**SURINAME TOBACCO CONTROL INVESTMENT CASE**

Economic loss

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Tobacco costs Suriname **SRD 508 million** annually, equivalent to 1.7% of GDP.

Total of SRD 53 million in healthcare expenditures:
- Private insurance
- Out-of-pocket
- Government

Total of SRD 455 million in productivity losses:
- Premature mortality
- Presenteeism
- Smoking breaks
- Absenteeism

**90%** of these losses are economic productivity losses.

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**Investing now in five tobacco control measures will save...**

- **1,800 lives**
- **SRD 1 billion** in health costs and economic losses by 2035.

**For every Surinamese dollar invested, Suriname receives SRD 5 by 2025 and SRD 13 by 2035.**

**Return on investment (ROI)**

Each of the priority WHO FCTC measures results in positive returns on investment over 15 years, ranging from SRD 2.1 – 54 per SRD 1 invested now.

**Recommendations**

1. **Increase taxes on all tobacco products in line with WHO recommendations.**
2. **Scale up efforts to monitor and combat illicit trade.**
3. **Strengthen multisectoral planning and coordination for tobacco control.**
4. **Elevate the legislative framework, close enforcement gaps and warn people about the harms of tobacco.**

**ROI**

- **ROI 29**
  - Increase tobacco taxes
- **ROI 22**
  - Protect people from tobacco smoke
- **ROI 2.1**
  - Provide cessation support
- **ROI 23**
  - Implement plain packaging
- **ROI 54**
  - Conduct anti-tobacco campaigns