



ALCOHOL AS AN OBSTACLE TO DEVELOPMENT

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ALCOHOL IS A MAJOR GLOBAL HEALTH BURDEN

- 3 million deaths every year result from the use of alcohol, this is one death every 10 seconds.
- In 1990, alcohol use was the 13th preventable risk factor for diseases worldwide; in 2019, it has risen to the **8th leading preventable risk factor for global burden of disease.**
- Alcohol is the **second largest risk factor for disease burden** in the age group 10-24 years and the **largest risk factor for disease burden** in the group 25-49 years



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



OBSTACLE TO DEVELOPMENT

- **14 of 17 SDG:s** negatively affected
- All dimensions of sustainable development impeded
 - Social
 - Environmental
 - Economic



SOCIAL (SECOND-HAND) HARM

- Children, youth, women – disproportionately harmed
- Total alcohol harm is **nearly double** that of tobacco
 - Alcohol's second hand harm is **3x that for tobacco**



ALCOHOL'S SECOND HAND HARM

A hand holding a bottle of alcohol, with a blurred child in the background.

- **65% of women** experiencing intimate partner violence in India, Vietnam, Uganda, Zimbabwe, South Africa reported the perpetrator had used alcohol.
- In the EU, **9 million children** grow up with parents who have alcohol problems. When parents have severe alcohol use problems, children have a **30% higher risk** of experiencing violence, compared to children of parents who don't.

ENVIRONMENTAL HARM

- **Water insecurity** and drought
- **Biodiversity loss**
- Pollution
- Greenhouse gas emission and **climate crisis**
- Unsustainable consumption of precious resources



SOUTH AFRICA

- 428,5 million liters of wine to Europe and USA from Cape Town Region
- 7 million people without access to water
- Wine industry consumes 1/3 of water that is needed



A stylized graphic of two hands, one larger and one smaller, rendered in a light blue color. The hands are positioned behind the main text, with the larger hand appearing to support or hold the smaller one.

They export our
water in the form
of wine”

Vanessa Ludwig

CEO for the civil society group
Surplus People Project in South Africa

ECONOMIC HARM

- **2.6% of GDP**
 - About one-third of costs (38.8%) incurred through direct costs,
 - Majority of costs due to losses in productivity **61.2%**
- Labor participation and productivity loss: **\$595 billion** in OECD



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- Generating recognition of the potential of alcohol policy for achieving development for all



ALCOHOL OBSTACLE TO DEVELOPMENT

How Alcohol Affects the Sustainable Development Goals

KEY MESSAGES

- Alcohol is a major obstacle to development and the achievement of the SDG:s
- Alcohol policy holds vast **untapped** potential for achieving **development for all**.





Development through alcohol prevention

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