



# Soft Drinks in Tanzania

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More brands enter the fray as a variety of categories become more popular

Ongoing focus on small pack sizes to boost affordability

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SBC Tanzania Ltd leads with its Pepsi, Merinda and 7Up brands

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