

# Yemen Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS) FACT SHEET . . . . .

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

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grades 7, 8 and 9. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Yemen. 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, 100.0% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 347 teachers & administrators.

## Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

48.2% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 44.0%, Teachers = 48.8%)  
26.5% ever smoked shisha (Admin = 30.1%, Teachers = 25.8%)  
33.2% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 40.1%, Teachers = 32.0%)  
29.6% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 28.1%, Teachers = 29.8%)  
9.8% currently smoke shisha (Admin = 18.3%, Teachers = 8.4%)  
17.0% smoked on school property in the past year (Teachers = 100.0%)

## School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

95.4% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students  
40.0% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students  
95.9% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel  
35.3% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel  
80.2% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

## Access to Teaching Materials and Training

74.7% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum  
85.8% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use  
76.5% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use  
19.6% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention  
29.7% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

## Attitudes

91.0% think smoking should be banned from public places  
96.0% think smoke from others is harmful to them  
96.4% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use  
92.8% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned  
81.8% think the price of tobacco products should be increased  
83.9% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

## Highlights

- One-third of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 29.6% currently smoke cigarettes and 9.8% currently smoke shisha.
- Two in five schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; over one-third have a policy for personnel; four in five schools enforce their policies.
- Three-quarters of the schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Three-quarters of the teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 19.6% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Three in 10 schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- 91.0% think smoking should be banned from public places.
- Over 9 in 10 think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.