



Alcohol and Drug Use: Know the Facts

Knowing the facts and figures about alcohol and drug use helps you to define the problem in terms that people can easily understand. Feel free to use these facts in your fundraising efforts to tell the story about alcohol and drug use around the world. For local facts and figures please visit the following website and choose your country profile:

http://www.who.int/substance_abuse/publications/global_alcohol_report/profiles/en/index.html

1. **2.5 m people** die from alcohol every year ó more annual deaths than HIV/Aids or TB.
2. **230 million** people, or 1 in 20 adults, are estimated to have used an illicit drug at least once in 2010.
3. 320,000 young people aged 15-29 years die annually, from alcohol-related causes, resulting in 9% of all deaths in that age group.
4. Alcohol is the world's third largest risk factor for premature mortality, disability and loss of health.
5. Alcohol is associated with many serious social and developmental issues, including violence, child neglect and abuse, and absenteeism in the workplace.
6. The harmful use of alcohol is associated with several infectious diseases like HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and sexually transmitted infections (STIs).
7. Only 1.7 beds per population of 100,000 are available for the treatment of alcohol and drug use disorders.