

Morocco Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The Morocco 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 Morocco could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Morocco GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2006 Morocco GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grades 1, 2 and 3. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Morocco. 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 98.0%. For the GSPS, 100.0% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 463 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

46.1% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 83.9%, Teachers = 42.6%)
16.0% ever used chicha or kif (Admin = 29.7%, Teachers = 14.9%)
20.2% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 28.8%, Teachers = 19.5%)
16.2% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 27.5%, Teachers = 15.1%)
7.5% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 8.9%, Teachers = 7.3%)
27.4% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 61.9%, Teachers = 24.3%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

99.4% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
30.2% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
89.8% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
8.4% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
15.1% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

17.1% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
89.2% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
3.2% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
23.1% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

96.3% think smoking should be banned from public places
85.2% think smoke from others is harmful to them
98.3% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
95.7% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
81.7% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
92.0% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 20.2% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 16.2% currently smoke cigarettes and 7.5% currently use other tobacco products.
- Three in 10 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; 8.4% have a policy for personnel; 15.1% of the schools enforce their policies.
- 17.1% of schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- 3.2% 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.
- More than 9 in 10 think smoking should be banned from public places.
- Nearly all think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.

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