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# Global Road Safety Facility (GRSF) Wins International Road Safety Award



Soames Job (GRSF), Rachel Turner (DFID), HRH Prince Michael, Liz Jones (DFID) and Marc Shoffen (GRSF) at the Road Safety Awards Ceremony, Dec 12, 2017

In the presence of 400 road safety delegates and industry leaders, **Prince Michael of Kent** awarded the GRSF with his prestigious **International Road Safety Management Award**. The award recognized GRSF's impressive track record of implementing interventions in low and middle income countries (LMICs) that effectively integrate the various aspects of **road safety management**, including road and vehicle safety stan-

dards, crash data analysis, agency development, and police enforcement.

**Low and Middle Income Countries are hard-hit when it comes to road crashes and injuries**, forcing some of the most vulnerable populations to live with serious disabilities or expensive medical bills for the rest of their lives. The GRSF has been helping LMICs make their **roads safer**, not only for vehicle users, but

for vulnerable road users including pedestrians and persons with disabilities. For instance, for every US \$1 in grant funding that the GRSF has given, about US \$39 worth of direct road safety commitments has been generated.

From the official Press Release it was noted that:

*“The World Bank is very pleased that the Global Road Safety Facility has been recognized for helping low and middle income countries improve their road safety management practices,”* said **José Luis Irigoyen, World Bank Senior Director for Transport and ICT**. *“Safe mobility is a hallmark of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the GRSF is actively working with governments and partners on sustainable solutions that save lives. This would not have been possible without the strong support of our donor partners, and in particular UK Aid, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and the FIA Foundation,”* he added.

A long-standing promoter of road safety issues, **HRH Prince Michael** established this Award scheme **30 years ago**; first as a national road safety award and then internationalized in 2001. Besides bringing together a diverse range of road safety entities ranging from NGOs to world-known organizations, the Award has been instrumental in shedding light on the socio-economic costs of road crashes and injuries in LMICs.

**About the GRSF:** The Global Road Safety Facility is a donor-funded global road safety partnership program and fund hosted by the World Bank. Since its creation in 2006, the Facility

has supported projects in more than 60 countries and worked with a wide range of stakeholders, including national governments, UN partner organizations, the private sector, and NGOs.

**The U.K. International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt said:** *“I’m delighted and proud that DFID has funded pioneering research on road safety which has been acknowledged through the award of this prize. Road crashes are the biggest killer of young adults globally and 90% of these deaths are in low and middle income countries even though these countries have less than half the World’s vehicles. Road deaths impact on some of the poorest communities the hardest. As part of our leave no one behind agenda it is therefore all the more important that DFID continues to pave the way on important issues like road safety”.*



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