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FACT SHEET ROAD SAFETY

- **Every 24 seconds**, one person dies in a road accident. That's 1.35 million people per year.
- Globally, over 500 children under the age of 18 are killed on the road each day.
- Road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death among young people aged 15 to 29 years.
- More than half of the global road traffic deaths are among pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists.
- Boys and men account for 75% of road fatalities.
- Between 20 and 50 million non-fatal injuries yearly are caused by road traffic crashes.
- 93% of the world's fatalities on the roads occur in low- and middle-income countries, even though these countries have approximately 60% of the world's vehicles. The death rate from road crashes is over 3.5 times higher in low-income countries.
- In addition to human loss and suffering, road traffic accidents cause billions of dollars of associated costs which amounts, in many countries, to 3% of GDP.
- Traffic-related mortality and injury cost the global economy billions each year.