

# Maldives 2011 (Teachers & Administrators)

## Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

### FACT SHEET . . . . .

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

The Maldives GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2011 Maldives GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in in grades 7 to 10. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Maldives. 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. For the GSPS, a total of 916 school personnel (teachers and administrators) completed the survey. The overall response rate of all school personnel surveyed was 31.1%.

## Prevalence of Tobacco Use

- 16.8% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 35.5%<sup>†</sup>, Teachers = 16.1%)
- 7.9% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 15.6%<sup>†</sup>, Teachers = 7.6%)
- 6.7% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 12.9%<sup>†</sup>, Teachers = 6.5%)
- 2.8% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 9.4%<sup>†</sup>, Teachers = 2.6%)
- 2.2% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 12.5%<sup>†</sup>, Teachers = 1.8%)

## School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

- 94.6% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
- 82.5% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
- 95.8% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
- 77.1% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
- 97.2% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

## Access to Teaching Materials and Training

- 44.2% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
- 79.5% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
- 28.8% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
- 14.6% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
- 52.0% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

## Attitudes

- 93.6% think smoking should be banned from public places
- 95.7% think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 82.7% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
- 87.7% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
- 87.5% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
- 63.9% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

(<sup>†</sup> The percentage is based on observations between 10 and 34)

## Highlights

- 7.9% of teachers and administrators currently use any tobacco product; 6.7% currently smoke cigarettes and 2.8% currently use other tobacco products
- More than four in five schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; More than three-quarters have a policy for personnel; 97.2% of the schools enforce their policies
- Almost three in 10 teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
- 14.6% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
- More than half the schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention
- Over four in five think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use