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Nyaope/Whoonga



Nyaope, also known as whoonga, is a uniquely South African street drug that is highly addictive and destructive. Nyaope is a fine white powder that is usually combined with marijuana (dagga) and smoked. The fine white powder can be made up from anything from rat poison, heroin, detergent powder, anti-retroviral drugs, milk powder, pool cleaner to bicarbonate of soda. Users roll nyaope with dagga in a zoll to smoke – because it is tough to smoke in powder form. The amount of dagga determines the strength of the zoll. It sells for about R20 – R30 per portion. A person can become highly addicted after using the drug only once. A user will soon feel as if he needs several hits to make it through the day.

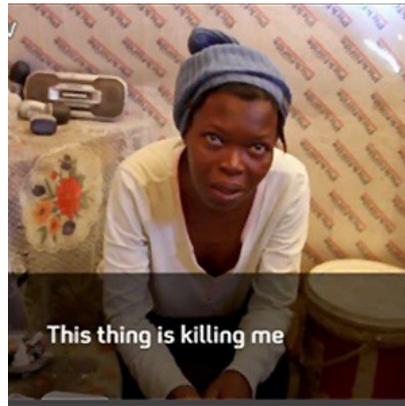


Initially users feel euphoric or, when using heavier doses, a wonderful sense of relaxation, but the effects soon wear off and another hit is required.

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For some the less pleasant side effects include a painful stomach, muscle cramps and generally feeling really ill, but when these ease up, they use again.



Users can go days without eating – which can damage their immune systems and make them prone to other illnesses. Because the drug is so cheap, it is a favourite among school children. In South Africa it is a crisis, because children work for drug dealers to get a free hit. Young girls work as prostitutes to pay for their drugs. It leads to increasing violence, stealing, robbery among the youth. Families live in fear of their own children because of drugs like Nyaope. There have been reports of gangs robbing HIV/AIDS clinics in Soweto to obtain ARVs for making nyaope, as well as addicted users mugging ARV patients to obtain the drugs for themselves.



If you have more questions about Nyaope, you may chat to me. The service is free and you may stay anonymous.

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