Why a World report on road traffic injury prevention?
Road traffic injuries are a huge public health problem worldwide. In 2004, the WHO and the World Bank will jointly issue a World Report on Road Traffic Injury Prevention. The overall objective of this Report will be to present comprehensive documentation of what is known about the magnitude and determinants for RTIs and to offer science-based evidence and solutions to address the problem.

Who are the partners in the development of the report?
Although WHO and the World Bank are co-ordinating the process of preparing this report, a wide variety of institutions are already actively involved, including the GRSP, CDC, IFRC, NHTSA and the FIA Foundation, etc. Nearly 100 international experts from health, transport, police, education, etc. from around the globe are involved in the preparation/review of this report.

What will the Report include?
The report has five core chapters: Chapter 1 (Fundamental concepts in Road Safety), Chapter 2 (Global Burden), Chapter 3 (Key Determinants and Risk Factors), Chapter 4 (Intervention Strategies) and Chapter 5 (Conclusions and Recommendations). Data and examples (of interventions etc) will cover both global and regional as well as country perspectives.

A summary, of approximately 20 pages, will be produced for Policy-makers.

When will the report be launched?
The World Report on Road Traffic Injury Prevention will be launched on World Health Day, 7 April 2004 which will be devoted to Road Safety. A one-year global road safety campaign will follow the launch of the report.

How may the Report be obtained?
The World Report on Road Traffic Injury Prevention will be distributed widely around the world. A total of 20,000 copies of the report in English and 3,000 – 5,000 more in each of the other official United Nations languages (French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian and Chinese) will be disseminated. The report and related documents will also be available on the WHO's web page for downloading in PDF format. Copies of the publication can also be ordered from bookorders@who.int.

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