

Review of: "Using the Socio-ecological Model to Examine Prevalence and Demographic Correlates of Alcoholic Beverage Consumption among Adolescents in Public Schools in Uganda"

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This study provides a valuable contribution to the understanding of socio-ecological factors related to alcohol use among adolescents in public secondary schools in Uganda. The focus on elements such as gender, religious affiliation, level of schooling, use of social networks, friendships and participation in entertainment venues provides a comprehensive view of possible predictors of alcohol consumption.

The results indicate a generally high prevalence of alcohol use among the students surveyed. The identification of significant gender differences in beer and spirits consumption, with females being less likely to consume these products, is an interesting finding that merits further analysis. In addition, the significant association between religious affiliation and alcohol consumption, with students in Muslim and Pentecostal domains being less likely to consume alcohol compared to their Catholic and Anglican counterparts, suggests the influence of cultural and religious factors on alcohol-related decisions.

The connection between love of entertainment venues and use of social networks with alcohol consumption is also a salient observation. These findings support the importance of considering not only individual factors, but also broader social and cultural environments when designing interventions to address youth drinking in educational settings.

The recommendation to take into account ecological differences and 'gender patterns' in interventions is relevant and provides a useful guide for future preventive strategies. In summary, this study provides a solid basis for understanding and addressing adolescent drinking in Uganda, highlighting the importance of holistic and culturally sensitive approaches to interventions.