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# Handicap International Federation

- Funded in France in 1982, and organizations subsequently set up in Belgium (1986), Switzerland (1996), Luxembourg (1997), Germany (1998), the United Kingdom (1999), Canada (2003) and the United States (2006)
- Co-laureate of Nobel Price for peace / ICBL/ 1997
- Programmes in more than 60 countries : Development, Mines Actions, Emergency Response, Advocacy, ...

# Road Safety in Haiti

- Lack of datas ( according MoH statistics, 16,7% of 224,216 cases in Emergency Unit for 2013)
- Lack of institutional support
- Lack of road signs and markings
- Speed
- Drunk Driving

# Road Safety in Haiti

- Road Surface often in bad condition
- Sidewalks , when existing , are regularly 'abused or in bad condition
- Overloading of vehicles
- Lack of technical control
- Lack of Enforcement



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- According National Insurances (OAVCT) stakeholders , there are many children among road crashes victims :
  - Pedestrians
  - Motorbikes passengers ( many students use motorbike to gain time
  - Tap Tap passengers



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# Handicap International Road Safety Intervention in Haiti

- Data collection and analysis and research
- Capacity Building for national stakeholders
- Road Safety Advocacy
- Road Safety Education / Public Awareness
- First Aid
- Accessibility of Public Transports

# Safe School Zones

- Objective: To minimize the number crashes in the vicinity of schools through systemic interventions that include actions on the environment, the education, the school administration and the surrounding communities.

# Safe School Zones : Selecting schools

- **School Location:** Schools which are located along major and heavy traffic roads and which are more vulnerable to traffic crashes
- **Number of Students:** Schools with a large number of students are prioritized
- **Commitment:** An evaluation of the will and commitment is organized through observation and discussion with the school principal, as well as school employees and teachers



# Safe School Zones : Environment

- Safety Audit
- Traffic signs installation: Speed limit, Slow down, Children crossing etc.
- Pedestrians crossing
- Cross side walk
- Safe pick up area and waiting area
- Mapping safe road to school



# Safe School Zones : Education

- Include Road Safety within national curricula's
- Develop age appropriate pedagogical materials
- Trainings of Teachers
- Propose pedagogical visits ( police, hospital,..), testimonies (victims/ offenders) and practical trainings ( visibility, bike repairs, ...)
- Encouraging volunteers for peers education
- Road Safety Contest : drama, songs , drawings

# Safe School Zones : School management

- Build a Safe School zone team composed of one teacher and a group of 4 students to organize safe exit
- Include safety elements in the internal rules : helmet , licence, visibility, ...and penalties !
- Road Safety code of conduct for teachers – ensuring they play a role model
- Helmet bank



# Safe School Zones : School management



# Safe School Zones :Community mobilization

- Community awareness is be conducted in the area surrounding the safe school zone to inform road users to behave safely in the school zone and especially to give priority to pedestrians
- Sessions with parents are organized to raise their awareness in order for them to be a role model and educate their children at home.

# Safe School Zones : Monitoring and evaluation

- Pre/post test for teachers and students committee will be carried out
- Pre/post survey will be conducted through interview and observation in selected communes





## Thank You

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