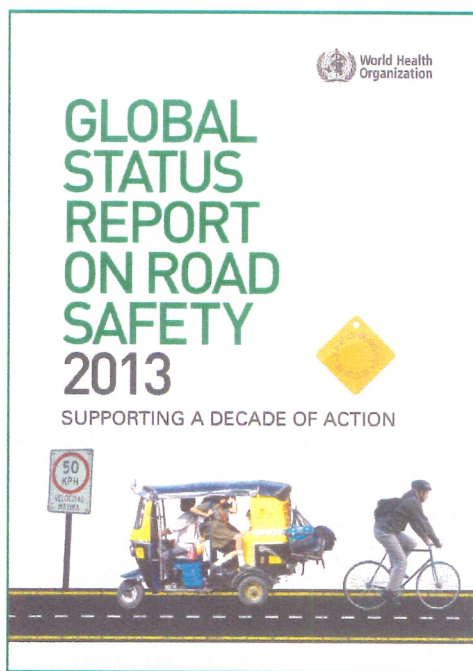

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This Report, which establishes the baseline burden of road traffic crashes and the status of global road safety efforts at the start of the Decade of Action, shows that 1.26 million people were killed on the world's roads in 2010. This is unacceptably high. Road traffic injuries take an enormous toll on individuals and communities as well as on national economies. Middle-income countries, which are motorizing rapidly, are the hardest hit.

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