In response to the regional consultation on the draft Global Action Plan on Physical Activity, we would like to contribute to the discussion with the comments below, taking into account the Brazilian reality:

The document addresses five key areas for action (policy links between physical activity and other sectors): Road safety, transport and urban design; Sport; PE and education; Early childhood development; and Healthy Aging. Although all of them are relevant health promotion interventions, Brazil faces urban safety as a major challenge to promote physical activity in all segments of the population. National surveys, such as the Telephone-Based Surveillance of Risk and Protective Factors for Chronic Diseases (VIGITEL) and the National Health Survey, particularly indicate higher prevalence of physical inactivity among individuals with lower educational levels, who might live in neighborhoods/communities more vulnerable to crime and violence. This represents a significant barrier to the use of public spaces. That being said, we suggest that the document emphasize Public Safety as a key area for promoting physical activity in low and middle income countries, such as Brazil, this is also critical for the reduction of health inequities.

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