BANGLADESH

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency: National Road Safety Council (NRSC)
Funded in national budget: No
National road safety strategy: Yes
Funding to implement strategy: Partially funded
Fatality reduction target: 50% (2011–2020)

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

Formal audits required for new road construction projects: Yes
Regular inspections of existing road infrastructure: Yes
Policies to promote walking or cycling: No
Policies to encourage investment in public transport: Yes
Policies to separate road users and protect VRUs: No

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles for 2014: 2,088,566
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles: 547,423
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers: 1,336,339
Heavy trucks: 141,850
Buses: 59,500
Other: 3,454

Vehicle standards applied:
Frontal impact standard: No
Electronic stability control: No
Pedestrian protection: No

SAFER ROAD USERS

National speed limit law: Yes
Max urban speed limit: No
Max rural speed limit: ~112 km/h
Max motorway speed limit: No
Local authorities can modify limits: No
Enforcement: 01 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

National drink–driving law: Yes
BAC limit – general population: —
BAC limit – young or novice drivers: —
Random breath testing carried out: No
Enforcement: 01 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

% road traffic deaths involving alcohol: —

National motorcycle helmet law: Yes
Applies to drivers and passengers: Yes
Law requires helmet to be fastened: No
Law refers to helmet standard: Yes
Enforcement: 01 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Helmet wearing rate: —
National seat-belt law: No
Applies to front and rear seat occupants: —
Seat-belt wearing rate: —
National child restraint law: No
Restrictions on children sitting in front seat: No
National law on mobile phone use while driving: No
Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use: —
Law also applies to hands-free phones: —
National drug-driving law: Yes

POST-CRASH CARE

Emergency room injury surveillance system: No
Emergency access telephone numbers: None
Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash: —

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2012): 2,538* (57% M, 17% F)
WHO estimated road traffic fatalities: 21,316 (95%CI 17,349–25,283)
WHO estimated rate per 100,000 population: 13.6
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes: 1.6%

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Drivers/passengers
- Heavy trucks (8%)
- Buses (8%)
- 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles (13%)
- Pedestrians (32%)
- Cyclists (2%)
Drivers/passengers
- 2- or 3-wheelers (11%)
Passengers 4-wheeled
- 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles (28%)

TRENDS IN REPORTED ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

Source: Road Transport Authority Annual Report (data from 2012).

* Police First Information Report (FIR). Defined as died at scene of crash.
† Transport Research Laboratory, UK (data from 2003).
‡ UNICEF WP29.
§ Alcohol consumption legally prohibited.