

Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases:

Grouping 1.1.3

Statement:

We support the adoption of the Draft alcohol action plan (2022–2030) and encourage full implementation.

At the same time, serious concerns remain: The Action Plan does not advise on how to counter commercial barriers to effective alcohol control measures. The way forward needs stronger actions to counter and regulate the alcohol industry's role in driving pervasive alcohol harms, especially in LMICs.

The action plan accurately recognises the links between alcohol harm and socio-economic development, but more action is needed to tackle the social and economic drivers of alcohol harm.

To improve equity, adequate resources should be invested in care and support for people and communities most severely affected by alcohol harm.