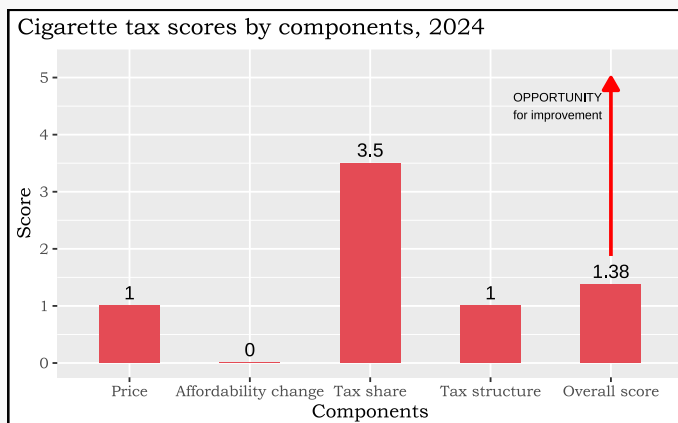


Economics for Health Cigarette Tax Scorecard

Bangladesh Factsheet

Cigarette tax policies in 2024

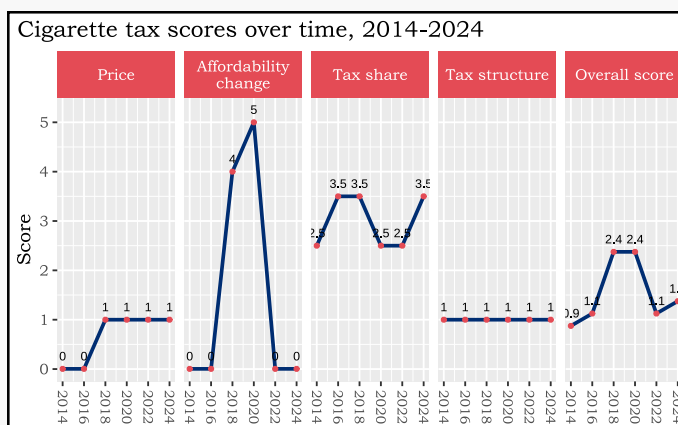
The Scorecard assessed four key tax components using a 5-point scale, namely cigarette price, change in cigarette affordability, tax share and tax structure, with the overall score reflecting an average of Bangladesh's component scores. The score reflects the current strengths and opportunities in Bangladesh to further increase tax revenue and improve health.



Cigarette tax policies over time

Bangladesh's overall score rose in 2018-20 before falling again in 2022. The score rose slightly in 2024 due to increased tax share of cigarette price. However, the country has not been able to reduce cigarette affordability since 2020.

Bangladesh's complex tiered tax structure is a major obstacle to enjoying the fiscal and public health benefits of tobacco taxation. It needs to move to rely more on a uniform specific tax that is regularly adjusted upward to outpace inflation and real income growth.



Comparing Bangladesh to other countries

Bangladesh overall score is lower than the average score of its region, income group, and the global average. There is ample room for improvement in its cigarette tax system.

Improved tobacco taxes would save thousands of lives, prevent kids from starting to smoke, save the country billions in healthcare costs, and increase economic productivity.

