The objective of this note is to advise economists, planners and engineers in developing countries on a workable method that can be used to cost road accidents.

The report stresses that no single costing methodology is ideal and a considerable amount of data needs to be collected whatever method is used.

The Road Note attempts to explain the importance of costing road accidents in developing countries, and outlines the various methods that can be used:

- “Gross Output” (or human capital) approach
- “Net Output” approach
- “Life-insurance” approach
- “Court Award” approach
- “Implicit Public Sector Valuation” approach
- “Value of Risk Change” or “Willingness to Pay” approach

Section 3 describes how to use the (preferred) Gross Output method and Section 4 of the report presents a case study of its use.

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