

Grassroots-level
implementation of
alcohol control
policies is crucial to
protect the public.

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Background

In Sri Lanka, the central government is primarily responsible for regulating alcohol control policies, while local government authorities play an important role in implementing these policies at the grassroots level.



Objective

To create own policies which is suitable for the communities by local government authorities

Methodologies

- Discussions were held with the chairman and interested members in 25 local government authorities.
- Concept orientation sessions were conducted in 25 local government authorities.

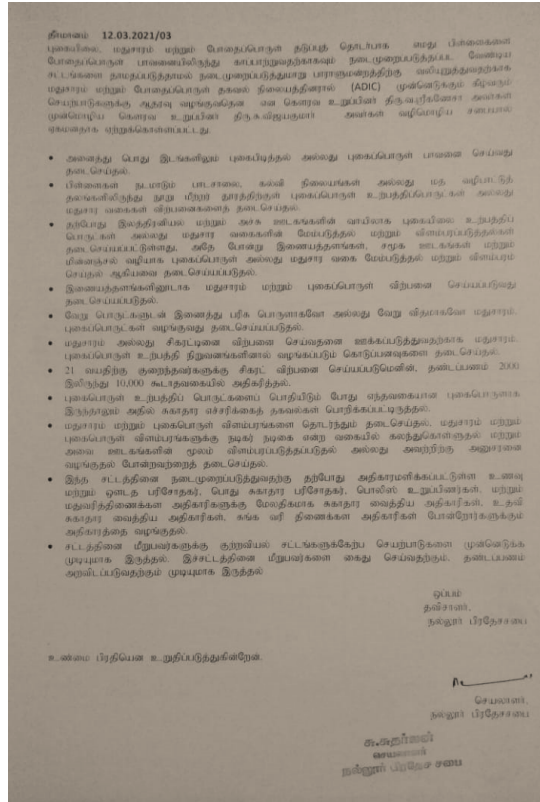
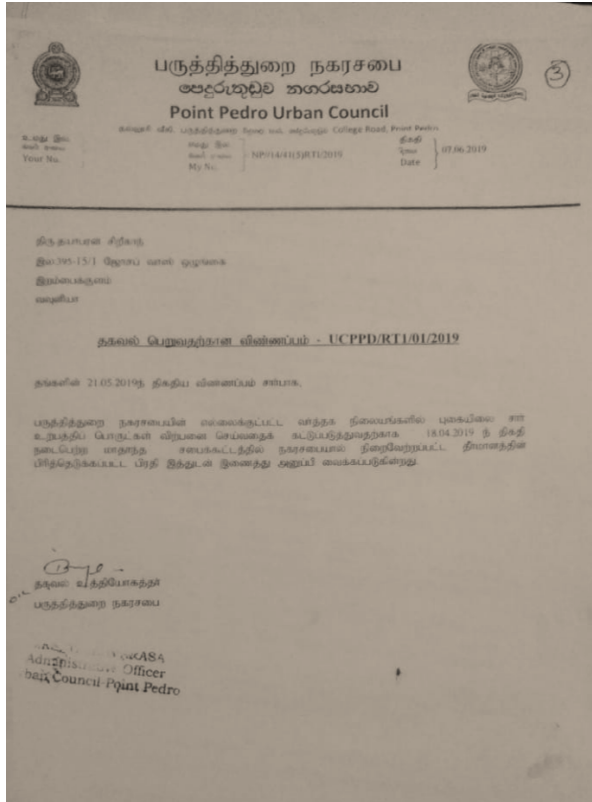


Methodologies

- Materials were developed to highlight the benefits of alcohol control policies and were distributed to 25 local government authorities in Nuwara Eliya, Jaffna, and Ampara districts.
- A concept for local government authorities was also created for a "be child-friendly, women-friendly, youth-friendly, health-conscious, model Pradeshiya Sabha".



Results



- Successful passage was implemented for alcohol control policy with support from the majority, in seven local government authorities in the Nuwara Eliya, Ampara, and Jaffna districts.
- As a result of this policy, the alcohol industry is no longer permitted to promote their products in local government areas, decorate liquor bars, or engage in illegal alcohol sales. The policy also aims to raise awareness and reduce alcohol consumption.

Results continued..

- Nearly 54,000 families are protected by these policies in the 07 local government areas.



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- The achievement of passing the alcohol control policy was published in five national newspapers.
- These local government authorities are continuing to voice their opposition to the alcohol industry's interference in their communities and monitor the implementation of the policies.



Strengthen restrictions on alcohol availability



Advance and enforce drink driving counter measures



Facilitate access to screening, brief interventions and treatment



Enforce bans or comprehensive restrictions on alcohol advertising, sponsorship, and promotion



Raise prices on alcohol through excise taxes and pricing policies

Conclusion

The local government has the power to influence the central government on policy implementation. At the same time, local governments are well aware about the situation in their respective areas, and the required policies. If they engage in the policy implementation process, it will be useful, suitable, and sustainable within the community.



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