



Figure 3 Tree diagram. The problem is defined at ground level. Causes are written at root level and divided into immediate and root causes. Solutions are at trunk and leaf level and divided into treatment and prevention solutions. A full understanding of the problem rests on the grounding principles at the basis of the diagram.

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