

# Cameroon – Central District

## Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

### FACT SHEET . . . . .

The Cameroon - Central District 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 Cameroon - Central District could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Cameroon - Central District GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2008 Cameroon - Central District GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in forms 1, 2, 3 and 4. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Cameroon - Central District. 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, 50.9% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 1,712 teachers & administrators.

#### Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

25.7% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 39.5%, Teachers = 22.6%)  
 26.8% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 39.0%, Teachers = 24.0%)  
 19.7% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 30.3%, Teachers = 17.3%)  
 13.5% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 19.1%, Teachers = 12.2%)  
 3.4% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 5.9%, Teachers = 2.8%)

#### School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

98.4% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students  
 91.4% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students  
 94.3% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel  
 50.3% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel  
 84.9% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

#### Access to Teaching Materials and Training

31.7% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum  
 86.7% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use  
 69.3% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use  
 6.4% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention  
 21.4% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

#### Attitudes

92.9% think smoking should be banned from public places  
 97.5% think smoke from others is harmful to them  
 95.3% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use  
 80.3% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned  
 74.5% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

#### Highlights

- 26.8% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 1 in 5 currently smoke cigarettes and 13.5% currently use other tobacco products.
- Nine in 10 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; Half have a policy for personnel; Over 4 in 5 schools enforce their policies.
- Close to one-third of the schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Seven in 10 teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 6.4% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- One in 5 schools uses non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Over 9 in 10 think smoking should be banned from public places.
- 95.3% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.