

iRAP Prepares for the Decade of Action for Road Safety

As the United Nations prepares for its March 2010 meeting in New York, we look forward to a commitment to a Decade of Action for Road Safety. iRAP's vision for the decade is a world free of high risk roads. With coordinated action to upgrade the worst 10% of the world's roads, we can help save more than 1 000 000 deaths and serious injuries each year. The solutions are proven, the investment returns are high and it can be done!

Our regional programmes are growing rapidly, with more than 60 countries now actively using RAP. In 2010 alone, new projects are being planned or are underway in Mexico, Central America, Uganda, Egypt, India, Philippines, Korea, Bangladesh, Canada and Eastern Europe.

With such high demand comes the need for an industry capable of delivering and supporting iRAP projects within each country. This includes the survey, rating and assessment of roads, and the design and construction of safe new infrastructure for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists and vehicle occupants. We look forward to working with industry partners over the next 10 years to help make our vision a reality.

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The Peruvian Government will invest US\$540 million to lift the efficiency and safety of roads that are critical to the nation's economic competitiveness and fight the effects of the global financial crisis. The investment is supported by the World Bank.

In 2009, with the leadership of the [Peru](#) Ministry of Transportation and Communication, [Touring and Automobile Club of Peru](#), [World Bank Global Road Safety Facility](#) and the [FIA Foundation](#), iRAP assessed 1 750 km of

medium and high-volume roads around the nation. It found that an investment of US\$20 million would prevent 3 200 deaths and serious injuries. The outcomes of this study will be influential in shaping improvements to Peru's highways between 2010 and 2014.



For more information on the program, [click here](#), or contact Julio Urzua, Regional Director, Latin America and the Caribbean at julio.urzua@irap.net.

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iRAP Tanzania is led by the [Tanzania National Roads Agency \(Tanroads\)](#) and the Automobile Association of Tanzania (AAT), and is receiving technical support from the iRAP central office and [Félag Íslenskra Bifreidaeigenda](#) (the Icelandic Automobile Association), which has extensive experience in [EuroRAP](#) assessments.



The team is currently surveying highways around the country using RAPID – the RAP Inspection Device. RAPID includes a video camera, touch-sensitive laptop and Global Positioning System (GPS) antenna, which enables road infrastructure elements to be easily classified while driving along the roads.

The [World Health Organisation](#) reports that 2 595 people killed and 16 308 people injured in road crashes Tanzania during 2007.

For more information, contact John Mumford, Regional Director, Africa at john.mumford@irap.net.

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The project will focus on examining ways in which the iRAP approach can assist the Government of Korea's efforts to develop a national approach to Road Safety Management. It will involve on-road inspections (using [Road Korea's](#) Midas survey vehicle) and training, and producing crash rate Risk Maps, Star Ratings and Safer Roads Investment Plans.



In 2007, some 6 000 people were killed on roads in Korea, down from a peak 13 000 deaths in 1993. During 2008, the Government pledged to reduce the number of road deaths by half, or around 3 000 people, by 2013 and established an implementation plan to realize this vision. It promises various measures to reduce road accidents in terms of Engineering, Education, and Enforcement.

For more information, contact Greg Smith, Regional Director, Asia Pacific at greg.smith@irap.net.

Strengthening Support for Africa

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Petro is a dedicated and passionate road safety professional who is currently the Director of the [Road Safety Foundation](#) in South Africa. The foundation partners with the private and public sector in an effort to reduce crashes and the resulting injuries and fatalities on South African roads by implementing specific and measurable education and awareness programmes.

Working in a part-time capacity, Petro will play a crucial role in helping make roads safe in Africa, where it is estimated that more than 250 000 people are killed on the roads each year. iRAP aims to partner with relevant agencies to assess and drive improvements on the worst 10% of roads on the continent.



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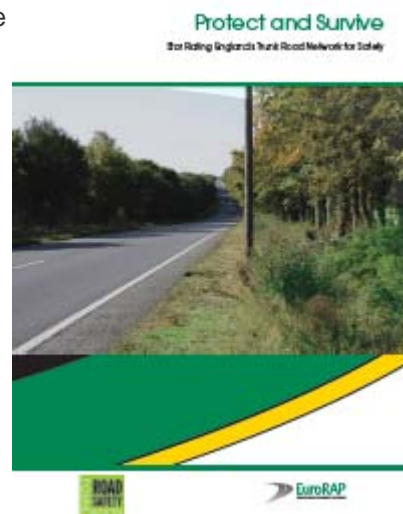
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The [Road Safety Foundation](#) study examined 95% of the 7 000 km [Highways Agency](#) (HA) network in England. The safety of the roads was assessed using [EuroRAP](#) Star Ratings that are part of the system being applied worldwide in efforts by leading authorities to make road infrastructure safer.

Four stars is the highest rating in the scale used by the Foundation, and 50% of the HA motorways achieved this. Three quarters (78%) of dual carriageways rate 3-stars.

Dr Joanne Hill, Foundation Director, said: "Dual carriageways score well on head-on protection with 97% reaching the highest standard – but 90% fail to reach the highest standards for run-off protection. One in four roads feature junctions, lay-bys and minor access roads that do not afford the protection necessary for busy inter-urban roads, giving them low scores.



Dr Hill praised the HA for its openness and cooperation in the study. "The Agency has seen the benefit of this approach and how these results can help prevent the 2 000 deaths and

serious injuries annually on its network," she says. "Importantly, the Agency is providing a lead to other road authorities in the UK and across Europe."

For more information, contact Jo Hill, Director, Road Safety Foundation at Jo.Hill@eurorap.org.

About iRAP

The International Road Assessment Programme (iRAP) is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to saving lives in low and middle income countries by promoting safer roads. The programme is also the umbrella organisation for [EuroRAP](#), [AusRAP](#), [usRAP](#) and [KiwiRAP](#).



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