

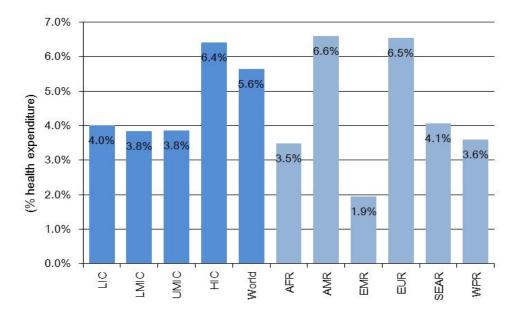
Tobacco Taxation in the Era of the Sustainable Development Goals

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Economic Impact of Tobacco Use

- Tobacco use single largest contributor to NCDs
- Significant spending on health care to treat diseases caused by tobacco





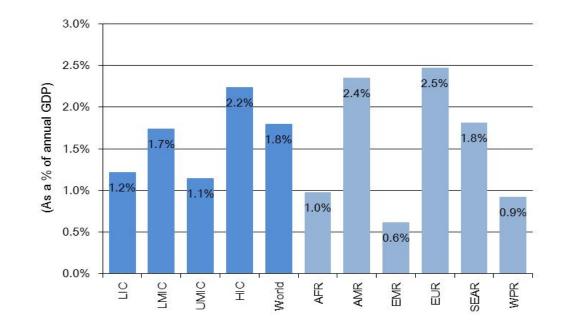




Economic Impact of Tobacco Use

- Enormous economic costs from tobacco use
 - Over \$1.4 trillion in health care costs, lost productivity globally



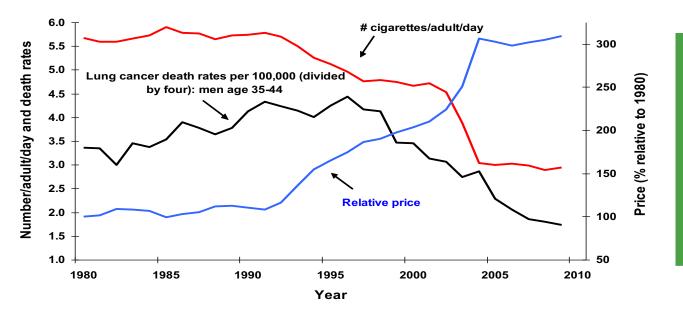




Source: Goodchild, et al., 2017

Impact of Taxes on Tobacco Use

Significant tobacco tax increase are single most effective policy for reducing tobacco use and its health and economic consequences



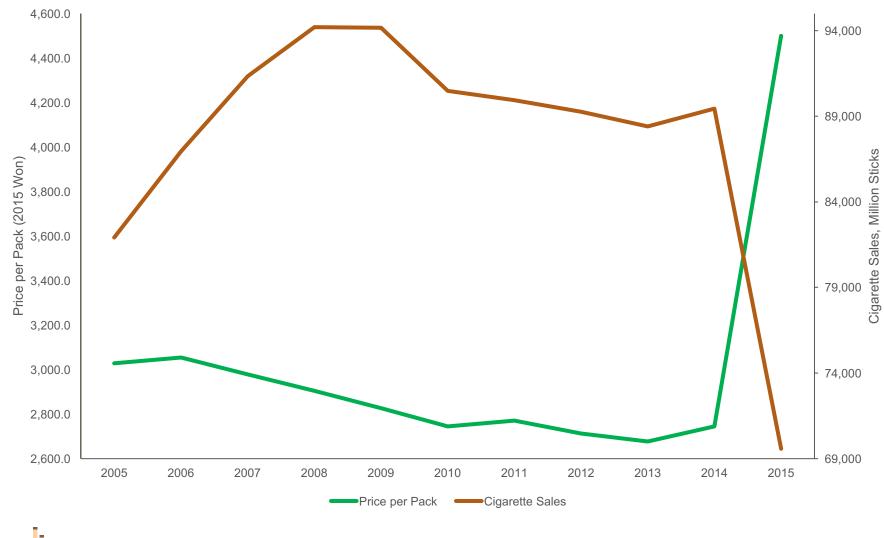




Sources: NCI & WHO, 2016; Jha & Hill, 2012

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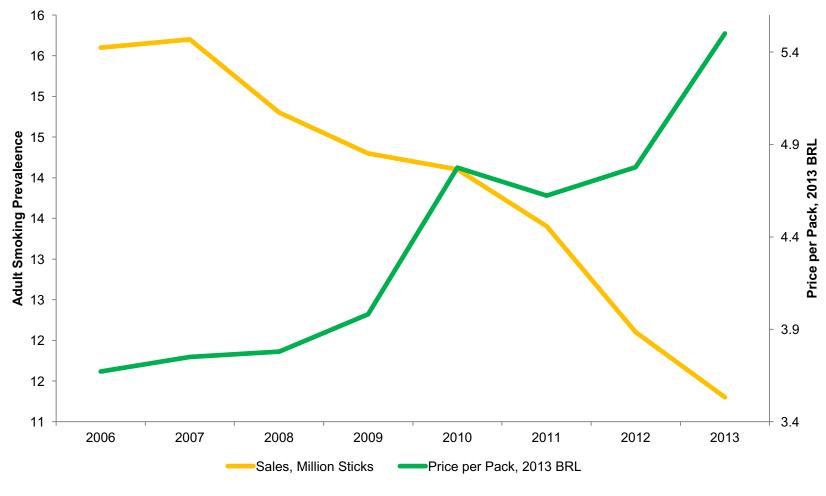
Cigarette Price & Consumption Republic of Korea, 2005-2015, Inflation Adjusted



Sources: EIU, Euromonitor, and World Bank

Adult Smoking Prevalence & Price

Brazil, Inflation Adjusted, 2006-2013



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Sources: Ministry of Health, Brazil; EIU; World Bank

Cigarette Price & Youth Smoking Prevalence Chile, 2000-2015

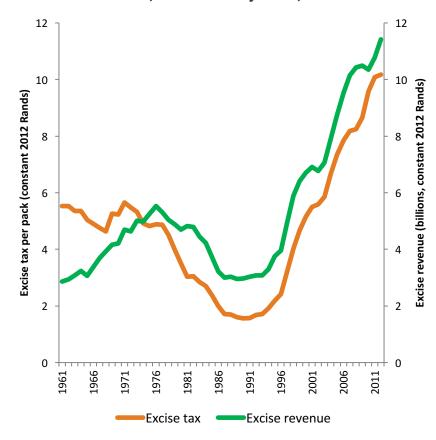


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Impact of Taxes on Revenues

- Higher tobacco taxes very effective in generating new tax revenues
- Dedication of some tax revenues to tobacco control and other health promotion programs adds to the health impact of tax increases

Excise Tax per Pack and Excise Tax Revenue, South Africa, Inflation Adjusted, 1961-2012



Source: NCI & WHO 2016



Tobacco Taxes and Revenues

• The Addis Ababa Action Agenda states:

"... price and tax measures on tobacco can be an effective and important means to reduce tobacco consumption and health-care costs, and represent **a revenue stream for financing development in many countries**"



FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

TIME FOR GLOBAL ACTION



Tax Structure Matters

pack (PPP dollars) Price minus taxes Price: PPP \$ 4.15 Other taxes Price: PPP \$ 3.90 Excise tax per pack Price: per PPP \$ 3.48 Price and taxation Price: PPP \$ 3.19 Price: PPP \$ 2.96 Price: PPP \$ 1.71 1.90 1.72 1.62 1.44 1.44 Specific Mixed excise Mixed excise Mixed excise Ad valorem No exclse exclse (relying more (all) (relying more exclse on ad valorem on specific exclse) exclse)

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES AND TAXES PER PACK BY TAX STRUCTURE

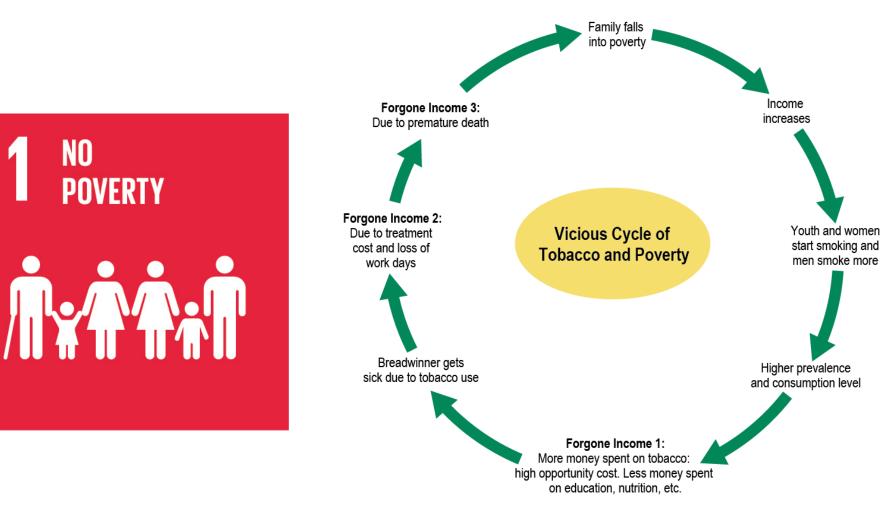
Note: Averages are weighted by WHO estimates of number of current cigarette smokers in each country. Prices are expressed in Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) adjusted dollars or international dollars to account for differences in the purchasing power across countries. Based on 53 high-income, 98 middle-income and 29 low-income countries with data on price of most sold brand, excise and other taxes, and PPP conversion factors.



Source: WHO 2015

- High, uniform specific taxes most effective in achieving health and revenue goals
 - Need to adjust specific tax for inflation and income growth in order to reduce affordability,

Tobacco Use & Poverty



Source: NCI & WHO 2016

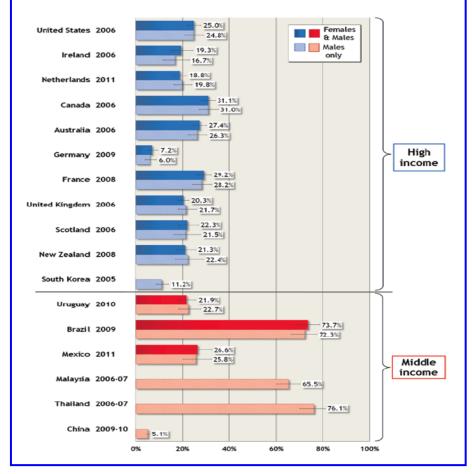


Crowding Out by Tobacco



Spent Money on Cigarettes Instead of Essentials

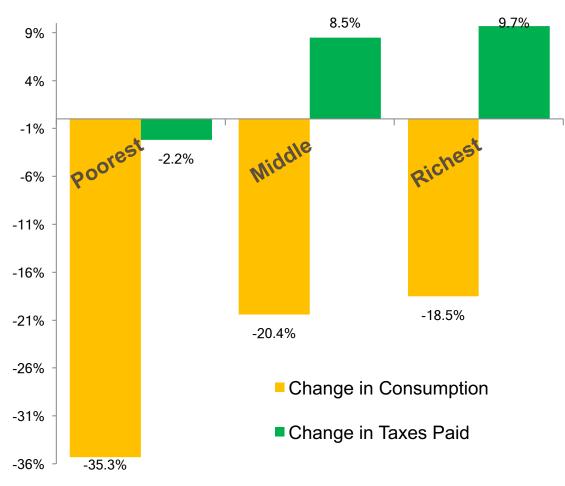
Figure 2. Percentage of smokers who spent money on cigarettes instead of household essentials, such as food, in the last 6 months, by country



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Source: ITC Project, 2012

Tobacco Taxes Reduce Inequity







Economic Impact of Tobacco Taxes

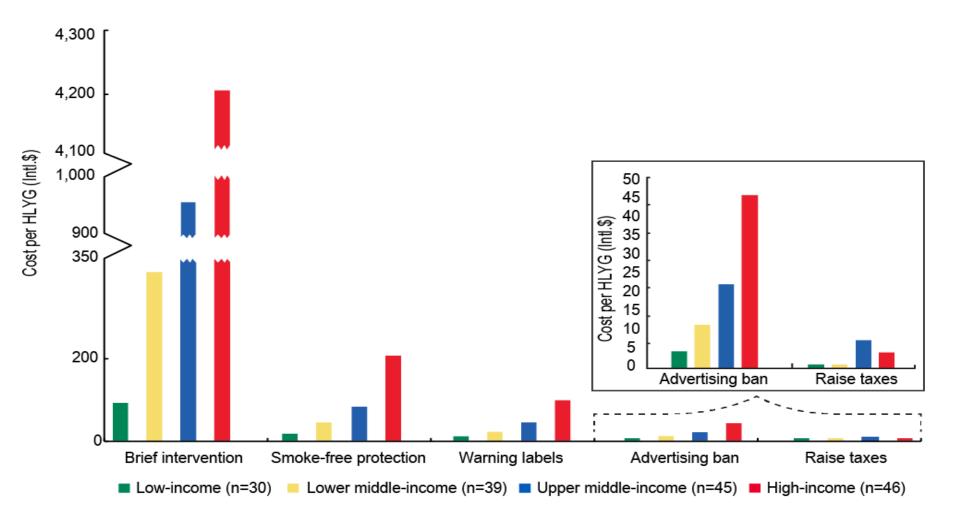
- Tobacco industry and its allies spread myths about the economic impact of tobacco taxes
- Evidence shows that higher tobacco taxes and other tobacco control measures:



- Have no negative impact and often a positive impact on jobs, businesses
- Do not lead to increased illicit trade in tobacco products
- Make sense from an economic perspective



Highly Cost-Effective



Source: NCI & WHO 2016

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