Alcoholism: Community aspects and social perspective



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Introduction

- Alcoholism is one of the principle social evil around the globe
- Alcoholism ranks among the top five risk factors for disease, disability and death throughout the world.
- Causal factor in more than 200 disease and injury conditions.
- Alcoholism can also have serious social and economic consequences for individuals other than the drinker and for society at large.
- Hence it is a Public health priority to find a strategy to reduce harmful use of alcohol.

ICD 10

CHAPTER 5 Mental and behavioral disorders (F01-F99)

Mental and behavioural disorders due to use

of Alcohol (F10.1 to F10.99)



The ICD-10 Classification of Mental and Behavioural Disorders

Clinical descriptions and diagnostic guidelines



Definitions

• Harmful use of alcohol is defined as a pattern of alcohol use that is causing damage to health, and the damage may be Physical (as in cases of liver cirrhosis) or Mental (as in cases of depressive episodes secondary to heavy consumption of alcohol)

(see ICD-10; WHO, 1992).

Definition

Alcoholism or Alcohol Dependence :

A cluster of behavioural, cognitive, and physiological phenomena that develop after repeated alcohol use and that typically include a strong desire to consume alcohol, difficulties in controlling its use, persisting in its use despite harmful consequences, a higher priority given to alcohol use than to other activities and obligations, increased tolerance, and sometimes a physiological withdrawal state.

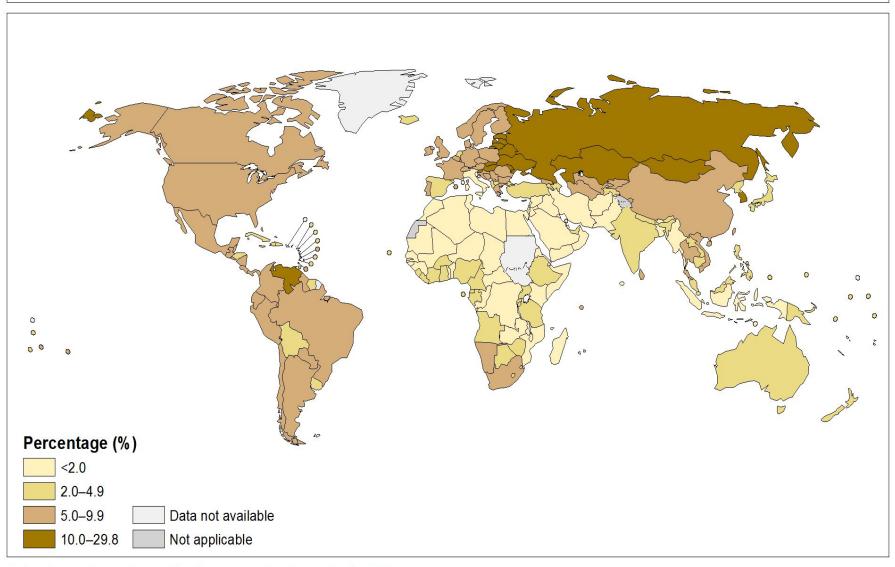
(see ICD-10; WHO, 1992).

Problem statement

World:

- Persons aged >15 years drinks 6.2 litres of pure alcohol per year.
- While drinkers consume 17 litres of pure alcohol annually
- Worldwide, 3.3 million deaths every year result from harmful use of alcohol, this represent 5.9 % of all deaths.
- 5.1 % of the global burden of disease and injury is attributable to alcohol, as measured in disability adjusted life years (DALYs)
- In the age group 20 39 years approximately 25 % of the total deaths are alcohol attributable.

Proportion of all DALYs attributable to alcohol (AAFs; %; all ages), 2012

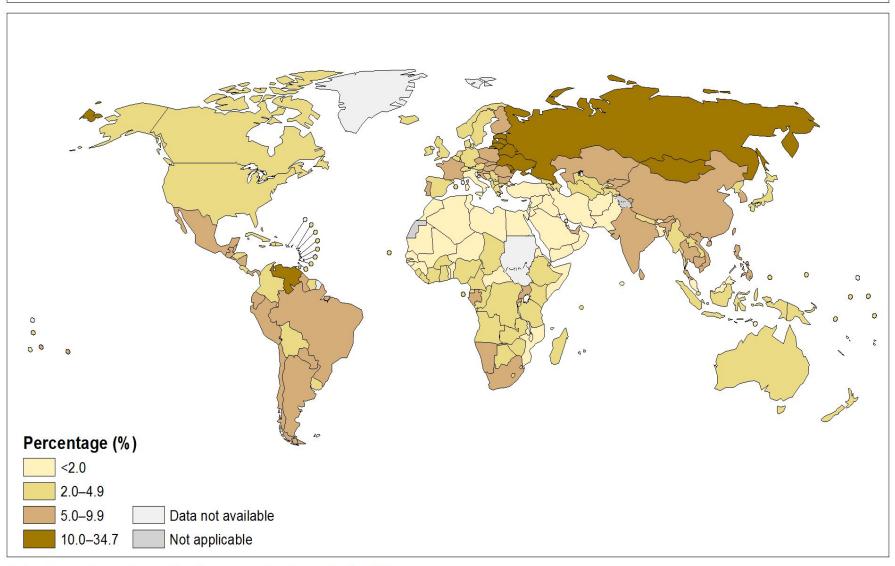


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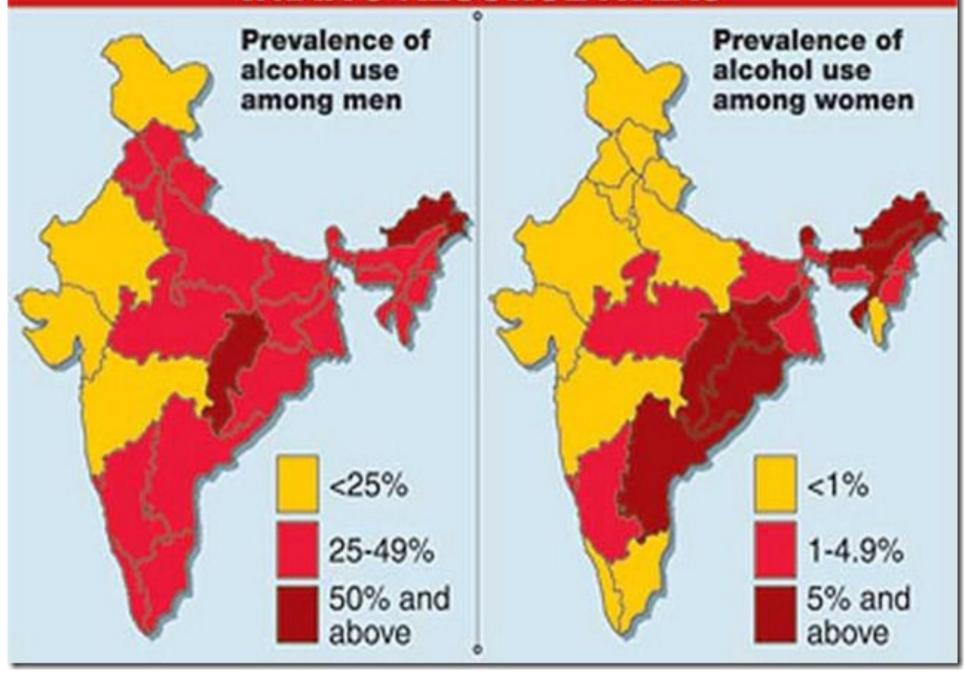


Problem statement

India:

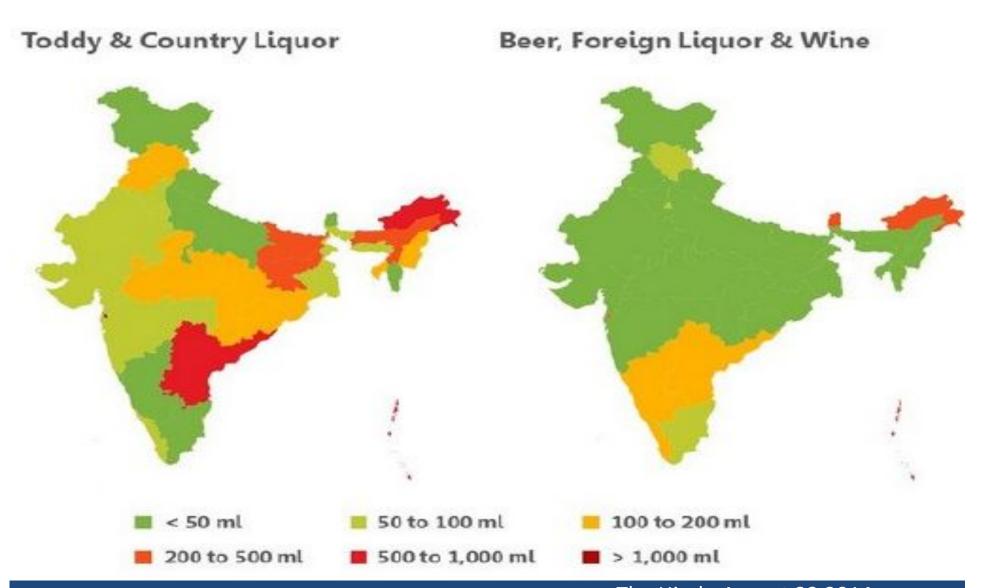
- Persons in India aged 15 years or older drinks 4.3 litres of pure alcohol per year.
- While drinkers consume 28.7 litres of pure alcohol annually
- 2.6% of population are having Alcohol Use
 Disorders in India (2.1% : Alcohol dependence)
- 1.6% of total road accidents are attributed to alcohol/drug abuse

INDIA'S ALCOHOL ATLAS

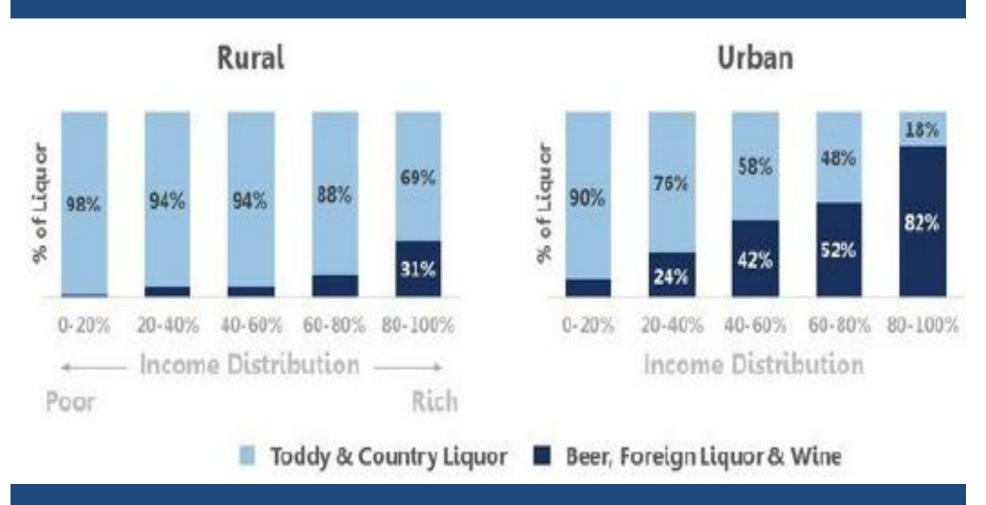


Liquor Consumption

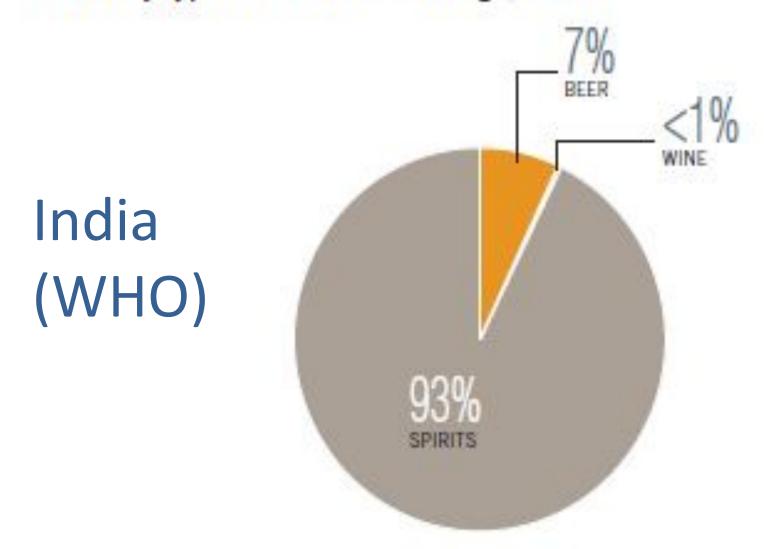
Per Capita Per Week



Consumption of alcohol based on socioeconomic status in Rural & Urban India



Recorded alcohol per capita (15+) consumption (in litres of pure alcohol) by type of alcoholic beverage, 2010



Prevalence of alcohol use disorders and alcohol dependence (%), 2010*

	Alcohol use disorders**	Alcohol dependence	
Males	4.5	3.8	
Females	0.6	0.4	
Both sexes	2.6	2.1	
WHO South-East Asia Region	2.2	1.7	

^{*12-}month prevalence estimates (15+).

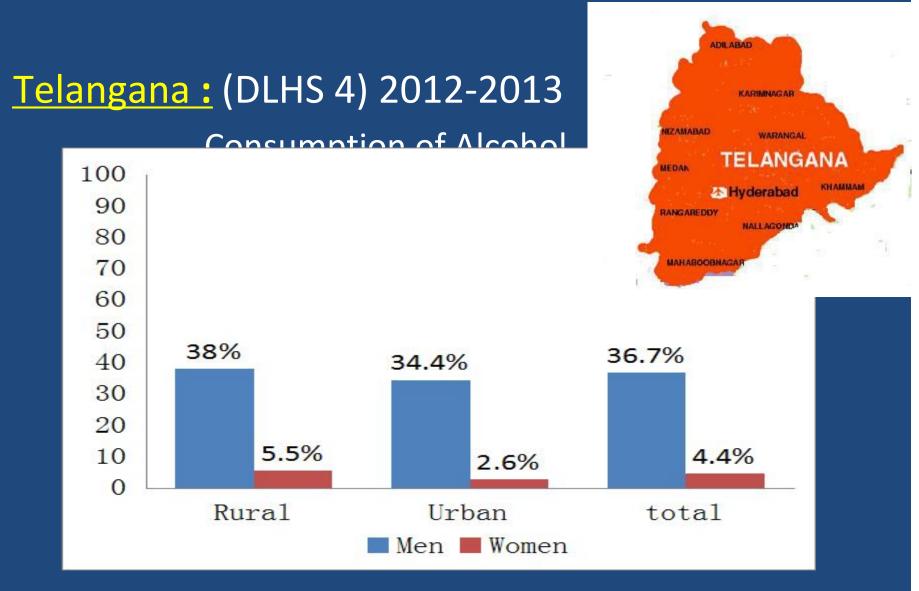
Age-standardized death rates (ASDR) and alcohol-attributable fractions (AAF), 2012

	ASDR*		AAF (%)	
Liver cirrhosis, males / females	39.5	19.6	62.9	33.2
Road traffic accidents, males / females	41.0	11.4	33.1	2.1

^{*}Per 100 000 population (15+).

^{**}Including alcohol dependence and harmful use of alcohol.

Problem statement



Social factors leading to Alcoholism

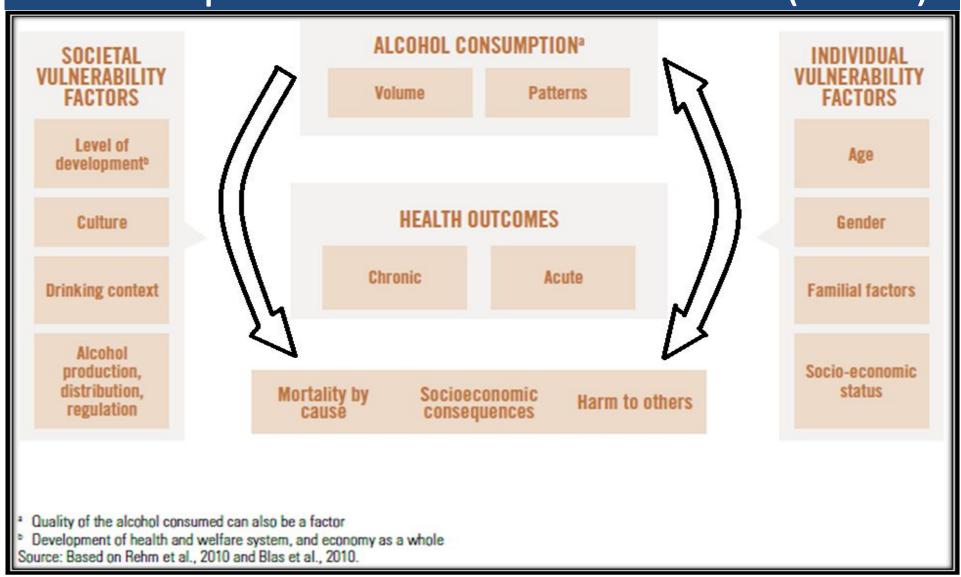
- Social drinking
- Family
- Peers
- Partner drinking
- Neighborhood
- Co-workers
- Life changes
- Poverty
- Homelessness
- Cultural







Conceptual causal model of alcohol consumption and health outcomes (WHO)



Reasons for increased alcohol consumption

- Family drinking
- Family structure
- Personality variables
- Spouse's drinking behaviour
- Drinking environment
- However poverty, unemployment and sense of helplessness may also predispose to the over-use of alcohol.

Alcohol Related Harm

SELF

Immediate

- Unintentional injuries
- Violence
- Risky sexual behaviors
- Miscarriage and stillbirth
- Alcohol poisoning

Long term

- Neurological problems
- Cardiovascular problems
- Psychiatric problems
- Social problems
- Cancer
- Liver diseases



Alcohol Related Harm

Harm to others

- Injury
- Neglect or abuse
- Default on social role
- Property damage
- Toxic effects (FAS)
- Loss of amenity or peace of mind

Harm to society at large

- Health
- Social and economic costs
 - Direct costs
 - Indirect costs
 - Intangible costs

Crimes due to alcoholism/drugs

 1.6% of total road accidents which rendered 7,398 persons injured and 2,591 deaths in the country.

 Maximum fatal road accidents in AP(14.9%), Telangana(14%)

• 1.1%-1.2% of Suicides

250 deaths of farmers' suicides

Social problems due to Alcoholism

- Mild social problems :-
- 1. Irritability
- 2. Likely to argue and by affecting judgment, and
- 3. Loss of Control over behavior
- Moderate and Serious social problems
- 4. Losing friends
- 5. Losing jobs
- 6. Child abuse and domestic violence
- 7. Separation of family members, and
- 8. Divorce
- 9. Financial problems





Work or School problems

- 1. Arriving late
- 2. Making more mistakes
- 3. Leaving assignments incomplete
- 4. Problems with bosses and co-workers
- 5. Getting poor grades or evaluations
- 6. Drop outs from school, and
- 7. Losing jobs



Financial problems

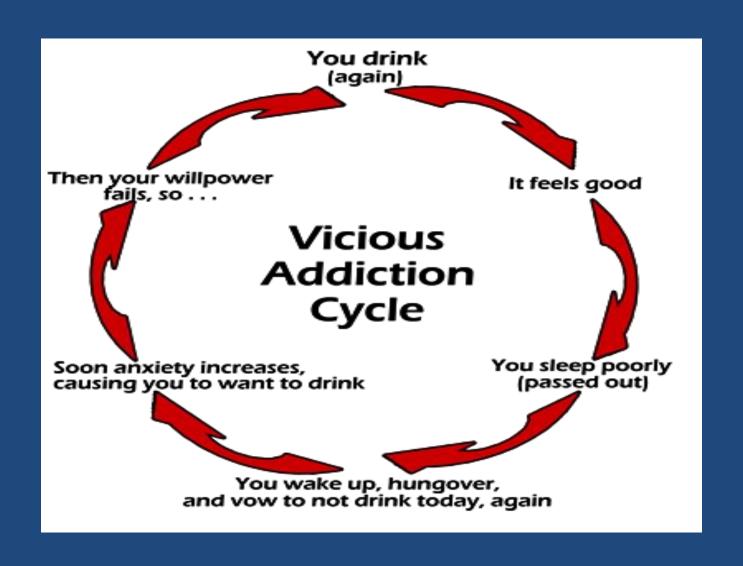
- Current money problems worse and cause new ones:
- a) Having less money for necessary expenses like food and clothing
- b) Neglecting to pay bills, and
- Creating additional expenses, such as extra medical costs, fines, or car repairs.

Alcohol & Women

- Causes:
 - Age
 - Life role
 - Marital status
- Physiological impairment
- High vulnerability to liver damage and breast cancer
- Menstrual disorders



Preventive aspects



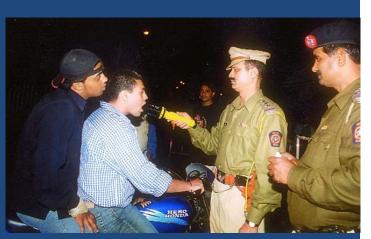
Primary prevention

Educational Approach –

- Programs for children , risk group
- Electronic Media
- Target group intervention

Legal Approach

- Control of production and sale
- Raising prices and taxes
- Raising of minimum age
- Ban advertisement available centers
- Strict rules for drink and drive
- Low use of alcohol content
- Improve mental health and coping to stress
- Parents to be Role Model for their children



Secondary prevention

Early Diagnosis



- of withdrawal symptoms
- of addiction-(physiological, psychological and social)
- of complications –(depression ,anxiety ,vitamin deficiency, cirrhosis)
- Post de-toxication counselling & Follow up

Change in Environment at home, college, work place.

Alcoholics Anonymous



- International agency, 1935
- Share experiences with anyone seeking help with a drinking problem
- They give "sponsorship" to the alcoholic coming from any source
- Offers 12 step program, discussed in A.A meetings

Tertiary prevention

It includes treatment and rehabilitation

After care programs

Vocational guidance

Counseling

Recreation.



Quitting Alcohol

- Admit that it's a problem
- Talk to a doctor
- Help from loved ones
- Change your attitude
- Get "NEW GOOD" friends
- Reward your progress
- Dietery habits





Family and community support

- Parents to be Role Model for their children
- Identifying the problem
- Listening
- Building a relationship
- Counseling
- Encouragement
- Avoid stigma







Global action plan (WHO)

 Public policies and interventions, guided and formulated by public health interests

 Equitable and sensitive to national, religious and cultural contexts.

Political commitment

Protection of populations at high risk

Global action plan (WHO)



- Accessible and affordable
- Right to be supported and protected from pressure
- Encompass all alcoholic beverages and surrogate alcohol
- Geographic Information System for Alcohol & Health

GISAH

Scheme of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (2015) Government of India

- 1. Awareness and Preventive Education
- 2. Drug Awareness and Counselling Centre
- 3. Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCAs)
- 4. Workplace Prevention Programme (WPP)
- 5. De-addiction Camps

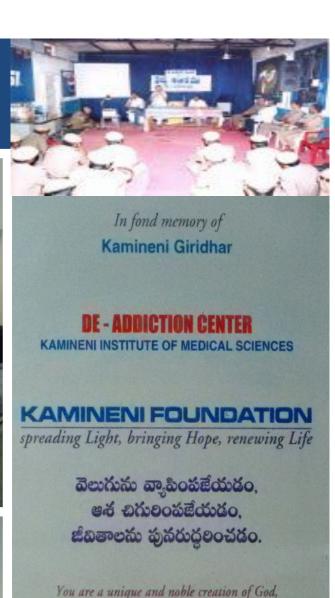
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- 6. NGO forum for Drug Abuse Prevention
- 7. Innovative Interventions to strengthen community based rehabilitation
- 8. Technical Exchange and Manpower development programme
- 9. Surveys, Studies, Evaluation and Research on the subjects covered under the scheme

Deaddiction centre, KIMS







worth far more than any earthly treasure.

Cherish it.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

- THEME 2015
- "For the Health of It: Early Education on Alcoholism and Addiction."
- Increase public awareness, reduce stigma and encourage local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol related issues



Conclusion



- Alcoholism is one of the Public Health problem
- High-income countries have the highest alcohol per capita consumption (APC).
- Yearly increasing deaths are due to harmful use of alcohol
- Wide geographical variation in the proportion of alcohol-attributable deaths and DALYs.
- Policies should be formulated at the global, regional, multinational, national and subnational level

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The final Aim is....



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