Pakistan - Lahore

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The Pakistan - Lahore 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 Pakistan - Lahore could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Pakistan - Lahore GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2004 Pakistan - Lahore GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in forms 8, 9 and 10. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Pakistan - Lahore. 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, 77.4% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 794 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

16.2% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 29.8%, Teachers = 14.7%)

12.4% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 31.2%, Teachers = 9.9%)

9.7% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 15.6%, Teachers = 9.0%)

5.7% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 23.4%, Teachers = 3.5%)

8.5% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 34.5%, Teachers = 4.6%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

98.8% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students

94.4% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students

99.4% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel

95.5% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel

69.6% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

98.7% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use

59.2% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use

14.8% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention

29.0% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

93.5% think smoke from others is harmful to them

96.9% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use

98.6% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned

89.4% think the price of tobacco products should be increased

98.2% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 12.4% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 9.7% currently smoke cigarettes and 5.7% currently use other tobacco products.
- Over nine in 10 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students and for personnel; Seven in 10 schools enforce their polices.
- Six in 10 teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 14.8% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- More than one-quarter of the schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Nearly all think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.