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## I. BACKGROUND

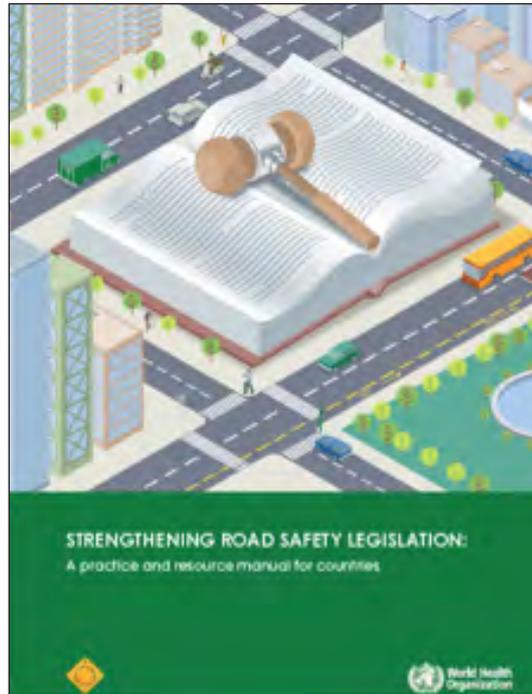
Since 2012 the World Health Organization (WHO) has developed and led an annual workshop to support countries in the Bloomberg Philanthropies Global Road Safety Programme (BP-GRSP) in developing comprehensive legislation relating to the five main risk factors for road safety (speed, drink-driving, non-wearing of helmets and seat-belts, and non-use of child restraints) and post-crash care. The countries are Brazil, Cambodia, China, Egypt, India, Kenya, Mexico, Russian Federation, Turkey and Viet Nam.

The annual workshops conducted in 2012–2014 were designed to help participants build the technical skills needed to improve road safety legislation or regulation in a stepwise approach using WHO's *Strengthening road safety legislation*<sup>1</sup> manual, including:

- how to continually assess laws on the five main risk factors and post-crash care, based on recommendations from WHO and other international organizations, and to develop recommendations for improvements needed;
- how to draft new laws or amend existing ones, taking into consideration country-specific technical drafting and procedural requirements, and overall country context;
- how to communicate the legal changes to enable civil society and other stakeholders to advocate for passage of the laws and their enforcement.

In addition to these global-level WHO workshops, in-country workshops can also be conducted at a national or subnational level, depending on countries' legislative and regulatory environment. Workshops can focus on laws enacted by parliamentary bodies, or on regulations promulgated by government ministries.

<sup>1</sup> Strengthening road safety legislation: a practice and resource manual for countries. Geneva, World Health Organization, 2013 ([http://www.who.int/violence\\_injury\\_prevention/road\\_traffic/countrywork/legislation\\_manual/en/](http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_traffic/countrywork/legislation_manual/en/), accessed 28 November 2014).



The purpose of this toolkit is therefore to assist road safety practitioners and lawyers to organize similar road safety legislation workshops in their country.

This toolkit covers the following topics:

- Conducting a needs assessment
- Defining workshop objectives
- Determining the frequency of the workshops
- Identifying potential participants
- Developing workshop content
- Closing and evaluating the workshop

## II. CONDUCTING A NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Before holding a workshop it is important to conduct an assessment to see if there is a need for this activity. Identifying the need will help to define the objectives, the frequency of the workshop(s) and who the participants should be. Here are a few questions that can be used when conducting a needs assessment:

- Has an assessment of road safety laws and regulations been completed in your country? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, what was the outcome of the assessment? As illustrated in Figure 1, an

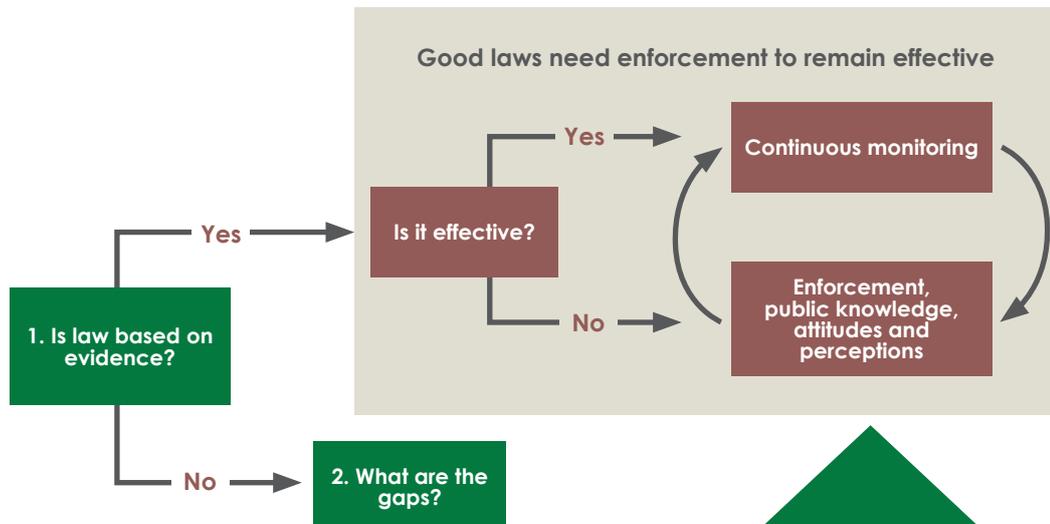
assessment of laws and regulations can help determine whether changes are needed, and if so, what they should be.

- Are legal changes being discussed, considered or drafted on road safety? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes,

- What is the motivation for the change(s)?
- What is the status of the change(s)?
- Do the provisions, as currently drafted, meet WHO and other international organizations' recommendations and standards mentioned in WHO's *Strengthening road safety legislation*?<sup>1</sup>

Figure 1: Pathways for identifying legal issues that may affect effective implementation



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