



Las mujeres y la industria tabacalera

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Riesgos específicos de género de los productos de tabaco

- 1. 200 millones de los mil millones de fumadores del mundo son mujeres.**¹
- 2. 2 millones de mujeres mueren cada año a causa del consumo de tabaco.** De los 8.71 millones de muertes anuales por tabaco, 2.15 millones son mujeres (2019),² el 71% de las cuales viven en países de ingresos bajos y medianos.³
- 3. 700,000 mujeres son víctimas del humo de tabaco de segunda mano (SHS) cada año.** El 53% de las muertes anuales relacionadas con el humo de tabaco de segunda mano son mujeres.^{4, 5}
- 4. El tabaquismo genera riesgos adicionales para la salud reproductiva de la mujer.** Además del mayor riesgo de accidente cerebrovascular, enfermedades cardíacas y pulmonares y cánceres,^{6,7,8} las mujeres pueden sufrir problemas de salud reproductiva, como un mayor riesgo de infertilidad y retrasos en la concepción,^{9, 10} un mayor riesgo de cáncer de cuello uterino^{11, 12} y un mayor riesgo de parto prematuro, mortinato y muerte del recién nacido si fuman durante el embarazo.^{13, 14}
- 5. Fumar aumenta la probabilidad de caer en la pobreza, lo que alimenta la violencia doméstica, especialmente contra las mujeres.**¹⁵ La naturaleza adictiva del consumo de tabaco desplaza otros gastos domésticos más productivos, como la compra de alimentos, educación, vivienda, vacaciones y más.^{16, 17, 18} Cuando los recursos del hogar son escasos, pueden surgir más fácilmente conflictos en la toma de decisiones del hogar y desequilibrio de género en la toma de decisiones.¹⁹
- 6. Las trabajadoras del sector del tabaco se ven afectadas de manera desproporcionada por los impactos ambientales, sanitarios y sociales negativos de la manipulación del tabaco.**²⁰
 - Las mujeres constituyen casi el 50% de la fuerza laboral agrícola en los países de bajos ingresos.²¹
 - Existe una participación sustancial de las mujeres en la fuerza laboral del tabaco, especialmente en la industria tabacalera no organizada y basada en el hogar.²² Las mujeres constituyen el 94% de los trabajadores en las fábricas de laminado manual de kretek en Indonesia, mientras que la industria del bidi en India emplea el doble de mujeres que de hombres.²³

01 **La industria tabacalera se dirige a las mujeres con sus campañas de marketing, a menudo dirigidas a mujeres... a través de mujeres.**

Desde la década de 1960, la industria tabacalera ha orientado campañas de marketing ricamente financiadas hacia las mujeres mediante anuncios que se basan en estereotipos de género y vinculan falsamente el consumo de tabaco con conceptos de belleza, delgadez, sofisticación, prestigio, emancipación, libertad, romance y atractivo sexual.^{24, 25} Incluso en la actualidad, las compañías tabacaleras utilizan las mismas estrategias para comercializar sus productos, incluidos los nuevos, en todas las plataformas disponibles, incluidas las redes sociales, a través de mujeres influyentes.²⁷

- En 2021, el patrocinio de Japan Tobacco International (JTI) de la Copa del Mundo de voleibol y del equipo femenino JT Marvelous en la liga nacional de voleibol de Japón fueron analizados, lo que puso en peligro la candidatura de Japón para los Juegos Olímpicos de 2020.²⁸ En particular, Marvel es una marca de cigarrillos adquirida por JTI en Filipinas en 2017.²⁹
- En 2018, Philip Morris International (PMI)/Altria financió el Independent Women's Forum (IWF),^{30, 31} un grupo de expertos de mujeres con sede en los EE. UU., que promovió el nuevo producto de tabaco de PMI, IQOS,³² un producto de tabaco calentado que no ha demostrado reducir daño en comparación con los cigarrillos combustibles. Sin embargo, se comercializan como "menos dañinos", no "inofensivos", una estrategia plagada de peligros de aceptación por parte de los jóvenes, impacto a largo plazo no comprobado y potencial para inducir a error. (Similar a los cigarrillos "ligeros/suaves")^{33, 34, 35}

02 **La industria tabacalera utiliza el patrocinio de iniciativas relacionadas con las mujeres para ocultar cómo sus productos dañan y matan de manera única a las mujeres.**

Cada año, las compañías tabacaleras "celebran" el Día Internacional de la Mujer con la promesa de igualdad y equidad de género,^{36, 37} pero ignoran las decenas de millones de mujeres perjudicadas por sus productos y prácticas comerciales.³⁸

- PMI y British American Tobacco (BAT) invierten mucho en publicitar sus esfuerzos sobre equidad en la compensación de ejecutivos y programas de empoderamiento/liderazgo de mujeres.^{39, 40, 41} Mientras tanto, las compañías oscurecen la información sobre el aumento de la prevalencia del tabaquismo y las muertes entre las mujeres, especialmente en los países de ingresos bajos y medios;^{42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47} y dificultan que las mujeres busquen justicia⁴⁸ por su marketing engañoso y dirigido; y la adicción y las enfermedades que causa.
- Un informe de 2018 reveló que las campañas de relaciones públicas de PMI sobre "Empoderamiento de las mujeres" se implementaron en unos 30 países, de los cuales la mayoría son países de ingresos bajos y medios, donde se ha observado un aumento significativo en la cantidad número de mujeres que fuman.^{49, 50}

03 **Las compañías tabacaleras se benefician de las malas condiciones laborales que sufren las mujeres en las fincas tabacaleras, a la vez que promocionan la equidad de género en las prácticas laborales.**⁵¹

Las compañías tabacaleras son "adictas" a los insumos baratos (materias primas de bajo precio), lo que perpetúa las malas condiciones laborales en las fincas tabacaleras⁵² donde casi la mitad de los trabajadores son mujeres.⁵³ Sin embargo, han evitado el escrutinio sobre la necesidad de compensar no solo a los millones⁵⁴ de mujeres víctimas del tabaco, sino también a las miles que trabajan en duras condiciones en las plantaciones de tabaco.^{55, 56, 57}

- Las compañías tabacaleras transnacionales utilizaron campañas de relaciones públicas para mostrar cómo están practicando la equidad de género al compensar su empleo estimado de 60,000 trabajadoras,^{58, 59, 60} incluso citando los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible (ODS)⁶¹, pero sin mencionar su responsabilidad por los daños que sus productos causan a las mujeres.
 - Las compañías tabacaleras son conocidas por patrocinar programas sobre los medios de vida de las mujeres para limpiar su imagen.⁶²

04 **Las compañías tabacaleras transnacionales niegan indemnización a los millones de mujeres que son víctimas del consumo de tabaco, pero pagaron al menos mil millones de dólares en esfuerzos de marketing que ponen a más mujeres en peligro.**⁶³

Las demandas de los Estados Unidos presentadas en las décadas de 1980 y 1990 por víctimas se han prolongado durante décadas y siguen pendientes por las compañías tabacaleras que buscan evitar el pago.⁶⁴ Aunque las compañías tabacaleras compensaron a una pequeña cantidad de mujeres (en su mayoría auxiliares de vuelo⁶⁵, la mayoría de las cuales son mujeres, por la exposición al humo de tabaco de segunda mano), muchas mujeres en todo el mundo que se encuentran en una situación similar no están empoderadas para buscar justicia. Además, el dinero que podría haberse utilizado para compensar a las mujeres por los daños relacionados con el tabaco⁶⁶ se utiliza en cambio para las relaciones públicas y el marketing, incluidos los destinados a las mujeres:

- En 2021, BAT invirtió 1,000 millones de libras esterlinas en la promoción de sus nuevos productos adictivos en TikTok,⁶⁷ donde el 60% de los usuarios son mujeres.⁶⁸
- En 2017, PMI financió la Fundación para un Mundo Libre de Humo (FSFW) con un compromiso de mil millones de dólares, una pequeña parte del cual financia iniciativas de mujeres (p. ej., en India, Malawi, Estados Unidos y Nueva Zelanda).^{69, 70, 71} La evidencia revelada por un informante sugiere que FSFW "en realidad trabaja para promover los objetivos de PMI y Altria",⁷² lo que implica aumentar el valor de la marca y las ventas, incluso a través de las llamadas actividades "socialmente responsables". En 2020, FSFW^{73, 74} otorgó pequeñas subvenciones para investigación, incluso para mujeres apisonadoras de *bidi* en India.⁷⁵

Objetivo de Desarrollo Sostenible (ODS) 5

Igualdad de género e industria tabacalera

Cómo la llamada RSE de la industria tabacalera obstaculiza el ODS 5 (Igualdad de género)

Como parte de sus llamadas actividades de responsabilidad social corporativa (RSE), las compañías tabacaleras patrocinan iniciativas de mujeres para lavar su imagen⁷⁶ y presionan a los legisladores para socavar las políticas de control del tabaco⁷⁷ que protegen a las mujeres, con el objetivo de aumentar tanto las ventas como las ganancias de sus productos letales y adictivos.⁷⁸ En los últimos años, la industria tabacalera proclama que su patrocinio de programas para mujeres es un esfuerzo para promover los ODS. Esto es engañoso.

¿Cómo interfiere la industria tabacalera con el ODS⁷⁹ de empoderar a las mujeres y promocionar la igualdad de género?

- Vender y comercializar continuamente productos que matan a más de 2 millones de mujeres anualmente, así como introducir productos adictivos con un impacto desconocido a largo plazo en las mujeres.⁸⁰
- No proteger a las mujeres y compensar⁸¹ a las mujeres por los riesgos de salud específicos de género del tabaco, como la carga desproporcionada de exposición al humo de tabaco de segunda mano y su uso durante el embarazo.
- Desviar la atención de la difícil situación de las trabajadoras, así como de las que consumen productos de tabaco o están expuestas a ellos⁸²; cambiando la atención a sus propias políticas corporativas de género.⁸³
- Participar en programas de empoderamiento de la mujer⁸⁴ y el patrocinio de iniciativas de mujeres como un medio para aumentar el valor de la marca, rehabilitar su imagen⁸⁵ o interactuar con los legisladores y personas influyentes, mientras se diluyen las medidas de control del tabaco que protegen a las mujeres.
- Alinearse con destacados grupos o personalidades de mujeres para ganar legitimidad y credibilidad para su propia llamada RSE.⁸⁶ Esto incluye instancias en las que los ejecutivos tabacaleros aparecen en la misma alineación que destacados expertos en género.⁸⁷
- Financiar grupos de mujeres que presionan o hablan a favor de sus productos letales y adictivos.
- Causar o permitir la exposición o publicación de sus actividades/contribuciones de patrocinio a través de actividades o foros de mujeres; que puede socavar las prohibiciones de RSE que existen en más de 63 países.⁸⁸

En lugar de invertir en la llamada RSE, la industria tabacalera debería:

- Dejar de comercializar sus productos a mujeres y dejar de presentar a las compañías tabacaleras como beneficiosas para la sociedad, lo que ayuda a las tabacaleras a comercializar sus productos.^{89, 90, 91}
- Dejar de contrarrestar los esfuerzos para exigir pagos del tabaco, incluidos impuestos, tarifas y recargos,⁹² que redundarían en beneficio de las víctimas o de su atención de la salud. Compensar a las víctimas por los daños causados por el consumo de tabaco.
- Dejar de contrarrestar las medidas de control del tabaco que salvan vidas, como la publicidad total del tabaco y las prohibiciones de patrocinio.
- Detener las llamadas actividades de RSE, ya que pueden brindar oportunidades para interactuar con los responsables de la formulación de políticas y socavar efectivamente el deber del gobierno de proteger la política de salud pública de los intereses comerciales y creados de la industria tabacalera en virtud del artículo 5.3 del Convenio Marco de la OMS para el Control del Tabaco.
- El artículo 5.3 de las Directrices recomienda la desnormalización, incluida la denuncia,⁹³ de las llamadas actividades de RSE.⁹⁴
- El artículo 13 ordena una prohibición total de toda la publicidad, promoción y patrocinio del tabaco, lo que incluye las llamadas actividades de RSE o su publicación. Los gobiernos no deberían permitir excepciones incluso en el caso de desastres (p. ej., Vietnam⁹⁵) o bajo un régimen de RSE⁹⁶ obligatorio como en India,^{97, 98} y potencialmente en Filipinas.⁹⁹
- Dejar de publicitar la llamada RSE relacionada con el género, ya que esto da como resultado la promoción de conceptos erróneos sobre el verdadero papel de la industria tabacalera como una grave infractora de los derechos de las mujeres a la saludⁱ y a la compensación/medios de reparación.ⁱⁱ

ⁱ The Danish Institute for Human Rights. 4 May 2017. Human rights assessment in Philip Morris International. Available from: <https://www.humanrights.dk/news/human-rights-assessment-philip-morris-international> (accessed 2 March 2021). – “Tobacco is deeply harmful to human health, and there can be no doubt that the production and marketing of tobacco is irreconcilable with the human right to health. For the tobacco industry, the UNGPs therefore require the cessation of the production and marketing of tobacco.”

ⁱⁱ Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power (1985), Clause 8, 9, 10, 12, 13. Available from: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/victimsofcrimeandabuseofpower.aspx> (accessed 4 February 2021). United Nations. 1995. Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Beijing+5 Political Declaration and Outcome. Available from: https://www.unwomen.org/-/media/headquarters/attachments/sections/csw/pfa_e_final_web.pdf?la=en&vs=1203 (accessed 26 February 2021).

ANEXO. El marketing de la industria tabacalera para las mujeres en imágenes

BOX 7. TOBACCO INDUSTRY MARKETING: SAME TACTICS, NEW PRODUCTS

Evidence shows how tobacco companies have targeted young women with its cigarette advertisements from the 1970s to 1990s. E-cigarette advertisements now look much like the cigarette advertisement of the past.



Virginia Slim, 1990, PMI (USA, British Virgin Islands, Brazil, Germany)



Blu, 2017, Imperial Brand (USA, UK, France and Italy)

Image Source: Box 7 (Events marketing by tobacco companies for the youth). In: Global Center for Good Governance in Tobacco Control (GGTC). 26 May 2020. Tobacco industry: Manipulating the youth into a lifelong addiction.

Más mujeres que hombres fuman cigarrillos "ligeros" (63% frente al 46%), a menudo con la creencia errónea de que "ligero" significa "más seguro".¹⁰⁰ De hecho, los fumadores "ligeros" a menudo se involucran en el tabaquismo compensatorio, inhalando más profundamente y con más frecuencia para absorber la cantidad deseada de nicotina.¹⁰¹ La inclinación de las mujeres por los productos "más seguros" sugiere que se trata de un fuerte mercado objetivo para productos novedosos que las compañías tabacaleras comercializan como "más seguros", como los productos de tabaco calentados o los cigarrillos electrónicos. El marketing específico de género para marcas de cigarrillos como Virginia Slims en la década de 1990 se replica en el marketing de los nuevos productos IQOS, Blu, Glo o Vype.



Image Source: Box 6 (Tobacco industry marketing: Tobacco vs. new products). In: Global Center for Good Governance in Tobacco Control (GGTC). 26 May 2020. Tobacco industry: Manipulating the youth into a lifelong addiction.

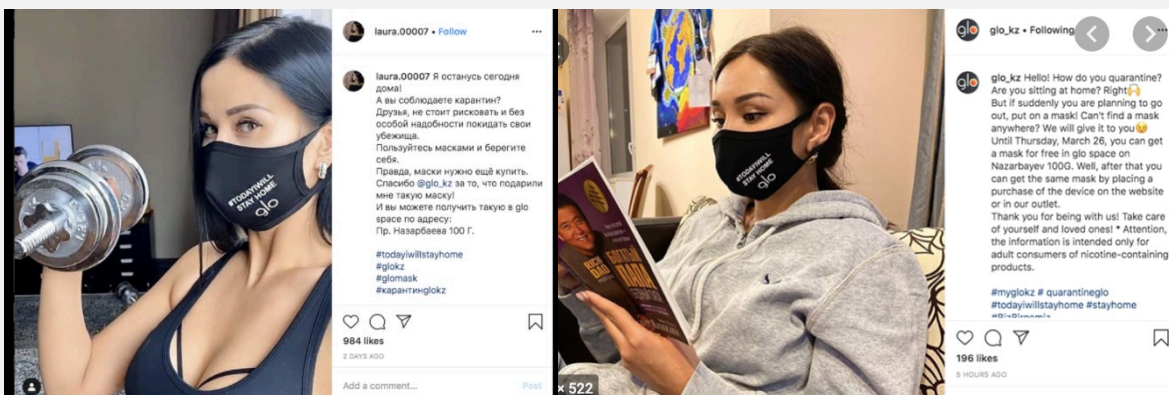
El marketing de PMI de Marlboro para las mujeres a lo largo de los años es paralelo al marketing más reciente de IQOS para las mujeres.



Image Source: Stanford University. Research into the impact of tobacco advertising. Women's Cigarettes. Glamour.

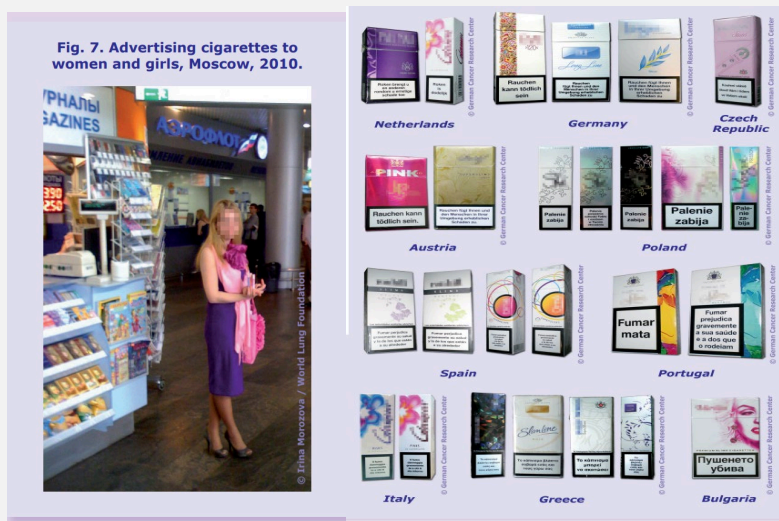
Las compañías tabacaleras comercializan una variedad de marcas de cigarrillos para niñas y mujeres, incluidas las marcas "solo para mujeres" que son largas, extrafinas, bajas en alquitrán, de colores claros, mentolados o con sabor a caramelo‡. En 2005, JTI contribuyó a una campaña sistemática, dirigida por las principales compañías tabacaleras, para promover el consumo de tabaco entre las mujeres. Por ejemplo, JTI lanzó los cigarrillos *Glamour* destinados a mujeres en varios países.¹⁰²

‡ "Feminizing" of tobacco products can also be seen in low and middle income countries. In Bangladesh, *zarda* and *gul* (forms of smokeless tobacco products) are given very attractive female names, such as Shahzadi (Princess), Shobha (beautiful), shurovhi (fragrance, sweet smell), to attract women to the products.²



Source: Hickman A. 15 May 2020. "Big Tobacco" using COVID-19 messaging and influencers to market products. PR Week.

La COVID-19 también brindó una oportunidad de marketing única para las compañías tabacaleras. En 2020, BAT promovió su producto *glo* usando mujeres que se mantenían en forma y seguras (en cuarentena) usando cubrebocas con la marca de cigarrillos electrónicos. Según se informa, BAT invirtió 1,000 millones de libras esterlinas para promover sus nuevos productos en medios digitales, incluido el uso de personas influyentes. En particular, se descubrió que las compañías tabacaleras están detrás de la difusión de información errónea sobre cómo la nicotina protege contra la COVID-19,^{103, 104, 105} confundiendo el hecho de que fumar empeora los resultados para las personas afectadas por la COVID-19 y se ha descubierto que el vapeo aumenta los riesgos de desarrollar COVID-19.^{106, 107, 108, 109}



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Otras actividades de promoción dirigidas a las mujeres incluyen: publicidad en los medios de comunicación y patrocinio de eventos culturales y deportivos; material promocional de punto de venta en tiendas y quioscos; distribución gratuita de productos de tabaco; estiramiento de marca (es decir, marketing de otros productos como ropa con marcas de tabaco); promociones en internet; diseños de precios y paquetes que atraen especialmente a mujeres y niñas; y financiación de grupos de mujeres y organizaciones benéficas.¹¹⁰

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