



Background

> The CDC Foundation helps the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) do more, faster, by forging effective partnerships between CDC and corporations, foundations, organizations and individuals to fight threats to health and safety. The Foundation currently manages approximately 200 programs in the U.S. and in countries around the world. Each program involves a team of experts at CDC and at least one outside funding partner. The CDC Foundation has a long history of connecting community-based, national and international organizations with CDC experts and research to identify the most effective strategies to reduce tobacco use.

As a partner in the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use, the CDC Foundation is working with CDC, WHO, JHSPH, and RTI International to provide program support for GATS. GATS is a component of the Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS). GATS is funded by a grant to the CDC Foundation from Bloomberg Philanthropies. GATS implementation in China and the Africa region is funded by a grant to the CDC Foundation from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Focus

- > Support CDC, WHO and partners to:
- Develop a standard protocol for GATS
 - Implement GATS in countries
 - Develop global tobacco surveillance data reporting and dissemination mechanisms

Countries

> Initially GATS is being conducted in 14 countries: Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, Russian Federation, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay and Vietnam.

Key Partner Organizations and Roles

> Partners in GATS include CDC, WHO, JHSPH, RTI International, and the CDC Foundation.

CDC, a WHO Collaborating Center for Global Tobacco Surveillance, provides technical assistance for implementation of the surveillance system.

WHO provides global, regional and in-country leadership as well as monitoring of global tobacco control policy implementation at the country level.

JHSPH provides technical assistance in data analysis and reporting.

RTI International provides training and technical assistance in electronic data collection.

The CDC Foundation provides resources and program support.

