

# Alcohol's Harm to Others and Harm to All

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# thinking about alcohol's harm to other

Harm to others is....

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and

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## My conclusive arguments

- Harm to others is neglected and ignored
- Harm to others is everywhere and affects everyone
- Harm to other is complex
- Harm to other is unjust
- Harm to others is significant to alcohol policy

# 1. Harm to others is neglected and ignored

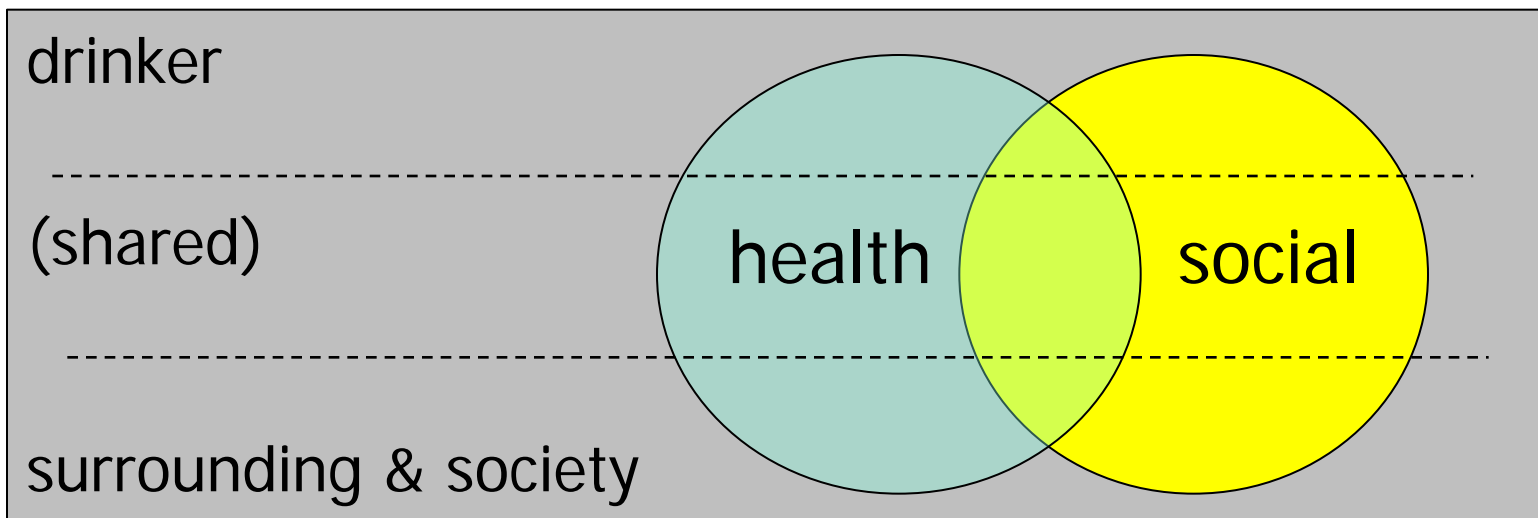
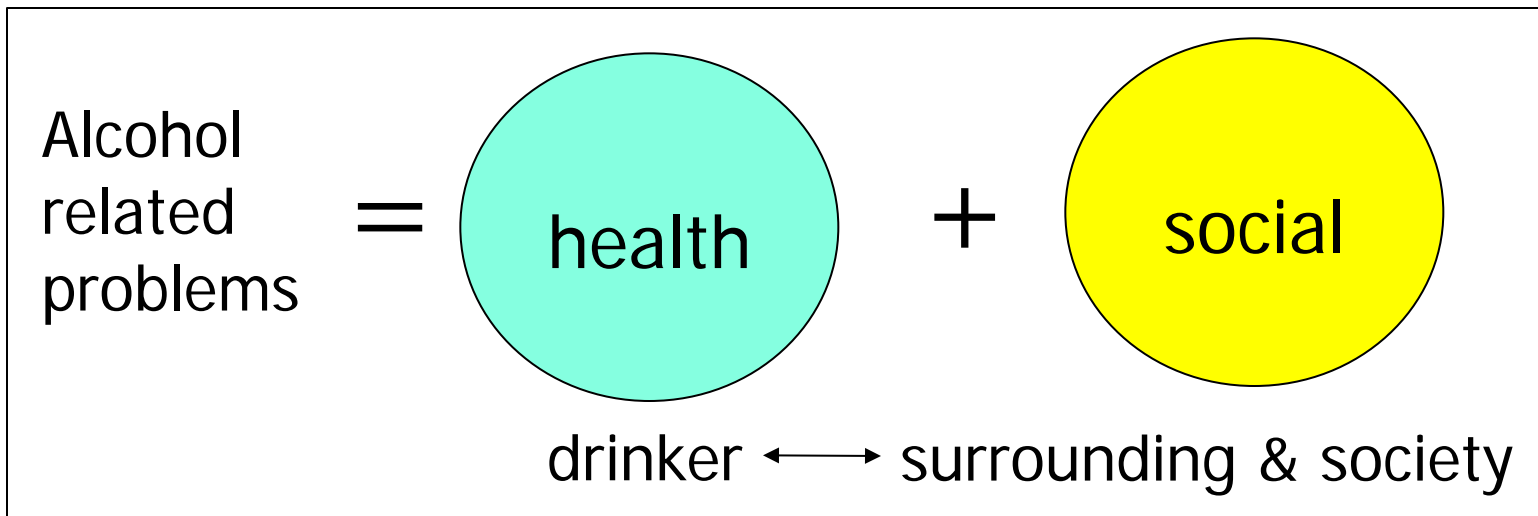
- Most technical evidence of alcohol effect tend to limit to effect on drinkers
- Records on health and social impact of alcohol rarely recognize drinking of others

## Progress in research world on alcohol's harm to others

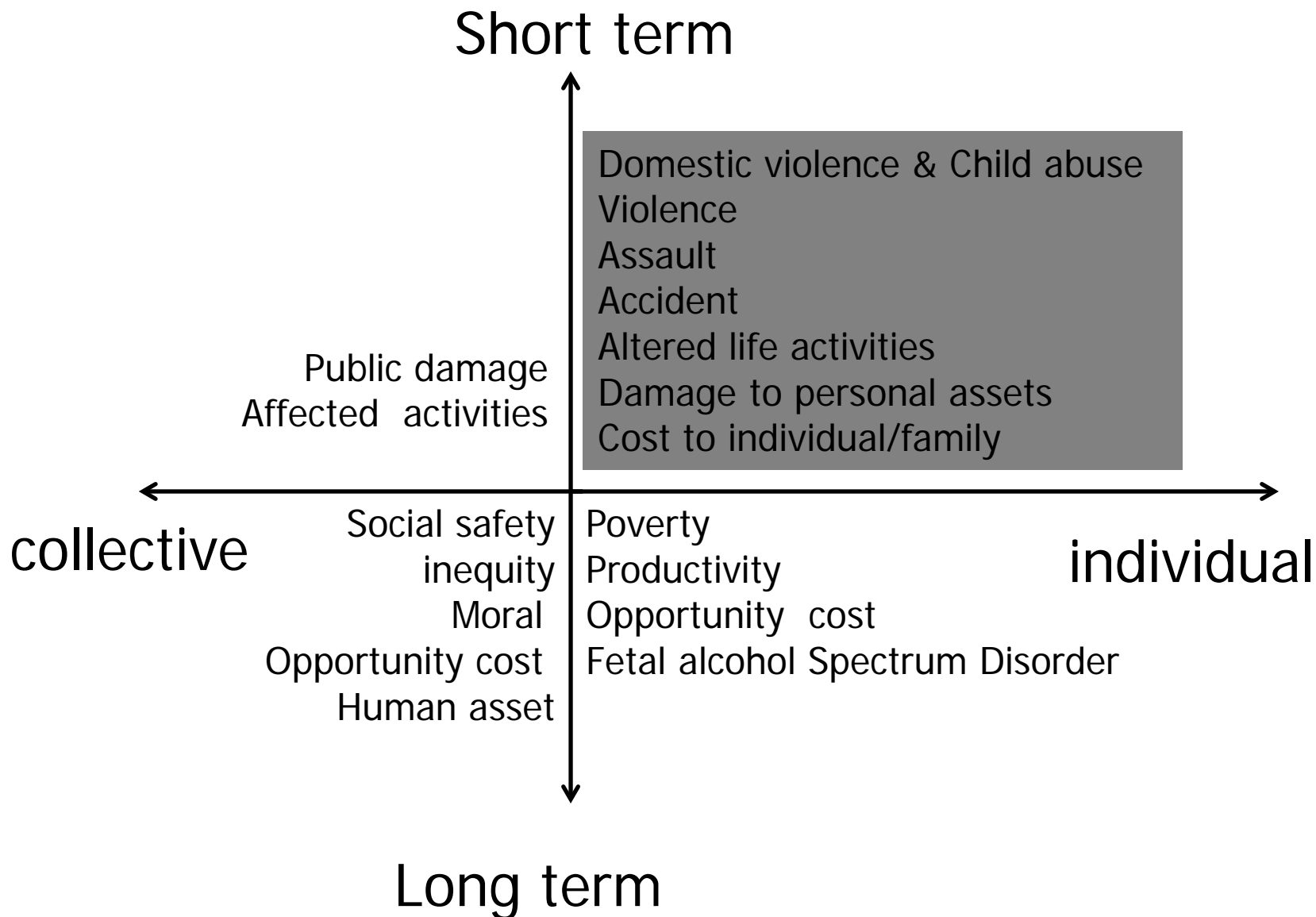
- Australia & New Zealand
- International Group for the Study of Alcohol's Harm to Others (IGSAHO)
- WHO/Thai Health International Collaborative Project: Harm to Others from Drinking
- Available comprehensive tool: WHO Protocol
- Other projects

**Announcement:** Open session on Harm to Others  
13.00-14.00, today, Room E1

# How we see alcohol-related problems?



# Panoramic view of HTO



## 2. Harm to Others is everywhere and affects everyone



# Alcohol's Harm to Other in Thailand

in the last 12 months

- 79% having experienced with negative effects of someone's drinking \*
- 29 % were affected a lot by someone's drinking \*
- 3/4 of Thais have seen domestic violence from alcohol (verbal, physical)\*\*
- 1/3 have seen physical harassment from alcohol \*\*

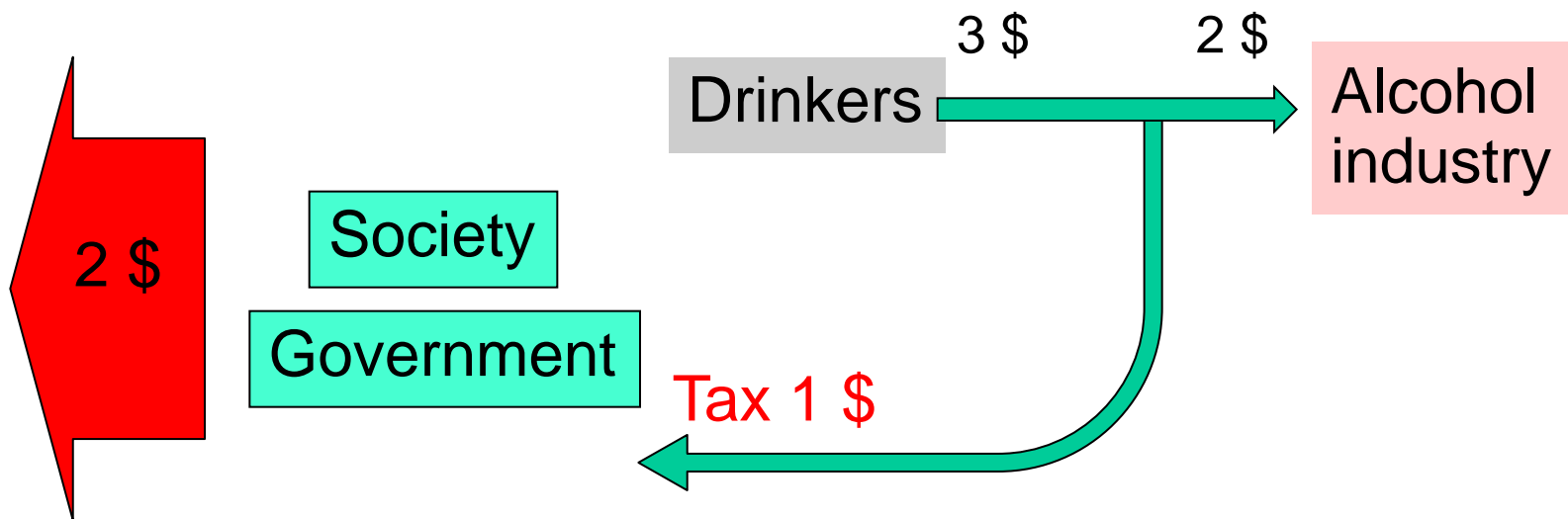
Source:

\*Waleewong, O. Alcohol's Harm to Others in Thailand (prelim)

\*\*Center for alcohol Studies , Annual Report on Alcohol 2013

# Gain or loss: social cost study in Thailand 2006

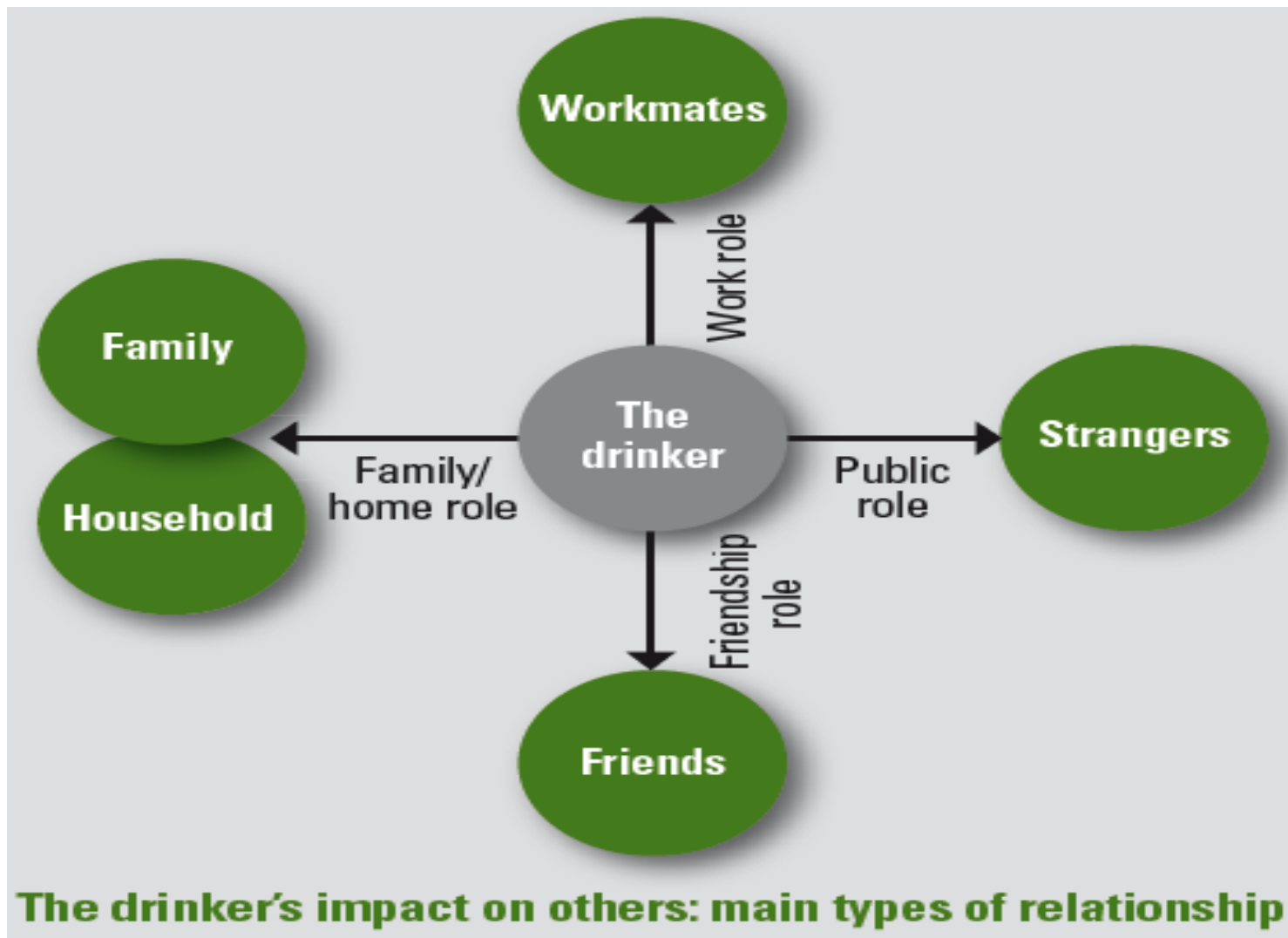
Cost	Billion Baht
Revenue from excise tax of alcohol	70.34
Social cost of alcohol problems	150.07
Total	<b>-70.73</b>



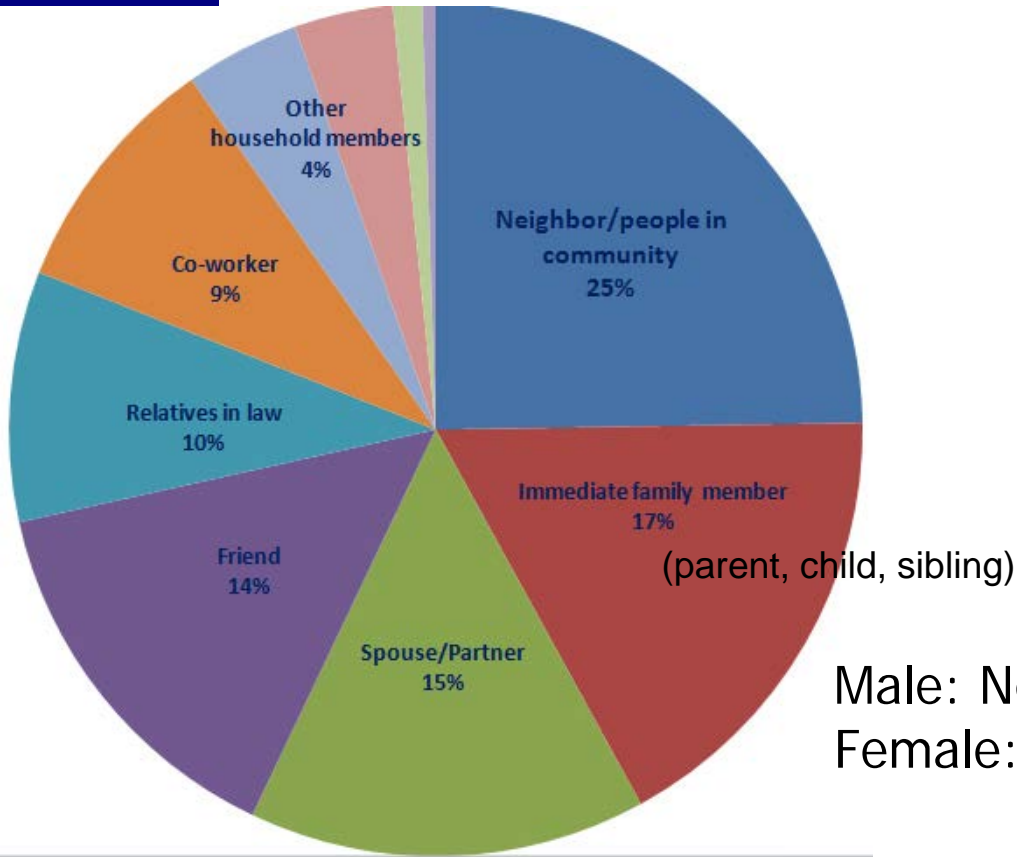
### 3. Harm to Others is complex

- Many forms
  - Tangible and intangible
  - Short and long term
  - Mild to most severe
- Shaped by many factors
  - Relationship & role
  - Social norm, attitude, expectation
- Difficult to predict
- Linkage among harms and to other problems

# Relationships & roles



# Most problematic drinkers to Thais



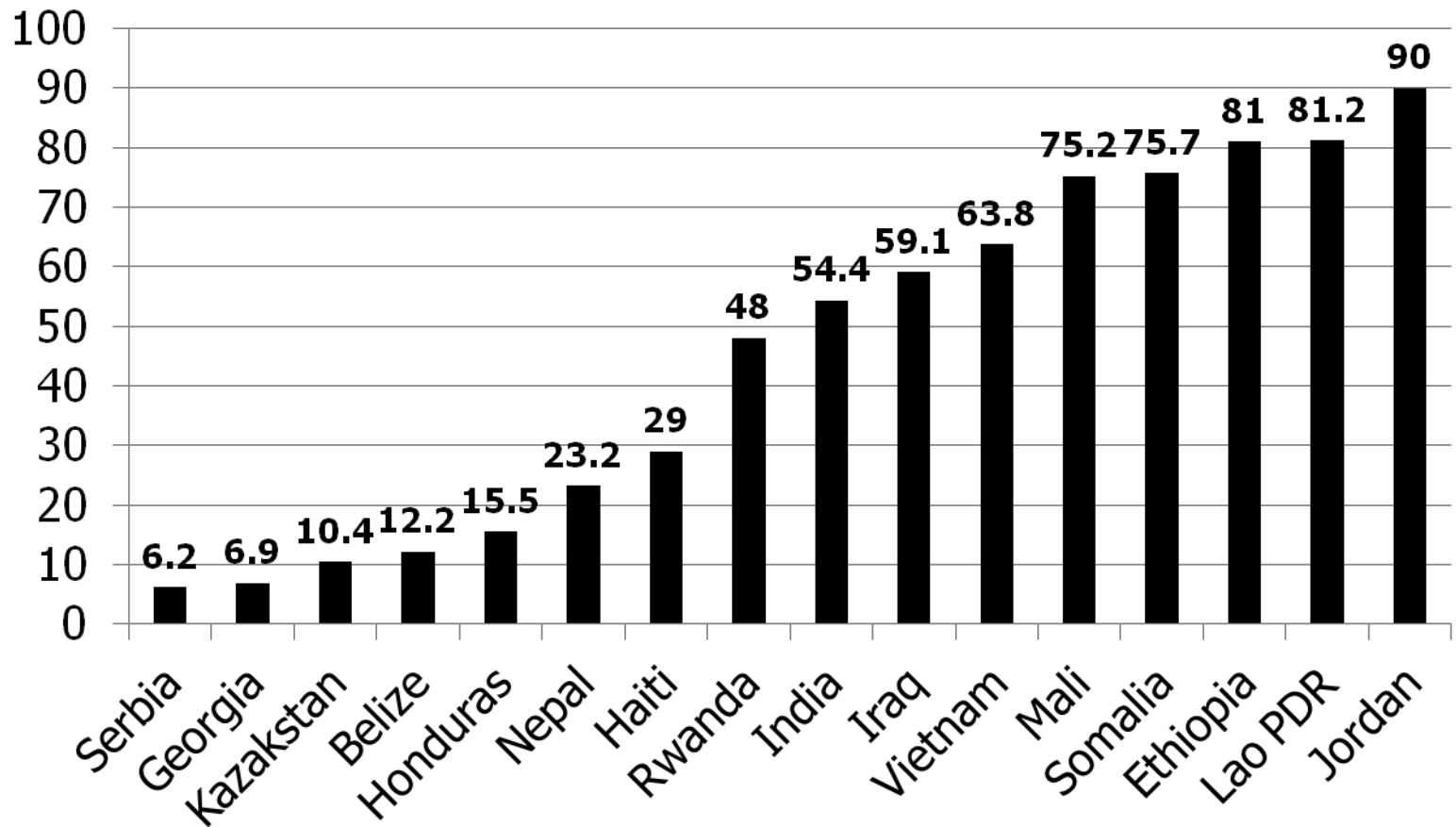
Male: Neighbors > Friends > Co-workers  
Female: Neighbors > Partners > Siblings

18-29 years: Friends  
30-39 years: Partners, Co-workers  
40-59 years: Partners, Close family members  
60+ years: Neighbors

Source: Waleewong, O. Alcohol's Harm to Others in Thailand (prelim)

# Social norm: is it OK for wife beating?

% of women who believe it's ok for husband to hit them



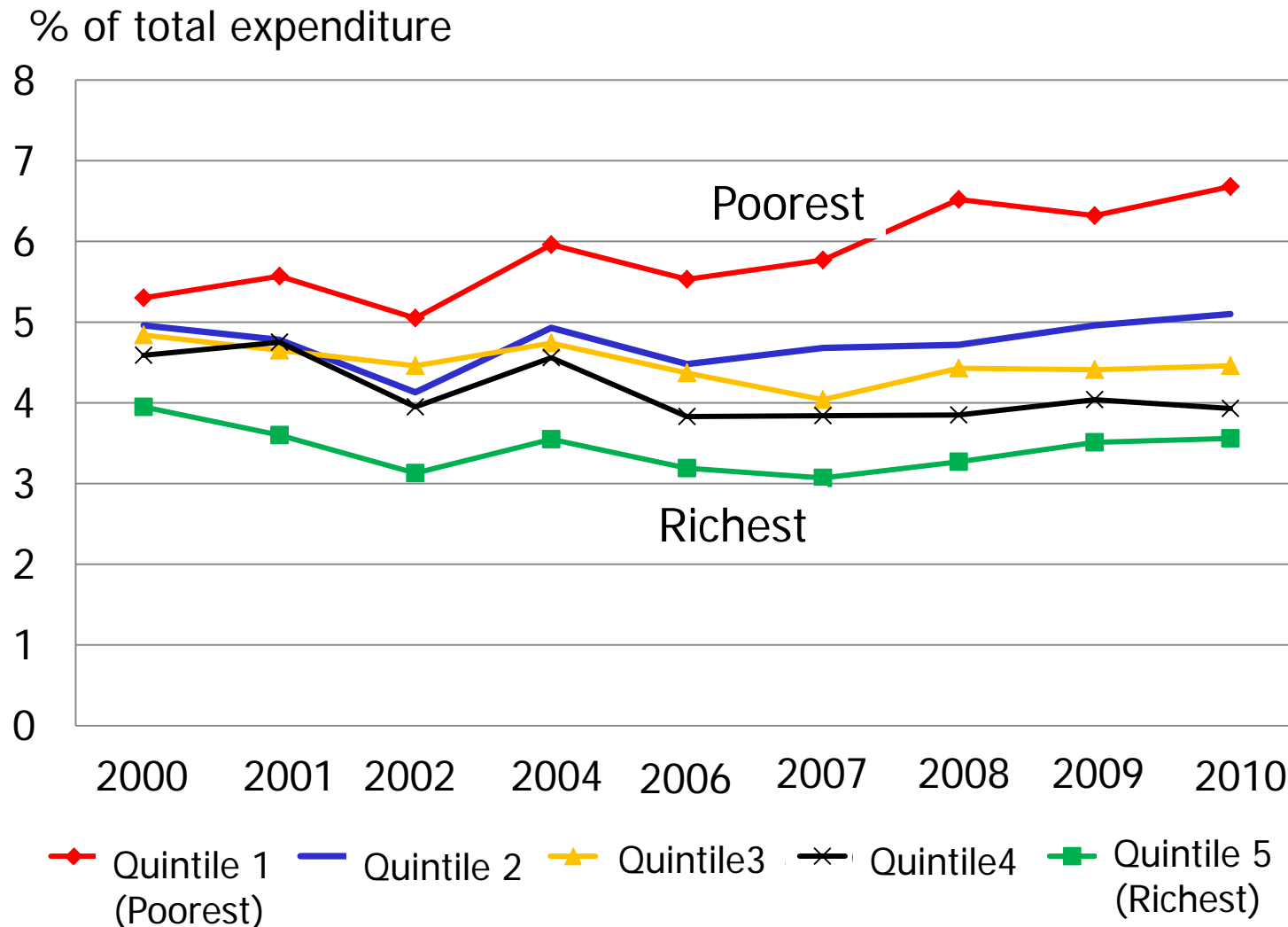
Source: Unicef, Childinfo: Monitoring the situation of Children and women

## 4. Harm to others is just 'unjust'

- Victims never sign consent from!
- Vulnerable population groups
- Harm to others and social equity

# Alcohol and social inequity

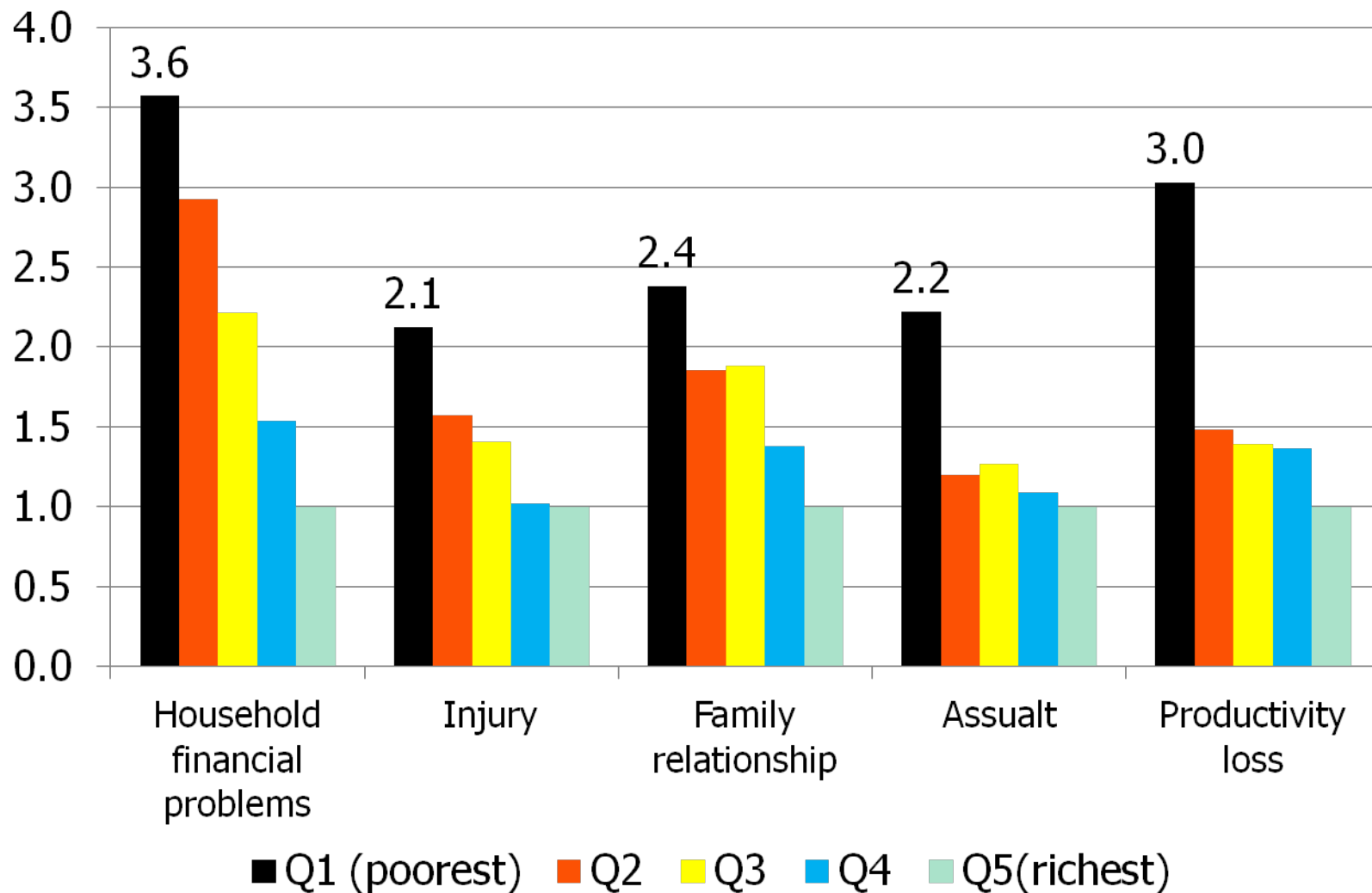
## Thai household Spending on alcohol: 2000-2010



Source: Jankhotkaew, et al. (2013), Alcohol and Poverty

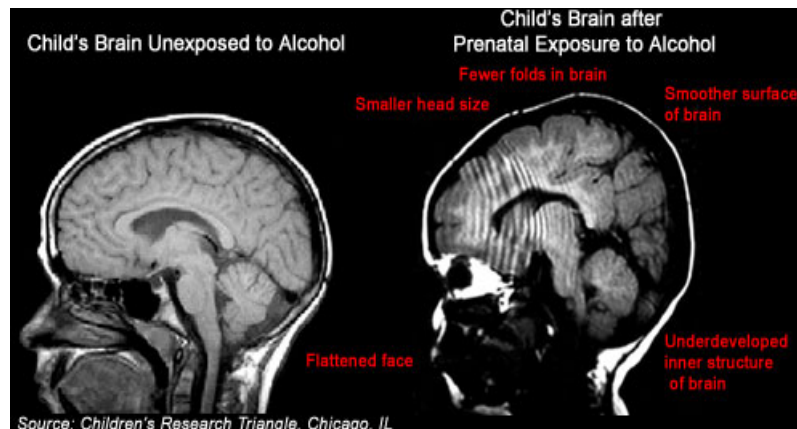


## Chance of alcohol-related problems among Thai households with drinker(s), Richest quintile = 1, 2010



Source: Jankhotkaew, et al. (2013), Alcohol and Poverty

# Alcohol's impact to our future



Youngest victim of alcohol's harm to others

## 5. Harm to others and alcohol policy

- Market failure
  - Information imbalance
  - Negative externality
- Eligibility for interventions
  - Affect everyone
  - Unjust and affect the vulnerable population groups
  - Short and long term impact
- Harm to other is preventable
- Prevention of alcohol's harm to other is to benefit everyone and protect our future

# What should we do to prevent alcohol's harm to others?

- Target at both drinkers and non-drinkers
- Promote safer society and healthy social climate
- Focusing on effective & cost-effective interventions
- Better understanding of alcohol's harm to others

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Thank you

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