Why is tobacco a barrier to planetary health?

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Cigarette Industry’s Toll on Climate

Annual carbon footprint of the cigarette industry

84 mio. tons CO₂ equivalents

- Tobacco leaf curing (53%)
- Tobacco farming (25%)
- Cigarette manufacturing (19%)
- Processing (1,4%)
- Distribution (0,5%)
- Cigarette use + Waste (1%)


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Tobacco Growing’s Toll on Food

If food was grown in these countries instead of tobacco, more than 11 million people could be fed.

- **Zimbabwe**: 109,335 HA, 73%
- **Tanzania**: 85,166 HA, 57.6%
- **Malawi**: 103,750 HA, 81.3%
- **Mozambique**: 88,028 HA, 73.3%
- **India**: 431,569 HA
- **Indonesia**: 216,545 HA
- **China**: 995,394 HA

Average area under tobacco cultivation 2018-2021

- ≥ 100,000 people who could be fed
- Average proportion of people at risk of food insecurity in total population, 2019-2021
- N/A no data available

Sources: FAO, ILO, Worldbank, Statista
Solution: Food, not Tobacco

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“In this reporting cycle, the most frequently mentioned gap was the lack for financial resources, and the most frequently mentioned BARRIER was the interference by the tobacco industry.”
Thank you for your attention.

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