

## Health workers, police raid bars over tobacco use

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**MUKONO:** Medical workers in Mukono District have partnered with the Environment police to enforce the Tobacco Control Act to protect, especially non-smokers from the hazardous consequences of tobacco use and exposure.

In an operation on Thursday, the medical workers in conjunction with the police raided Labamba, Kisumali and other popular bars in Mukono Town to crack down on the use of tobacco products such as cigarettes and shisha in public places.

The medics were led by Dr Moses Mulyowa, the head of Mukono District Private Health Service Providers Association, together with Mr Moses Talibita, the legal officer of Uganda National Health Consumer's Organisation.

Mr Moses Wawuya, who led the Environment Police, said the operation followed repeated warnings to bar owners to reign in on people who smoke shisha and cigarettes at their premises.

Dr Mulyowa said a big number of diseases affecting Ugandans, including cancer, are caused by inhaling tobacco-laced smoke.

### THE LAW

**Tobacco Control Act 2015.** The law directs persons responsible for public place to put up notices prohibiting smoking as prescribed by regulations and any person found in breach is liable to a fine not exceeding 12 currency points or imprisonment for six months or both.