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Regulating alcohol packaging and supply to protect health in Sub-Saharan Africa: evidence from policy systems in Malawi and Uganda.

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Other Partners:

- **Ministry of Trade and Industry (Uganda) & Ministry of Health (Malawi)**

Our collaboration

One project from the ReVAMP Consortium (Reinforcing Evidence in Alcohol Marketing Policies)

Our work is informed by the WHO SAFER initiative and framework:

http://www.who.int/substance_abuse/safer/en/

Our understanding of the problem & expectations of the bans

Concerns about harmful consumption, also health and societal problems which led to the bans of alcohol sachets in Malawi and Uganda

Expectations that reducing availability through the ban would decrease harmful consumption of alcohol

RESEARCH

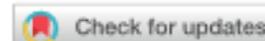
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“It’s business as usual”: adolescents perspectives on the ban of alcohol sachets towards reduction in under age alcohol use in Malawi



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Alcohol use in fishing communities and men’s willingness to participate in an alcohol, violence and HIV risk reduction intervention: qualitative findings from Rakai, Uganda

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Study's research questions (RQs)

RQ1: How and why were policies to ban the manufacturing, distribution and selling of sachets of alcohol developed in Uganda and Malawi?

RQ2: How have the national bans been implemented at district level in both countries?

RQ3: What has been the perceived impact of the bans on harmful alcohol consumption at district level and why?

RQ4: What contextual factors are important in considering how to improve regulatory controls on single use containers (SUCs) in these and other Sub-Saharan countries?

Study's work package 1 (WP1)

Stakeholder & Policy Analysis

- a) Documentary analysis
- b) Stakeholders interviews (~18 with key district, provincial and national government officials; legislators; community leaders; local and national NGOs and coalition representatives)

Study's work package 2 (WP2)

Interviews with district and local stakeholders in enforcement and trade

~20 in-depth interviews with officials responsible for the enforcement of the bans and stakeholders with experience of enforcement of the bans

Study's work package 3 (WP3)

Focus group discussions with community members at local level

~18 focus group discussions between Uganda and Malawi (~5 single gender/with community members; ~2 groups with health staff ~2 groups with traditional/church leaders and school headteachers and others.)

Capacity building & dissemination

- 2 research assistants (RAs): in Uganda and Malawi; training & support
- Uganda and Malawi teams to lead/co-authors all papers and present at conferences (e.g. GAPC 2021)
- 2 stakeholder events with policy makers and advocacy groups in both countries; networking, social media

Expected Impact

- enable the Governments of Uganda and Malawi to improve implementation of the bans & mitigate any negative consequences
- support advocacy for Malawi and Uganda Alcohol policies
- A springboard for further studies of the alcohol policy systems in the region

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