

## SOCIO-MOBILISATION Uganda's Tobacco control law: lessons that could end child obesity Talibita Moses

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According to Baalwa (2010): Prevalence of overweight and obesity in young adults in Uganda; the overall prevalence of obesity and overweight was 2.3% and 10.4%, respectively. The prevalence of obesity was 4.4% in Kampala. Obesity among children is also on the rise and is a common cause of type 2 diabetes and many cardiovascular conditions<sup>†</sup> .Uganda needs a consumer protection law avert child obesity. The 28th of July 2015 saw Uganda's parliament pass the 2014 Tobacco control Bill (TCB). This Public health triumph depended on CSOs high impact social mobilisation against MPs calling on them to pass the TCB, owing to their legislating role provided in article 79of the constitution. The Bill awaits the presidential assent for consequential implementation and enforcement.

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