Stakeholder feedback on the indicators for the SDGs in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

We consider the two indicators for target 3.5 ineffective and not well chosen, as they won’t be useful for following up actual developments of prevention and treatment of substance abuse.

Indicator 3.5.2 Coverage of interventions for the prevention of substance abuse interventions among people under 25

This indicator unfortunately does not provide any relevant information related to the goal, as prevention interventions are very often the least effective tools especially if other effective measures (effective alcohol control policies) are missing. Another reason would be a problem of measurement of this indicator. Therefore, IOGT International would like to propose an indicator that would measure total per capita alcohol consumption.

The main reason for our suggestion is strong evidence of effective population approaches that suggest that a reduction in per capita alcohol consumption will reduce both health and social problems caused by alcohol use. Moreover many countries and WHO already measure the total alcohol consumption per capita.

IOGT International therefore suggests the following indicator: "Total per capita (aged 15+ years old) pure alcohol consumption within a calendar year in liters." that is in line with the Global Action plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs 2013 - 2020

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