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TOBACCO CONTROL INVESTMENT CASE



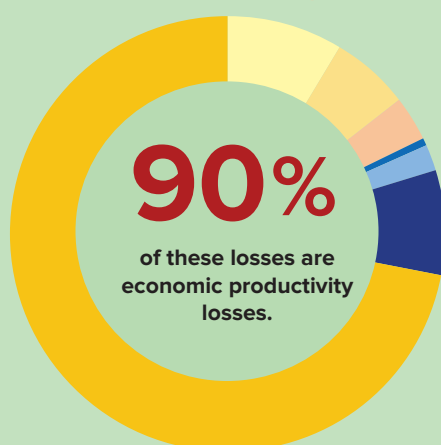
Economic loss

1.7% of GDP

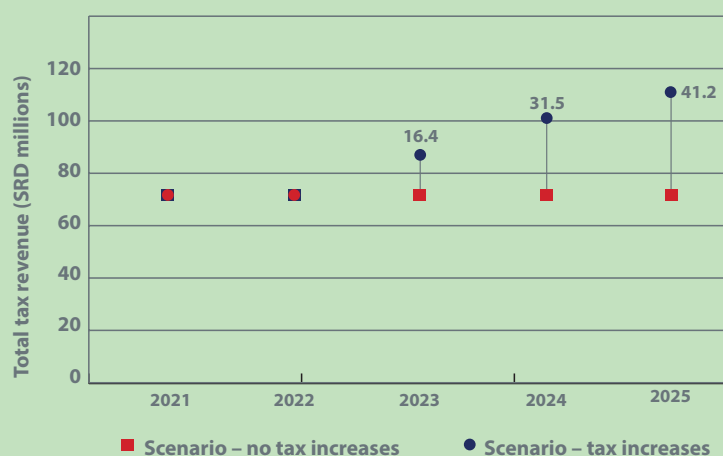
Tobacco costs Suriname **SRD 508 million** annually, equivalent to **1.7% of GDP**.

Total of **SRD 53 million** in healthcare expenditures: Total of **SRD 455 million** in productivity losses:

- Private insurance
- Out-of-pocket
- Government
- Premature mortality
- Presenteeism
- Smoking breaks
- Absenteeism



Additional annual tax revenue (undiscounted) in comparison to the baseline scenario, 2021-2025



Tobacco-related deaths



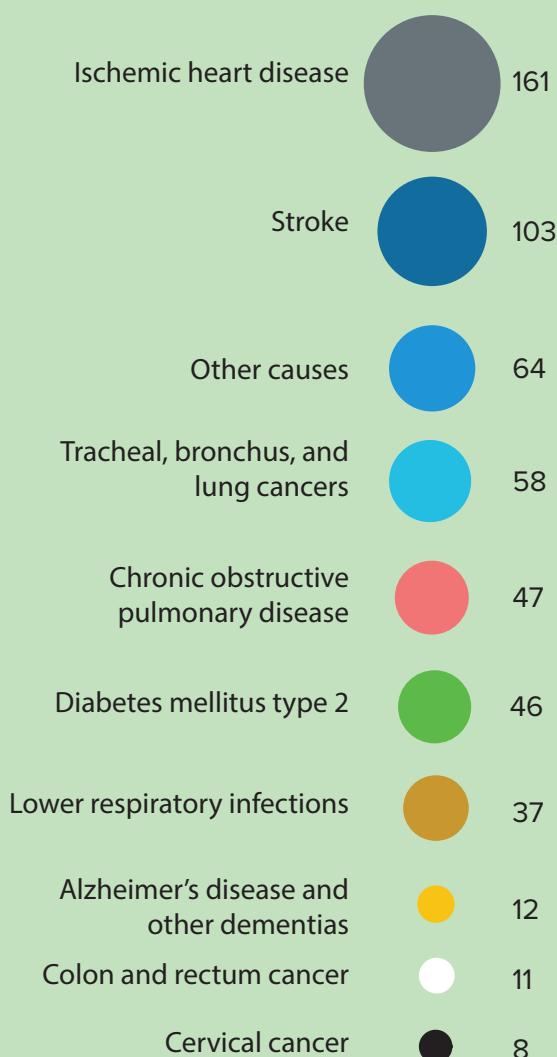
Almost

500 people in Suriname

die every year due to tobacco-related illness, accounting for nearly **12%** of all deaths in the country.

Tobacco use is associated with a wide range of diseases and conditions.

Estimated tobacco-attributable deaths per year in Suriname by disease or condition:





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



1,800 lives

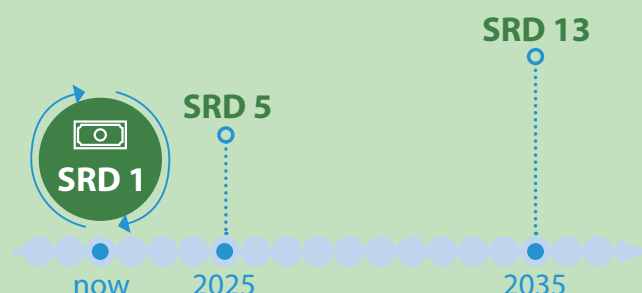
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SRD 1 billion



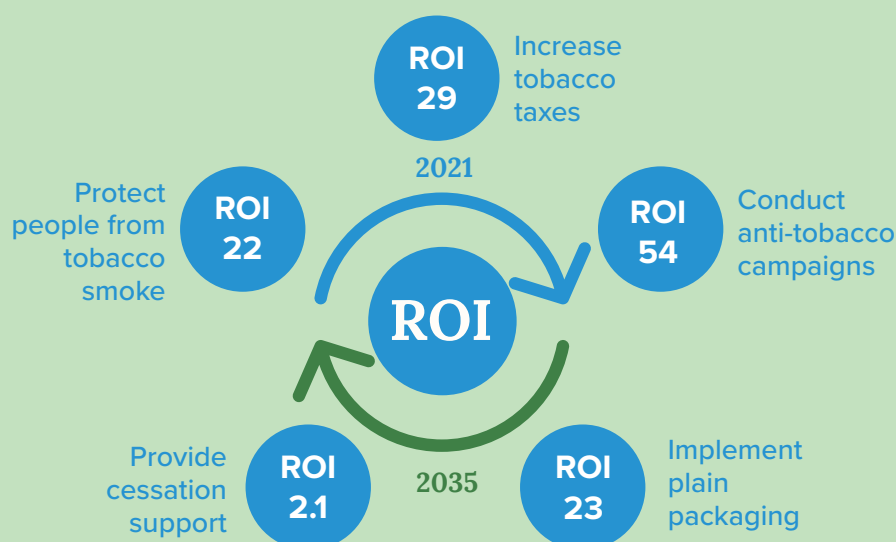
in health costs and economic losses by 2035.

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.