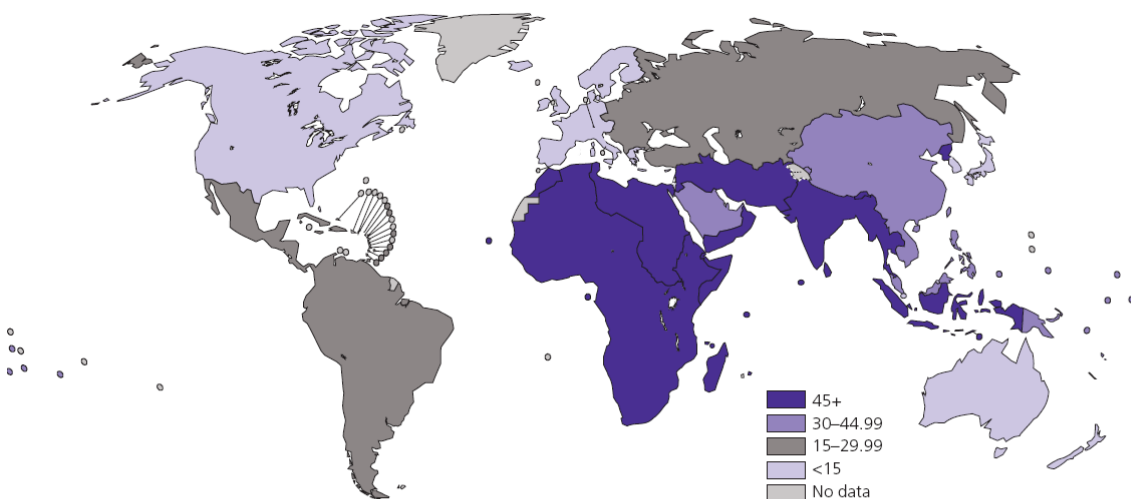


## Child injuries are strongly related to social determinants

The burden of injury on children is unequal. Children in poorer countries and those from poorer families in better-off countries are the most vulnerable. More than 95% of all child injury deaths occur in low-income and middle-income countries. Although the child injury death rate is much lower in high-income countries, injuries still account for about 40% of all child deaths in these countries.

Rate of unintentional injuries per 100 000 children<sup>a</sup>, by WHO region and country income level, World, 2004



Africa	Americas		South-East Asia	Europe		Eastern Mediterranean		Western Pacific	
LMIC	HIC	LMIC	LMIC	HIC	LMIC	HIC	LMIC	HIC	LMIC
53.1	14.4	21.8	49.0	7.9	25.4	41.6	45.7	7.8	33.8

<sup>a</sup> These data refer to those under the age of 20 years.  
HIC = High-income countries; LMIC = low-income and middle-income countries.

Source: WHO (2008), Global Burden of Disease: 2004 update.