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# Public Education Campaigns & Community Involvement

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### The Global Road Safety Partnership

 A partnership of global businesses, governments and civil society organisations



- A network of "GRSP" organisations in 30 low and middle income countries
- Dedicated to the sustainable reduction of road crash death and injury in low and middleincome countries



Expert staff and advisors located around the world













### Public Education Campaigns & Community Involvement

- Do road safety public education campaigns work?
- What's the formula for success?
- What does community involvement deliver?



## Do public education campaigns work?

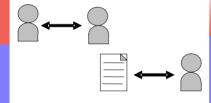
- Depends on what the campaign is targeted to achieve When Part of a set of activities to improve road safety



### Communication & Engagement

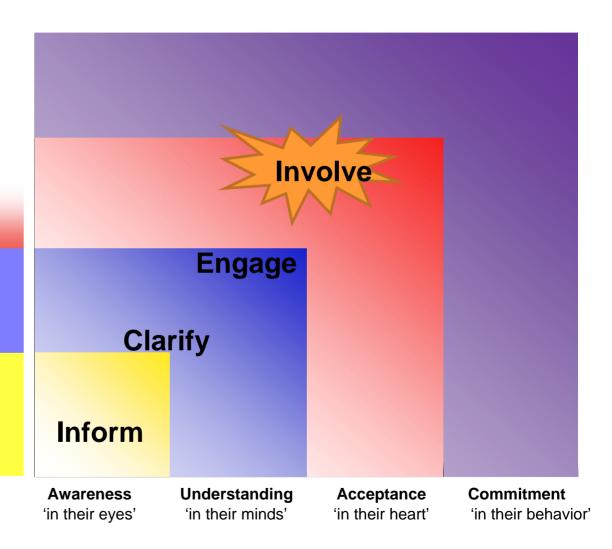
#### Inter-personal

- Behavior
- Conversation
- Discussion
- Listening
- Empowerment



#### Mass media

- Announcement
  - Explanations
    - Notices
    - Examples





### Victoria Roads Drink Drive



- Since 1989 a 50% drop in drink drive fatalities (2007)
- Campaign in sixth phase
- Combine Mass Media advertising and Police Enforcement
- Campaigns based on research into why people drink and drive
  - Characteristics of drink drive offenders
  - Attitudes of drivers to drink driving
  - Measures audience reactions and changes in attitudes

#### Only a little bit over? campaign



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### What does community involvement deliver?

• A sense of ownership (key to attitude & behavioural change)

#### Provides:

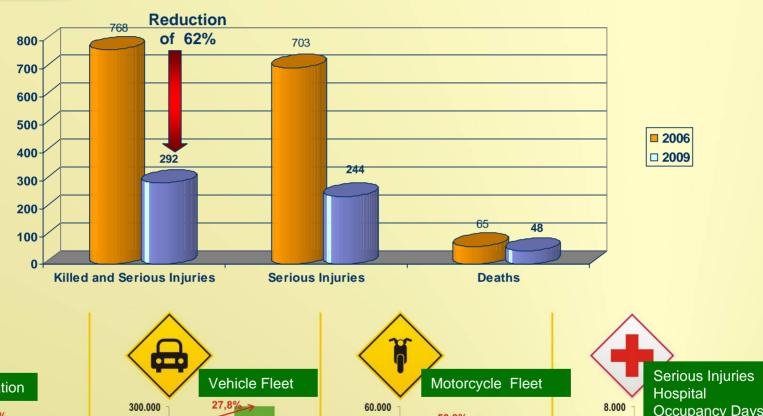
- Understanding of the publics' priorities and issues
- Increases public support for efforts of the authorities
- Promotes effective delivery of campaigns & interventions
- A "watchdog" and advocates for road safety

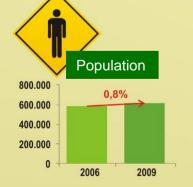






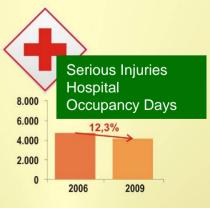
### **Proactive Partnership Strategy**













### Vietnam Helmet Legislation Change

#### Before 15 Dec 2007





#### After 15 Dec 2007



#### Results

•1537 fewer deaths in 2008

### Why?

- Many collaborative partners
- Government leadership
- Sustained preparation effort
- Good practice approach
- Co-operation of public



## Conclusion

- Public education campaigns work when part of a set of activities to improve road safety
- Success comes from targeted campaigns with wide ownership – partnership, collaboration & cooperation – with clear strategic plans
- Community involvement delivers a greater chance of success in changing road user behaviours



# Thank you

Further information is available at the following website:



www.grsproadsafety.org