

Namibia 2008 (Teachers & Administrators) Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET • • • • • • • •

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

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having learners in six through nine. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Namibia. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all learners in selected classes were eligible to participate. For the GSPS, a total of 746 school personnel (teachers and administrators) completed the survey. The overall response rate of all school personnel surveyed was 84.6%.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use

29.7% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 33.7%, Teachers = 29.3%)
11.8% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 7.8%, Teachers = 12.2%)
11.5% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 5.7%, Teachers = 12.3%)
2.2% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 5.3%, Teachers = 1.9%)
9.3% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 11.3%, Teachers = 9.1%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

94.9% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among learners
82.7% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among learners
90.5% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
58.7% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
87.1% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for learners and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

49.7% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
89.1% think teachers need specific training to help learners avoid tobacco use
49.4% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
13.7% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
42.7% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

79.7% think smoking should be banned from public places
88.9% think smoke from others is harmful to them
87.9% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
80.5% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
79.3% think the price of tobacco products should be increased

Highlights

- 11.8% of teachers and administrators currently use any tobacco product; 11.5% currently smoke cigarettes and 2.2% currently use other tobacco products.
- 82.7% of the schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among learners; nearly six in 10 schools have a policy for personnel; 87.1% of the schools enforce their policies
- Almost half of the schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
- Almost half of the teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
- 13.7% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
- 42.7% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention
- Eight in 10 think smoking should be banned from public places
- 87.9% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use

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