

Nepal - Mahendranagar and Dhangad Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The Nepal - Mahendranagar and Dhangad GSPS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on attitudes on school policy toward tobacco use, access to teaching materials and training, and attitudes toward tobacco use. These factors are components Nepal - Mahendranagar and Dhangad could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Nepal - Mahendranagar and Dhangad GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2003 Nepal - Mahendranagar and Dhangad GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grades 8, 9, and 10. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Nepal - Mahendranagar and Dhangad. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 100.0%. For the GSPS, 95.5% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 529 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

40.2% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 34.9%, Teachers = 40.8%)
35.8% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 28.4%, Teachers = 36.6%)
26.0% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 23.5%, Teachers = 26.3%)
31.4% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 25.0%, Teachers = 32.1%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

99.4% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
51.7% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
96.9% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
40.9% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
46.4% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

96.0% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
22.8% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
11.1% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
40.1% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

97.0% think smoke from others is harmful to them
98.8% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
96.8% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
74.4% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
88.3% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- Two in five school personnel have ever smoked cigarettes; 26.0% currently smoke cigarettes and 31.4% currently use other tobacco products.
- Half of the schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; Two in five have a policy for personnel; Nearly half of the schools enforce their policies.
- One in five teachers has access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 11.1% of the teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Two in five schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Nearly all think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.