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Authors: Glover M, Phillips CV.

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Authors: Ortis A, Caponnetto P, Polosa R, Urso S, Battiato, S.

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Authors: Kumar N, Ainooson J, Billings A, et al.

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[Restricting Flavors in ENDS Could Have Repercussions Beyond Youth's Use](#)

Authors: Erkkila B, Kovacevic P, Yach D.

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Author: Yach D.

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[Quit During COVID019 – staying smokefree in mental health in-patient settings](#)

Authors: Patwardhan P, Driscoll R.

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Authors: Patell VM, Pasha N, Krishnasamy K, et al.

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[COVID-19 FSFW's smoking poll highlights doctors' crucial role](#)

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[Tobacco smoking in three 'left behind' subgroups: indigenous, the rainbow community and people with mental health conditions.](#)

Authors: Glover M, Patwardhan P, Selket K.

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Author: Solomon A.

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Author: Yach, D.

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[Expert urges innovations in tobacco control](#)

Author: Satapathy, S.

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Authors: Murkett R, Rugh M, Ding B.

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Authors: Conte G, Antonio Pacino S, Urso S, Polosa R, et al.

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Authors: Allegra D, Battiato S, Ortis A, Urso S, & Polosa, R.

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Tobacco Harm Reduction and the Right to Health

By Knowledge.Action.Change

Published January 2020

A Global State of Tobacco Harm Reduction introductory briefing paper, Tobacco harm reduction and the right to health offers an overview of key issues in tobacco harm reduction, its public health potential and its relationship with human rights.

<https://gsthr.org/resources/item/tobacco-harm-reduction-and-right-health>

Rapid Assessment of Smoking and Vaping in Pakistan during COVID-19 Lockdown

By Alternative Research Initiative

Published March 2020

This rapid perception study assessed availability and accessibility of vaping and smoking during the lockdown and the impact of Covid-19 on them. PANTHR collected primary qualitative data from 120 respondents in 11 districts – Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Faisalabad, Sialkot, Multan, Peshawar, Abbottabad, Quetta, Karachi and Hyderabad - by conducting interviews telephonically. With the consent of the respondents, interviews have been recorded. All study respondents, smokers and vapers, are male, and mostly between 18-35 years old. There are significantly more smokers than vapers in the age bracket 35 years and above.

<http://www.panthr.org/publications/Vaping-and-Smoking-Survey-Report.pdf>

COVID-19 State of Smoking Poll

By Foundation for a Smoke-Free World

Published May 2020

The Foundation for a Smoke-Free World commissioned a poll in five countries that explores the relationship between COVID-19 social distancing and health among 6,801 tobacco and nicotine users. More than two thirds of the respondents rely on tobacco and nicotine as their main tool to manage stress and anxiety. Nearly 40% of smokers increased use of these products in recent weeks, which could equate to elevated use by more than 50 million smokers in the five countries polled.

https://www.smokefreeworld.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/FSFW_COVID-19-Flash-Poll_Summary-Report_2_28_NA_MPpic.pdf

Watching Briefs: Hungary

By Foundation for a Smoke-Free World

Published May 2020

The Watching Brief series chronicles the most up-to-date data on smoking across the world. In the first of this series, Foundation economist Ayda Yurekli examines the current state of the Hungarian tobacco industry. From analyses of excise taxes to an investigation of illicit trade, this two-part Brief offers an illuminating look into the past, present, and future of smoking in Hungary.

https://www.smokefreeworld.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Watching-Briefs_Hungary.pdf

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Farm Level Analysis of the Impact of COVID19 on Agrifood Systems in Malawi

By MwAPATA Institute

Published July 2020

Nearly 300 farmers were interviewed to assess the impact of COVID-19 and the Government efforts to combat the disease on agricultural production and marketing during the 2019-2020 agricultural season. Farmers were also asked how they expect the effects will last into the 2020-2021 season.

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Agricultural Transformation in Malawi: A Call to Action

By MwAPATA Institute

Published July 2020

This paper seeks to 1) highlight the urgent need for change in Malawi's economic management and performance, 2) highlight policy interventions that Malawi could adopt to achieve significant economic development, and 3) address the question of how the necessary transformation may be brought about.

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India Country Report

By Foundation for a Smoke-Free World

Published July 2020

The Foundation for a Smoke-Free World is committed to filling key knowledge gaps in our collective understanding of tobacco production and use, especially in the low- and middle-income countries where it is increasingly grown and consumed. In that vein, this report provides a glimpse of the tobacco landscape in India. As one of the world's largest producers and consumers of tobacco, understanding this landscape and the opportunities to transform – both literally and figuratively – have never been more important. This report only scratches the surface of the forces shaping that landscape, but we hope that, in doing so, it encourages others to make even greater explorations of it.

https://www.smokefreeworld.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Updated-India-Country-Report_FSW_2521.pdf

The Future of Smallholder Farming in Malawi

By MwAPATA Institute

Published August 2020

The study characterizes smallholder farming in Malawi, projects the consequences of a 'business as usual' strategy and identifies promising government strategies to support smallholder livelihoods and contribute to wealth creation.

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THR: Regulatory Economic, and Taxation Perspectives

(Proceedings of the 2020 Dubrovnik Consultation)

By Foundation for a Smoke-Free World

Published August 4, 2020

This is a summary of expert contributions to the 2020 Dubrovnik Consultation, a summit meeting on regulatory issues, taxation and other perspectives in tobacco harm reduction. This summit was originally planned as a live meeting in Dubrovnik, Croatia in mid-2020, but was postponed due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The expert contributions to the virtual meetings are summarized in this document. The Dubrovnik Consultation is a unique opportunity to identify areas of intervention in tobacco harm reduction regulation and to enable the Foundation of the Smoke-Free World to prioritize future areas of research.

<https://www.smokefreeworld.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Dubrovnik-Consultation-Report.pdf>

Unlocking Implementation Challenges: Lessons from the Agricultural Sector

By MwAPATA Institute

Published August 2020

This study investigates the causes of challenges in programs, policies and strategies implementation in agricultural sector and draw lessons that can inform the ministries responsible for agriculture and rural development address these challenges.

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Women as Levers of Change

By Foreign Policy Analytics

Published September 2020

The report, Women as Levers of Change, examines the current state of gender inequality in historically male dominated industries, ways in which women are driving progress toward industry transformation and sustainable development, factors preventing gender diversity, and best practices for unleashing the transformative power of women. The report found that within 14 legacy industries, women on average represent just over 20% of the employees hired by publicly listed companies, 18% of executive management, and only 13% of board seats. These deficiencies exist even though companies with the highest percentages of women in management were 47% more profitable.

<https://womensleversofchange.com/>

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Contradictions and Conflicts

By Just Managing Consulting

Published September 17, 2020

Research by leading international business and corporate governance scholar Daniel Malan identifies inherent conflicts of interest with many of the countries leading the development of global tobacco control policy. The “Contradictions and Conflicts” report specifically identifies contradictions between governments’ fiduciary responsibility to maximize state monopoly profitability and their health responsibility to minimize public health risks, as well as generate potential solutions.

Tobacco products kill 8 million people every year. Between 2000 and 2019, overall global tobacco use declined by less than a quarter of a percentage point per year, despite global attempts to address the pandemic, spearheaded by the World Health Organization’s Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), in force since 2005. There are currently 182 parties to the FCTC, which has as its main objective “to protect present and future generations from the devastating health, social, environmental and economic consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure”.

<https://www.smokefreeworld.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Contradictions-Conflicts.pdf>

An Early Assessment of the Impact of COVID19 in Malawi

By MwAPATA Institute

Published September 2020

The COVID-19 crisis has impacted every facet of Malawi's agricultural value chains. We present and evaluate new data from across the spectrum to begin to allow policy makers to make decisions with information on how the country has been affected and discuss the importance of continued monitoring.

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Phasing Out Combustible Cigarettes

Author: Derek Yach

Published September 22, 2020

This paper outlines rational, researched-based strategies for phasing out combustible cigarettes, including a “nudge” approach and logical regulatory actions. Central to this plan are scientifically informed policies regarding THRPs. Unfortunately, the media and public officials have distributed so much misinformation about these products that an increasing numbers of smokers think their health risks are equal to that of combustible cigarettes. This view is not only inaccurate but dangerous, and public officials have an ethical and professional obligation to correct these misperceptions.

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Smoky Horizons: Tobacco And Empire In Asia, 1850 – 2000

By Asia Public History Foundation

Published October 5, 2020

Few have attempted to study the introduction and spread of tobacco cultivation in Asia using an analytical frame, which integrates the imperial economy, local social structures, and the commodity history of tobacco. This is a report on preliminary archival and ethnographic work on the economic and social relationship between tobacco cultivation and imperial expansion in Asia, focusing primarily on British India (today's nation-states of India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh), China, and Japan.

<https://www.smokefreeworld.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Smoky-Horizons-2.pdf>

Manufacturing and Industrialization in Malawi: Trends, Opportunities, and Strategies

By MwAPATA Institute

Published October 2020

We review experiences from other fast-growing economies in sub-Saharan Africa and newly industrialized economies in East Asia to draw out lessons for Malawi's industrialization strategy to promote employment, wealth creation, and reduced economic vulnerabilities associated with primary agricultural products.

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2020 Tobacco Transformation Index (TM) Ranking Report

By Foundation for a Smoke Free World

Published October 23, 2020

The 2020 [Tobacco Transformation Index™](#) represents the first comprehensive effort to evaluate tobacco companies' commitments and actions as they relate to tobacco harm reduction.

The 2020 index assesses the activities and performance of the world's 15 most globally and regionally influential tobacco companies as they pertain to tobacco harm reduction. This includes analyzing and comparing companies' respective product offerings, sales performance, and capital investments for both high-risk tobacco products and reduced-risk alternatives. The 2020 index also compares companies' activities and performance across 36 countries, which are divided into groups of low-medium income (LMIC) and high-medium income (HMIC).

By monitoring and critically evaluating tobacco companies' behavior, including actions that either support or impede tobacco harm reduction, the Index provides objective, transparent information to all stakeholders and incentivizes companies to act more quickly and responsibly than they otherwise would.

https://www.smokefreeworld.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2020_Index_Ranking.pdf

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Burning Issues

By Knowledge. Action. Change.

Published November 4, 2020

This latest report in **The Global State of Tobacco Harm Reduction** series from UK-based public health agency Knowledge·Action·Change (KAC) examines the role of tobacco harm reduction. The authors show there is an urgent need to scale up tobacco harm reduction if its full public health potential is to be realized.

Their first report, **No Fire, No Smoke** that was published in 2018, documents the history and development of harm reduction, as well as use, availability and regulatory responses to safer nicotine products around the world.

<https://gsth.org/resources/item/burning-issues-global-state-tobacco-harm-reduction-2020>

The Past, Present, and Future of Land Use in Malawi: A Background Review

By MwAPATA Institute

Published November 2020

The history of land use, ownership, and development in Malawi is traced from the colonial era to the present. Juxtaposing challenges faced by estate holders and smallholders highlights potential for mutually beneficial partnerships. Examples of land use schemes are probed to explore options for Malawi.

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