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Diversification away from tobacco production is regarded as a priority for Malawi. This paper characterizes broad trends in production since 2000 in order to understand whether Malawi is shifting away from tobacco and how production and the prices received by farmers have changed over time.

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This report provides a glimpse of the tobacco landscape in Pakistan. Despite bans in recent years, there are still 24 million users of smoked and smokeless tobacco in Pakistan. Given the high levels of tobacco use, the country faces considerable health and economic consequences.

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Despite growth to 32.1 billion units in 2009 and the subsequent decline to 22.7 billion units in 2019, Kazakhstan is still at the same level as in 2003, when it had just launched its active efforts aimed to curb tobacco use. This indicates that the country has merely slowed down the growth in its tobacco use and has not achieved any effective reduction.

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As of 2018, roughly 226,000 people died due to the smoking-related diseases, of whom 201,000 were men. This report explores the factors that contribute to Russia remaining among the countries with the highest tobacco-related mortality rate.

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In Uzbekistan about 14.4% of the adult population smokes cigarettes, versus 17% in Kazakhstan, over 27% in Russia, 23% in Ukraine, and 25% in Georgia. This report goes into prevalence rates, legislative measures taken by authorities to reduce smoking levels, taxation of tobacco products and many more ways the country is trying to make that percentage lower.

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Despite the efforts of international organizations to address this issue, there are still issues with the data available on smoking prevalence and the use of nicotine-containing products. This report lays out the many contributing factors that make smoking one of the major public health issues in Ukraine.
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This report examines the economic landscape of the tobacco industry in Bangladesh, which has a large and thriving tobacco market that is fueled by its growing economy.

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The government of Nepal has taken some important measures to regulate the tobacco market and reduce health burden of tobacco consumption, particularly since early 2010s, when it enforced tobacco control act in 2011. This report takes you into the history of tobacco in Nepal and goes into detail on the several other measures like graphic health warning, banning of promotion and advertisement, banning of sales to minors, introducing health burden tax, promoting public awareness that country has enforced.