

Democratic Republic of the Congo – Kinshasa

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The DRC - Kinshasa 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 DRC - Kinshasa could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The DRC - Kinshasa GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2008 DRC - Kinshasa GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Secondary. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of DRC - Kinshasa. 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, 59.3% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 299 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

49.6% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 52.3%, Teachers = 49.1%)
 31.8% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 47.0%, Teachers = 29.2%)
 27.5% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 36.4%, Teachers = 25.7%)
 16.6% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 33.5%, Teachers = 13.6%)
 13.7% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 40.2%, Teachers = 9.2%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

92.1% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 83.9% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 94.4% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 66.7% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 83.3% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

42.7% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
 92.6% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 69.7% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 16.8% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 7.4% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

91.6% think smoking should be banned from public places
 93.3% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 90.7% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 87.9% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 76.4% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 83.4% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- Nearly one-third of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 27.5% currently smoke cigarettes and 16.6% currently use other tobacco products.
- Over 4 in 5 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; two-thirds have a policy for personnel; 83.3% of the schools enforce their policies.
- Two in five schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Seven in 10 teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 16.8% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- 7.4% of schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Nine in 10 think smoking should be banned from public places.
- 90.7% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.

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