for road traffic injury research in LMIC
Objectives cont.

- To *facilitate communication* between partners involved in road traffic injury research in LMIC
- To *conduct strategic research* on road traffic injuries in LMIC
- To *disseminate and promote* the application and utilization of research for policy and intervention development in LMIC

Governance & management

- Board of the network:
  - Established in June 2002
  - Membership comprises individuals from different sectors and different regions
  - Transparent process for nomination and appointment to Board
  - Meets bi-annually
Board membership

- Health researchers from LMIC
  - G. Gururaj (India)
  - Wilson Odero (Kenya)
  - Alfredo Celis (Mexico)
  - Olive Kobusinge (Uganda)

- Health researchers from HIC
  - Robyn Norton (Australia) - Chair
  - Adnan Hyder (USA) – Vice Chair

- Donor agencies
  - WHO: Margie Peden
  - World Bank: Son Nam Nguyen
  - Global Forum for Health Research: Vacant

- Transport sector researcher from LMIC:
  - Ahmad Farhan Mohd Sadullah (Malaysia)

Governance & management cont.

- Secretariat of the network:
  - Oversees the operations of the network, in conjunction with the Board
  - Selected by open call for nominations
  - Two year term, renewal
  - Currently based at Aga Khan University, Pakistan
Donors

- Global Forum for Health Research
- World Bank (Global Road Safety Facility)
- WHO
- The George Institute
- Other partners
  - in kind and in time

Recent achievements
2007-2009

- Growth of the Network
  - From less than 100 to over 260 partners, from over 46 countries

- Successful Fundraising
  - Generation of over US$500K for programmatic support from the World Bank

- Supporting New Researchers in LMICs
  - Grants to 10 junior researchers (Masters or PhD level students) from LMIC (Vietnam, China, Egypt, Pakistan, Mexico, Argentina, Nigeria and Ghana) to carry out RTI projects: 23 applicants in our first call

- Filling Key Knowledge Gaps
  - Initiation and support of Motorcycle Helmet Study in 9 countries; commenced in May 2008; findings to be reported by end of 2009
Recent achievements 2007-2009

- **Enhancing Capacity of Established Researchers in LMIC**
  - Sabbatical support for 3 senior-level researchers from LMIC (Argentina, Iran and Philippines) to HIC

- **Capacity Development Workshops**
  - Two workshops held in 2008 to enhance skills development in the conduct of RTI research: in Malaysia (over 100 attendees) and Pakistan (over 50 attendees)

- **Strengthening our communications with partners**
  - 3 themed issues of our publication *Road Research* produced in 2008, with contributions from over 20 partners highlighting their research in Africa, South Asia and Latin America
  - Over 3000 unique visitors to our website in the past year

Recent achievements 2007-2009

- **Strengthening the Management of the Network**
  - Establishment of an effective Secretariat at the Aga Khan University in Pakistan: initial contract recently renewed

- **Strengthening of Governance Mechanisms**
  - Rotation of previous and the addition of new members to the Board
  - Succession plan in place for leadership of the Network to transfer to LMIC researchers
Facilitating reductions in non-standard motorcycle helmet use
Study objectives

- To identify the **prevalence** and **determinants of choice** for non-standard helmet use among motorcyclists in several LMICs
- To identify the **cost differentials** between standard and non-standard helmets
- To identify **current legislation** regarding the manufacture/sale/use of non-standard helmets
- To identify **enforcement** policies and practices with regard to the manufacture/sale/use of non-standard helmets

Country Sites

- China
- Ghana
- India
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Thailand
- VietNam
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