

# Zimbabwe - Harare Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

## FACT SHEET . . . . .

The Zimbabwe - Harare 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 Zimbabwe - Harare could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grade 7 and forms 1 through 3. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Zimbabwe - Harare. 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, 15.9% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 233 teachers & administrators.

### Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

16.7% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin =45.5%, Teachers = 15.2%)  
6.0% currently use any tobacco product (Teachers = 5.0%)  
6.2% currently smoke cigarettes and pipes (Admin = 27.3%, Teachers = 5.1%)  
3.1% currently use other tobacco products including Mbanje (Teachers = 3.3%)  
5.6% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 9.1%, Teachers = 5.4%)

### School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

82.3% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students  
84.1% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students  
92.6% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel  
47.3% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel  
88.8% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

### Access to Teaching Materials and Training

49.4% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum  
82.3% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use  
30.5% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use  
10.4% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention  
55.6% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

### Attitudes

85.8% think smoking should be banned from public places  
93.9% think smoke from others is harmful to them  
90.9% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use  
45.6% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned  
80.2% think the price of tobacco products should be increased  
42.9% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

### Highlights

- 6.0% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 6.2% currently smoke cigarettes and pipes, and 3.1% currently use other tobacco products including Mbanje.
- Over 4 in 5 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; close to half have a policy for personnel; 9 in 10 schools enforce their policies.
- Half the schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Three in 10 teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 10.4% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Almost 3 in 5 schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Over 4 in 5 think smoking should be banned from public places.
- Nine in 10 think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.