

#### Obstacles to policy development in SA

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# **Alcohol Consumption in South Africa**

- 1 in 3 people over 15 years drink (31%) but 2 in 3 of them drink heavily
- Heavy and binge drinking amongst 15-19-year-olds
- Experimentation amongst under 13-year-olds

#### Some of the Alcohol harm

- In SA 171 deaths a day
- In SA 59% of car crash drivers test positive for alcohol
- A pooled analysis of 4 studies in Africa found that men's harmful alcohol use increased their risk of perpetrating IPV by more than three times; and women who reported that their partners were often drunk were at almost six times greater risk of experiencing IPV.

#### **Cost of Alcohol harm**

 Total tangible and non-tangible cost per annum = 10-12% of GDP (2013)

### **Availability**

- Trading hours –
  national vs provincial
  vs local not uniform
- Density
- Legal drinking age not enforced/ pass the 'buck'
- Unlicensed sector 'blind eye'
- Container sizes –not regulated





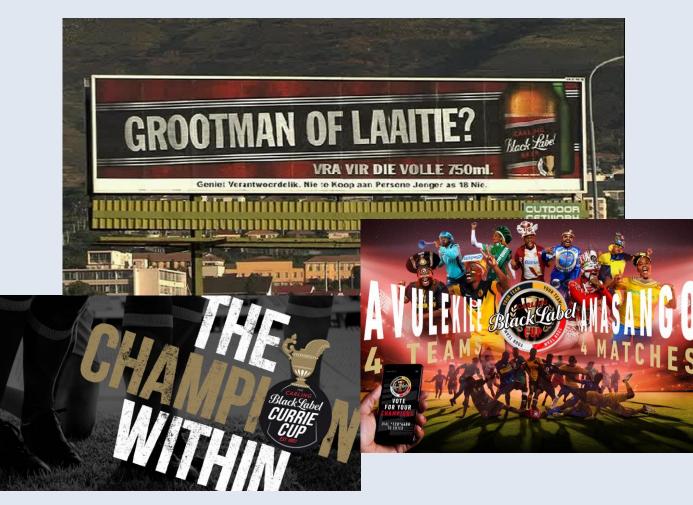
147 Alcohol outlets



36 Schools

# **Unregulated advertising**

Government support self-regulation



## **Pricing**

- SA been rated 1 of top 5 cities for cheapest beer
- Bigger containers decrease price



# Liquor licensing process

- Liquor licenses a provincial competency (9) outdated legislation; obliged to consider all applications
- Notification of liquor license application government gazette, local newspaper, A4 size notice on the proposed premise
- Limited/Lack of community consultation and input in awarding, monitoring and enforcement of licenses

### **Obstacles**

- Lack of political will COVID experience reduced availability decreased trauma admissions with 60%
- Political administrative 5-year cycle
- National vs provincial mandate
- Uncoordinated & operate in silos e.g. BELA
- Access of industry to political elite (economic aspirations)
- Corruption
- Unemployment perceived view that alcohol is one of the few opportunities for entry into economy



# **THANK YOU**

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