

Somalia - Somaliland

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The Somalia-Somaliland 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 Somalia-Somaliland could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Somalia-Somaliland GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2004 Somalia-Somaliland GYTS. The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in Fasalka ama darajada afraad, Fasalka ama darajada Shanaad, Darajada ama fasalka Lixaad,

Darajada ama fasalka Toddobaad, Fasalka ama darajada Sideedaad and Darajada ama fasalka kowaad ee dugsiya sare (form one). For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Somalia-Somaliland. 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 92.0%. For the GSPS, 78.6% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 161 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

82.9% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 95.8%, Teachers = 78.9%)
 80.0% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 90.5%, Teachers = 76.4%)
 78.0% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 91.2%, Teachers = 73.6%)
 43.5% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 57.9%, Teachers = 39.4%)
 53.2% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 71.1%, Teachers = 46.8%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

87.5% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 31.6% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 90.7% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 37.6% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 66.4% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

89.9% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 17.2% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 15.3% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 40.7% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

82.8% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 87.7% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 85.9% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 88.6% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 80.4% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- Eight in 10 school personnel currently use any tobacco product; over three-quarters currently smoke cigarettes and close to half currently use other tobacco products.
- Three in 10 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; two in five have a policy for personnel; two-thirds of the schools enforce their policies.
- 17.2% of teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 15.3% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Two in five schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- More than four in five think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.