

Alcohol Harm Prevention Capacity in East Africa: Interim Study Findings

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- Alcohol misuse is highly prevalent across Eastern Africa, but remains a largely unaddressed public health issue
 - The infrastructure is fragmented, policies are often inadequate, limited or not enforced.
 - Prevention, treatment and policy efforts to address alcohol misuse often driven by NGOs/CBOs
 - Little is known about the capacity, at the national or regional levels, or approaches used by NGOs/CBOs for alcohol prevention or harm reduction.

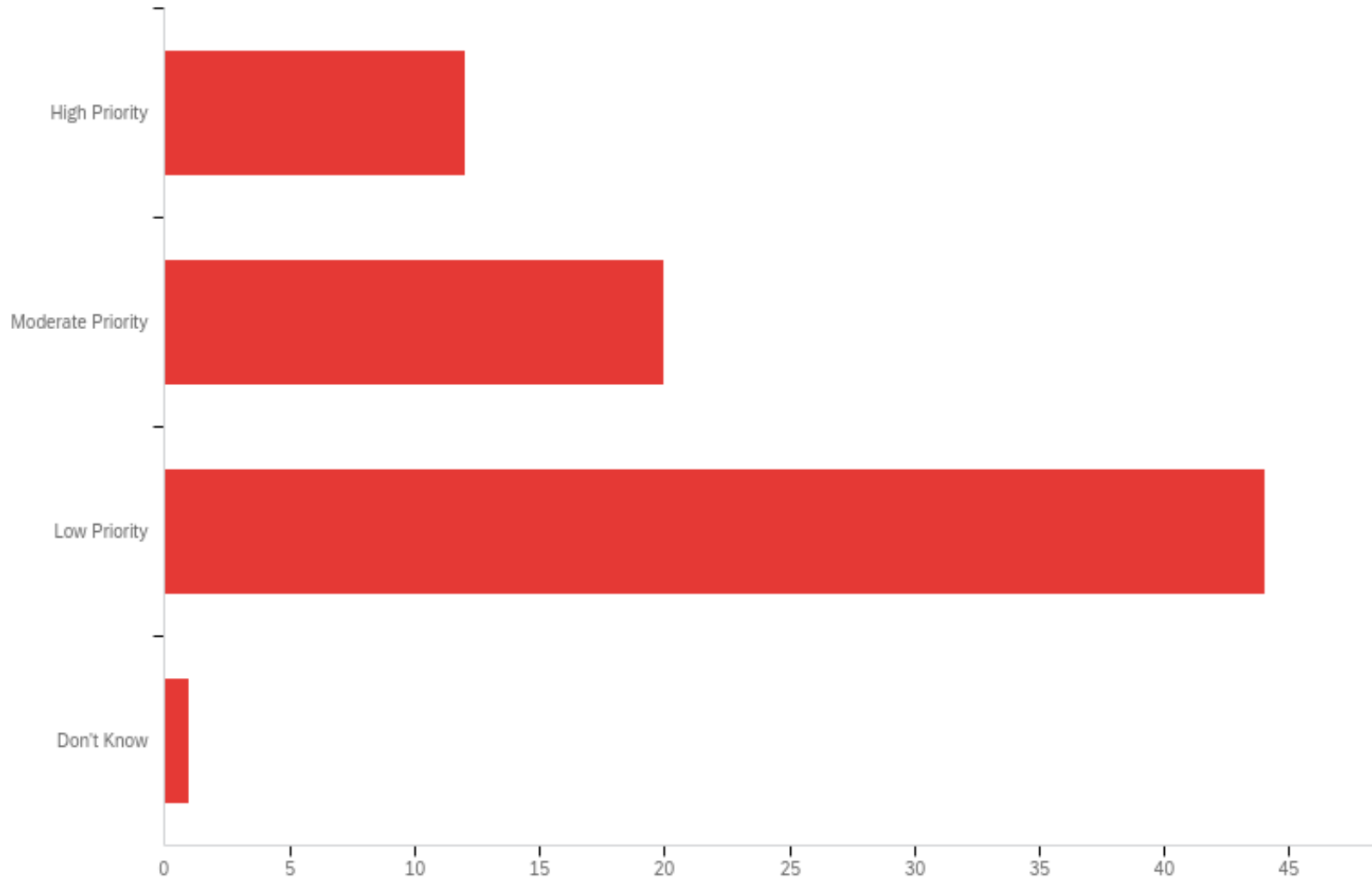
Overview of Survey



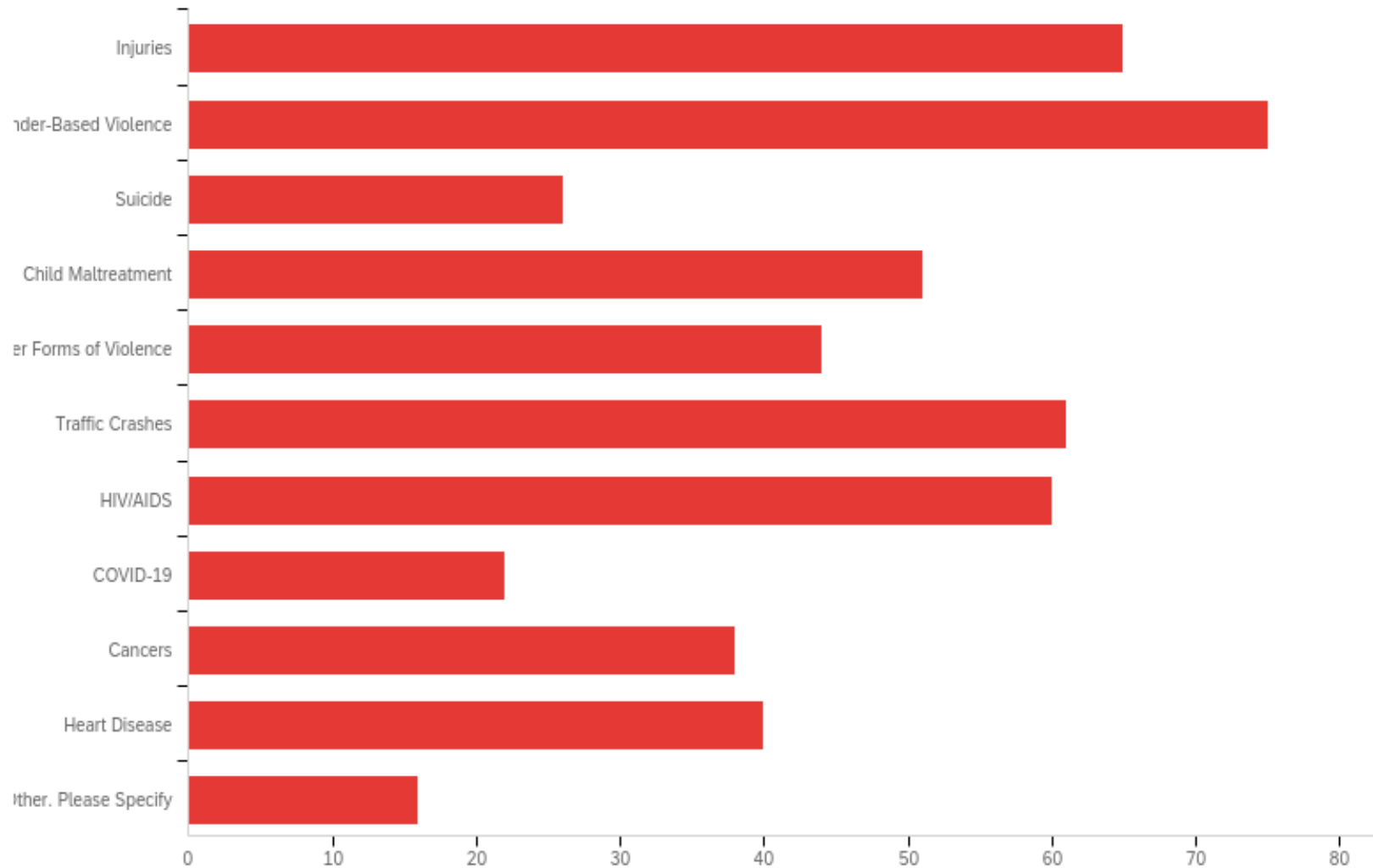
- Objective: To assess awareness, capacity and approaches used by NGOs/CBOs in East Africa to address alcohol harm
- Online survey developed by Professor Swahn
- Cross-sectional survey administered by EAAPA to stakeholders (no incentive) via email
- Survey is still in the field with anticipated completion date of December 11
- Countries included: Burundi, Kenya Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda
- Presenting a brief overview of interim findings (N=81)



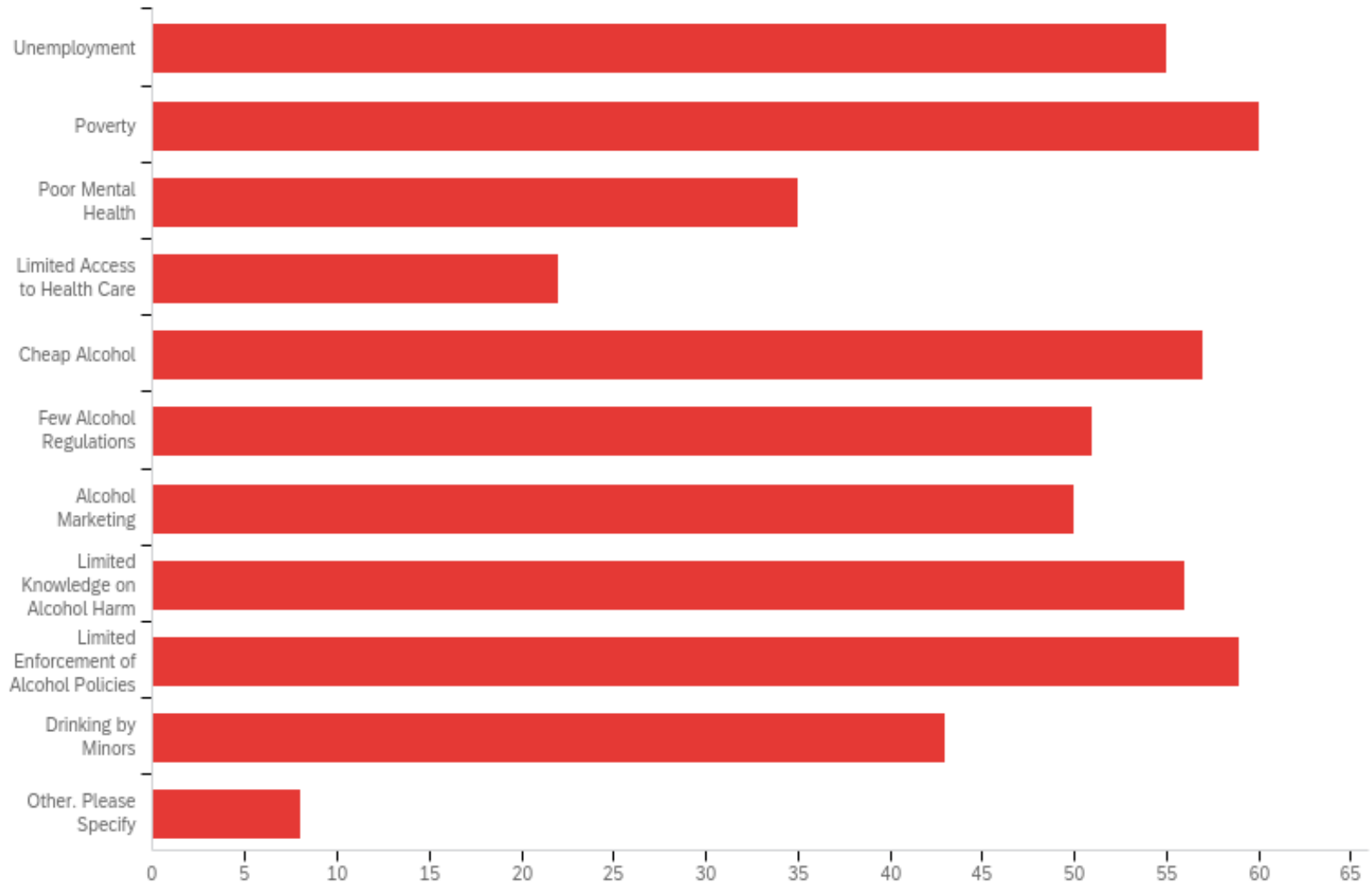
In your country, compared to other health and social problems, how much of a priority is alcohol-related harm prevention (i.e., taking measures to prevent alcohol-related harm before it occurs)?



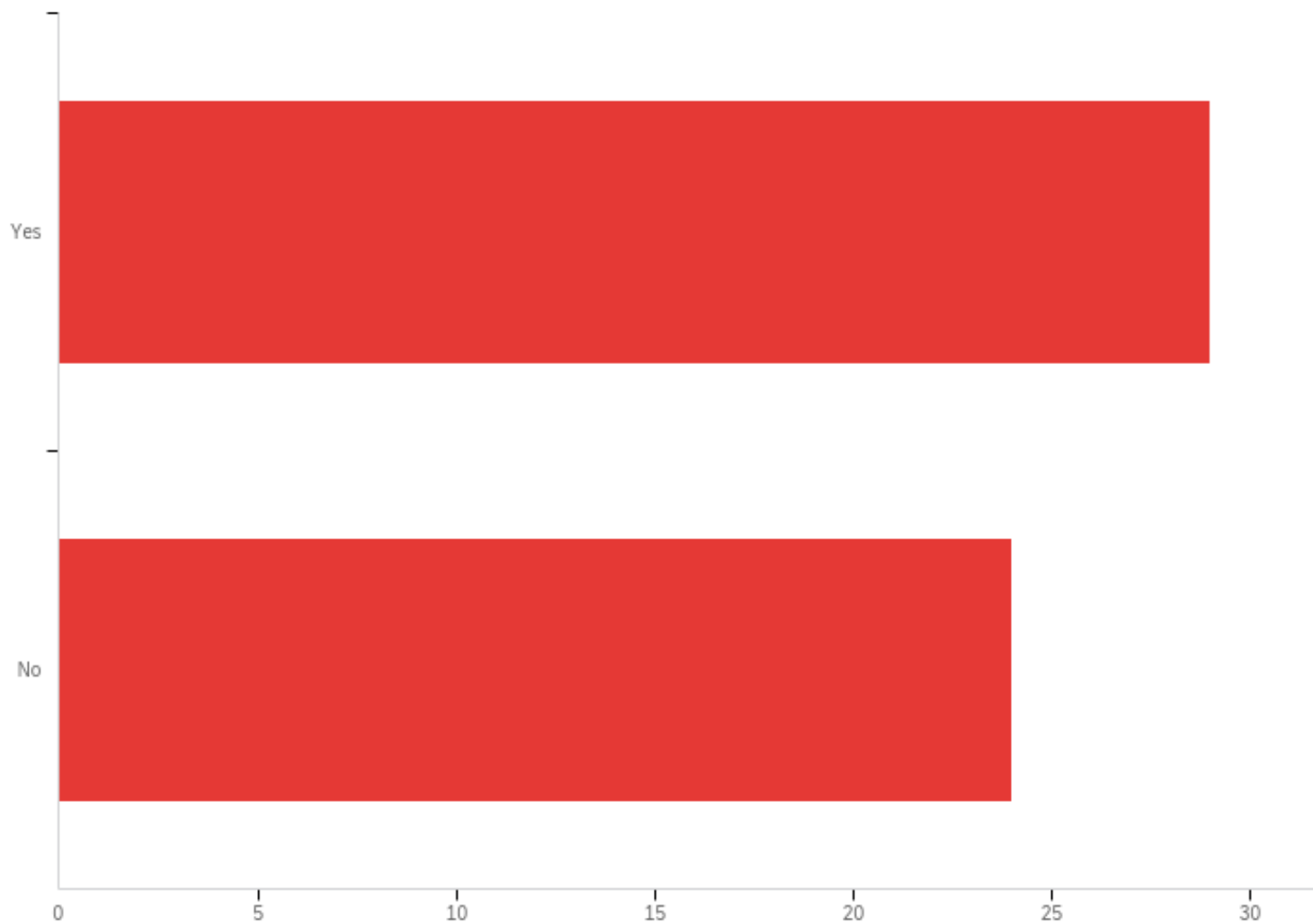
In your opinion, what are the main types of alcohol-related harm in your country? Please select all that apply



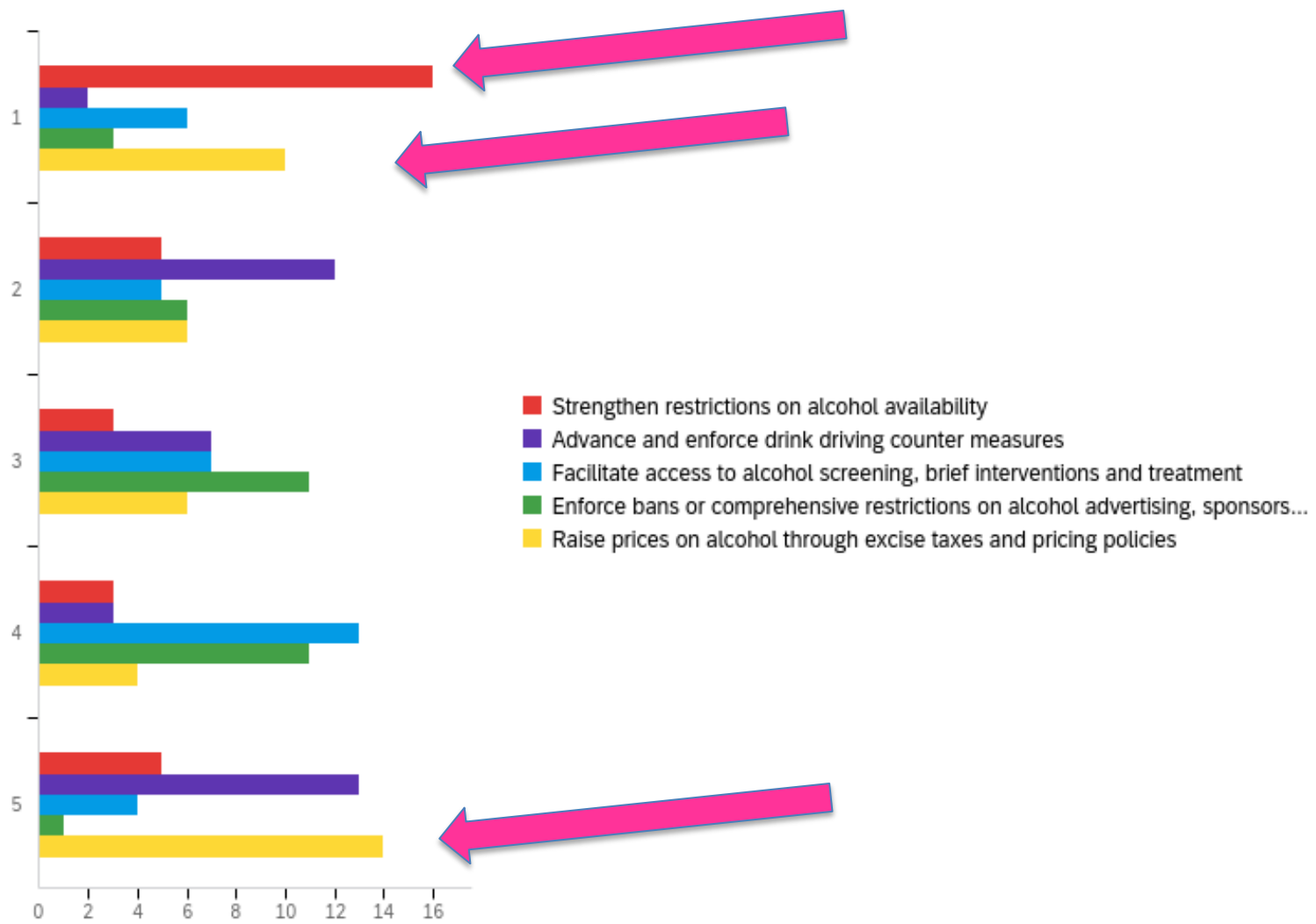
What do you think are the main risk factors for alcohol-related harm in your country? Please select all that apply.



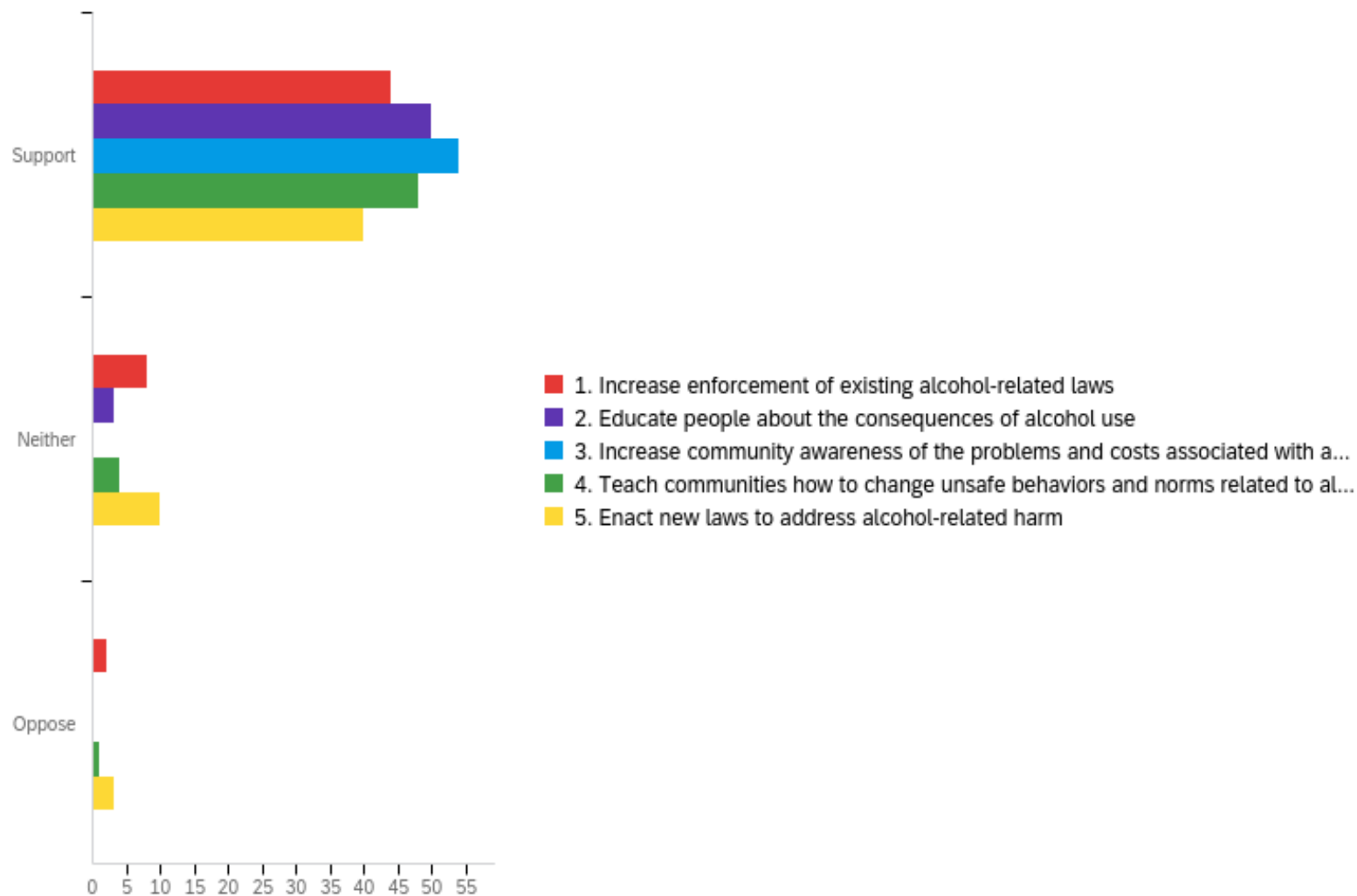
Are you familiar with SAFER, the alcohol control initiative launched by the WHO in 2018?



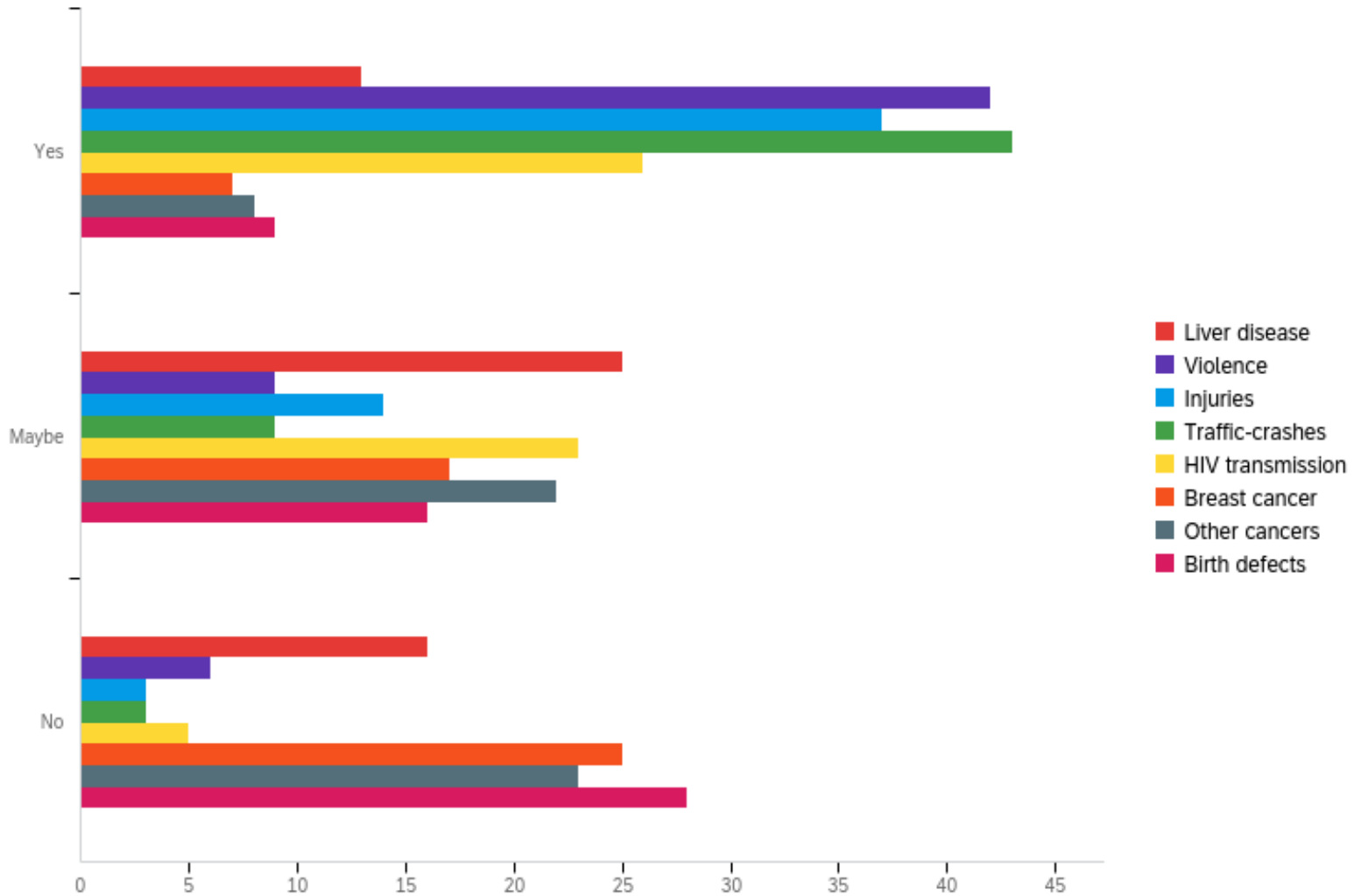
The SAFER Initiative Outlines 5 Key Priorities –Which do you think are the most important in your country? Please rank order where 1 is the highest priority and 5 is the lowest.



In your opinion, would people in your community support the following strategies to address alcohol-related harm?



In your opinion, do people in your community know that alcohol causes and contributes to:



Key Findings



- Alcohol capacity, resources, policies and needs vary across the 5 countries in East Africa (break down by country not shown). However, alcohol harm prevention is perceived to be low to moderate priority across the countries.
- Risk factors for alcohol harm are primarily structural (eg need to be addressed through policies and broader prevention strategies).
- More than 1/3 of survey participants are NOT familiar with WHO SAFER initiative and perceptions around taxation seems inconsistent as it is ranked as highest and lowest intervention priority
- Participants reported generally strong support for interventions and outlined several alcohol-harms likely NOT known by community members i.e., birth defects and cancers.

Survey is Ongoing



- We will share full report when survey is completed...
- Meanwhile, send Prof Swahn an email to receive the survey link...
- We need more responses to capture the needs and diversity across the countries and within Uganda.

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Thank You!



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