**Country note: Malaysia**

**Important engagement in quality improvement initiatives**

Many policy initiatives have been implemented in Malaysia, in recognition of the key role quality plays in strengthening health care systems. Accreditation programmes for hospitals and health care providers and the development of hospital infection control programmes seem to be the most relevant initiatives. There are also examples of programmes to develop guidelines, standards and indicators, as well as initiatives to measure patient experiences and improve patient safety.

**Road death toll amongst the highest in the region**

Two out of five deaths from injuries were due to road traffic crashes in 2012. Sixty percent of Malaysia’s road deaths are among motorized two- and three-wheelers.

![Graphs showing injuries, estimated mortality rates, and proportions of deaths from injury, 2000 and 2012.](image-url)
Very high diabetes prevalence

An alarming 2 million adults – 10.9 percent - are estimated to be affected by diabetes in Malaysia in 2013, among the highest prevalence reported in the region.

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