

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.