

AN INTEGRATED ROAD SAFETY PLAN

WORLD BANK FUNDED PROJECT FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

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THE CHALLENGE

- ✘ Road safety suffers from distributed responsibilities to various departments, and not having the defined roles in delivering safety.
- ✘ The countries which have realised road safety targets have the apex body with perfect coordination, cooperation and communication among all the stakeholder agencies responsible for various components.

THE ESSENTIALS

- ✘ Shared analysis of the problems
- ✘ Putting road safety on the national agenda
- ✘ Top level leadership
- ✘ Development of a strategy
- ✘ Engaging stakeholders

KYRGYZ ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

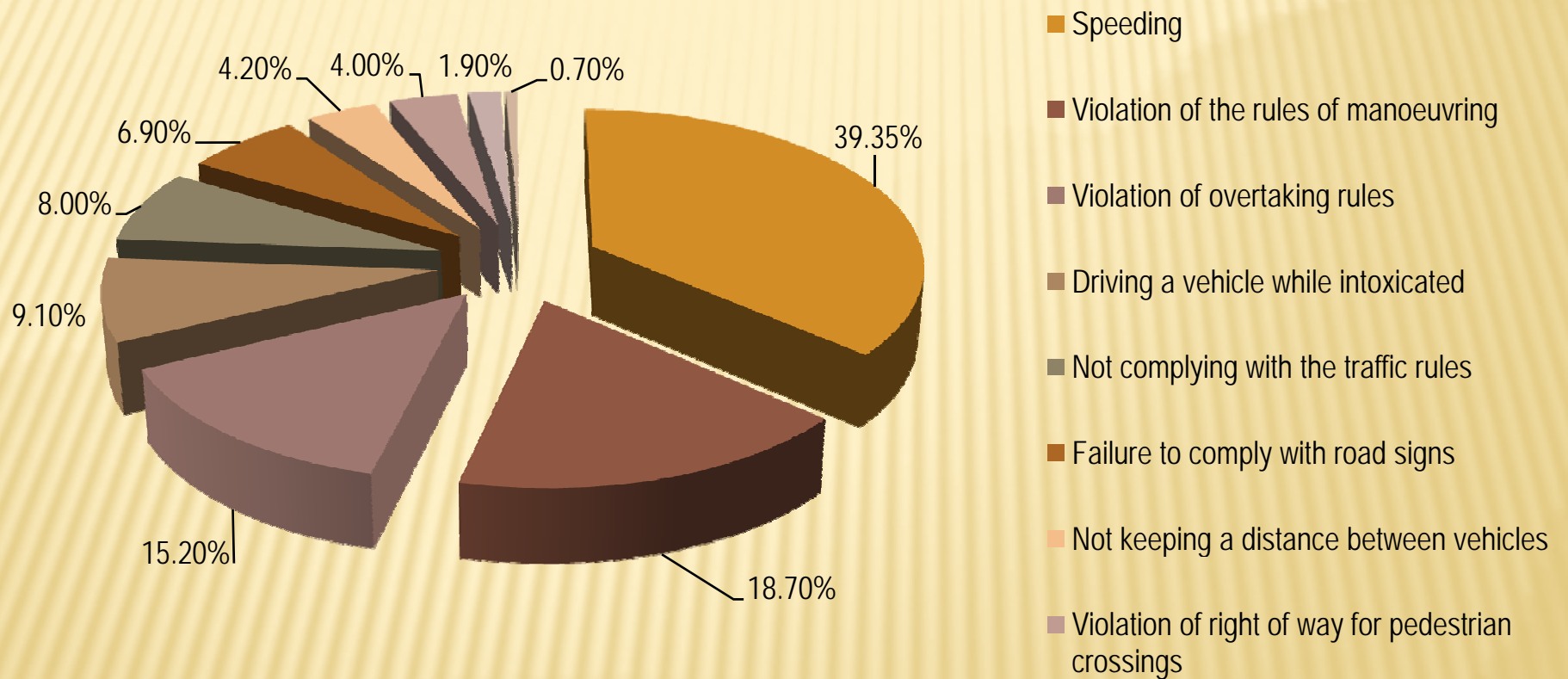
- ✘ Major problem 1000 + deaths for 5 million people
- ✘ Mountainous and difficult terrain
- ✘ 2000 deaths / million vehicles
- ✘ 44% of deaths are pedestrians
- ✘ 53% of deaths caused by bad driver behaviour

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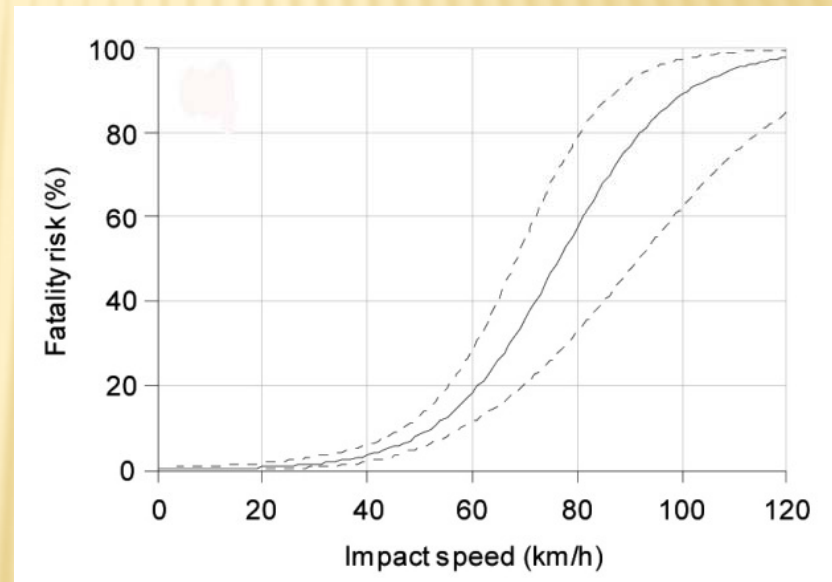
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CAUSES OF KYRGYZ ROAD DEATHS



SPEEDING

- ✘ Speeding survey indicated that 40% of drivers exceeded speed limit.



ENFORCEMENT

- ✘ Police are poorly equipped, poorly paid, and have poor status and very corrupt.
- ✘ Poor and ineffective enforcement methods.
- ✘ Police are hyper-active.
- ✘ Need for major reforms as happened in Georgia



ROAD CONDITIONS

- ✘ Conditions frequently bad.
- ✘ Poor traffic engineering – the road should “speak to the user about what is required”.
- ✘ Need for road safety audit and black spot identification and rectification.



DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL STRATEGY

- ✘ National strategy developed in parts designed to be read together or separately:
- ✘ Part A – analysis of the problems
- ✘ Part B – recommendations and implementation
- ✘ Part C – action plan
- ✘ Executive summary
- ✘ Part D – financing of recommendations

STRUCTURE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✘ The strategy was based on the five pillars of the UN Decade of Action on road safety:
 - + Pillar 1: Road safety management improvements
 - + Pillar 2: Safer roads and mobility
 - + Pillar 3: Safer vehicles and their usage
 - + Pillar 4: Safer road users
 - + Pillar 5: Post-crash response
 - + Pillar 6: Changing attitudes to road safety

CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

- ✘ On framework for national strategy
- ✘ Wide consultation on the draft strategy



LAUNCH OF NATIONAL STRATEGY

- ✘ Launch meeting with wide press coverage chaired by Vice Prime Minister.



LESSONS LEARNT

- ✘ Engaging stakeholders step by step is crucial if they are to share an understanding and a vision on how to tackle road safety.
- ✘ Getting the police to support reforms is crucial.
- ✘ It is vital to have top-level leadership and to get road safety onto the national agenda.



Thank you for your
attention



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