# Tackling Overconsumption

World Home Economics Day 2025

## Introduction to Overconsumption

- Definition: Consuming more resources than necessary or sustainable
- Affects multiple areas of home and family life
- Is relative depending on available resources
- Chosen as 2025 theme due to widespread impact

#### Areas Impacted by Overconsumption

- Home Environment: Excessive buying contributes to clutter and potential hoarding
- Health: Overeating can contribute to obesity and related health issues
- Waste Generation: Excess purchases lead to increased food and clothing waste

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- Family Finances: Overconsumption strains household budgets
- Family Relationship: Excess screentime or consumption of media damages relationships
- Energy Use: Overuse of electricity impacts the environment

## Addressing Overconsumption

- Promote mindful consumption in all aspects of home life
- Educate families on sustainable practices and their benefits
- Encourage budgeting, meal planning, and thoughtful purchasing

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- Support initiatives for energy efficiency and waste reduction
- Empower individuals to make informed choices about consumption
- Emphasize the "Reduce" in "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" hierarchy

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- Plan events related to how Home Economics helps families tackle overconsumption
- Incorporate projects or lessons on overconsumption in curricula
- Choose one area or cover holistically
- Document your efforts and share with IFHE and on social media using #WHED2025