Pakistan - Peshawar Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

The Pakistan - Peshawar GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2004 Pakistan - Peshawar 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 - Peshawar. 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, 76.1% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 371 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

20.3% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 34.6%, Teachers = 19.2%)

13.7% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 25.9%, Teachers = 12.8%)

10.9% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 12.8%, Teachers = 10.7%)

5.3% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 16.3%, Teachers = 4.5%)

12.6% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = *, Teachers = 11.4%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

98.6% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students

97.4% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students

99.8% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel

98.7% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel

75.6% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

98.3% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use

84.7% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use

12.5% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention

22.0% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

98.8% think smoke from others is harmful to them

98.6% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use

99.5% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned

80.1% think the price of tobacco products should be increased

93.3% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 13.7% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 10.9% currently smoke cigarettes and 5.3% currently use other tobacco products.
- More than nine in 10 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students and for personnel; three-quarters of the schools enforce their polices.
- Over four in five teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 12.5% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- 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.