



Editorial:

It is our privilege to introduce the first issue of the *GTSS News*. The purpose of the Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS) is to enhance countries' capacity to monitor tobacco use, guide national tobacco prevention and control programs, and facilitate comparison of tobacco-related data at the national, regional, and global levels. The *GTSS News* will be issued quarterly and it aims to provide news updates and foster communication among regions.

School-based Fieldwork Completed:

- The following WHO member states, territories, or special administrative regions completed fieldwork for the **Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)** in 2009: Albania, Armenia, Bahamas, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Dominica, El Salvador, Fiji, Ghana, Grenada, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lithuania, Malawi, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Niger, Niue, Palau, Poland, Romania, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkey, and West Bank.
- The following WHO member states, territories, or special administrative regions completed fieldwork for the **Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)** in 2009: Albania, Armenia, Bahamas, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Congo, Djibouti, El Salvador, Fiji, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritania, Niue, Paraguay, Romania, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and West Bank.
- The following WHO member states, territories, or special administrative regions completed fieldwork for the **Global Health Professions Student Survey (GHPSS)** in 2009 (D=Dental, M=Medical, N=Nursing, and P=Pharmacy): Bahamas (N), Bahrain (MN), Bangladesh (DMP), Barbados (N), Belize (NP), Bulgaria, (DMP), Fiji (DMNP), Georgia (M), Greece (DMNP), Grenada (NP), Guyana (DMNP), India (DM), Indonesia (P), Iraq (DMNP), Lao People's Democratic Republic (DMNP), Latvia (DMNP), Macedonia (DMNP), Mozambique (MNP), Myanmar (DMP), Papua New Guinea (DMNP), Philippines (M), Senegal (DMNP), Suriname (MN), Taiwan (DMNP), Yemen (DMNP), and Zambia (MNP).

Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS)

Data Releases:

- Thailand GATS results were released on November 9, 2009.
 - A Fact Sheet summarizing the results can be found at: http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/global/gats/countries/sear/fact_sheets/thailand/2009/pdfs/thailand_2009.pdf
 - The full report can be found at: http://www.searo.who.int/LinkFiles/Regional_Tobacco_Surveillance_System_GATS_Thailand_2009.pdf
- Bangladesh GATS results were released on December 22, 2009.
 - A Fact Sheet summarizing the results can be found at: http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/global/gats/countries/sear/fact_sheets/bangladesh/2009/pdfs/bangladesh_2009.pdf
 - The full report can be found at: http://www.searo.who.int/LinkFiles/Regional_Tobacco_Surveillance_System_GATS_BAN_FullReport2009.pdf
- Egypt GATS results were released on January 28, 2010.
 - Fact Sheets summarizing the results can be found at: http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/global/gats/countries/emr/fact_sheets/egypt/
- Uruguay GATS results were released on February 8, 2010.
 - Fact Sheets summarizing the results can be found at: http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/global/gats/countries/amr/fact_sheets/uruguay/



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Fieldwork:

- The following WHO member states completed fieldwork for the GATS: Bangladesh, Brazil, Egypt, India, Mexico, Philippines, Russian Federation, Thailand, Turkey, and Uruguay.
- The following WHO member states are currently conducting fieldwork: China, Poland, Ukraine, Vietnam (beginning March 2010).

Selected Publications:

- Sinha DN, Gewaifel G, Alawie SAS, Ali SMZ, Phuntsho S, Waheed A, Pandey MR, Khan SA, Gunasekara PW, Rahman K, El Awa F, Warren CW, Jones NR. Prevalence of Tobacco Use among Students Aged 13-15 Years in SAARC Member Countries, 2003-2006. Regional Health Forum, WHO SEAR. 2009; 13(2): 1-10.
- Warren CW, Sinha DN, Lee J, Lea V, Jones NR. Tobacco use, exposure to secondhand smoke, and training on cessation counseling among nursing students: cross-country data from the Global Health Professions Student Survey (GHPSS), 2005-2009. Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health. 2009 Oct; 6(10):2534-49.
- Warren CW, Lea V, Lee J, Jones NR, Asma S, McKenna M. Change in tobacco use among 13-15 year olds between 1999 and 2008: finding from the Global Youth Tobacco Survey. Glob. Health Promot. 2009 Sep;16(2 Suppl):38-90.
- Warren CW, Lee J, Lea V, Goding A, O'Hara B, Carlberg M, Asma S, McKenna M. Evolution of the Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS) 1998-2008. Glob. Health Promot. 2009 Sep;16(2 Suppl):4-37.

- Warren CW, Asma S, Lee J, Lea V, Mackay J. The GTSS Atlas. Atlanta, GA: CDC Foundation, 2009. Available at: http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/global/gtss/tobaccoatlas/pdfs/tobacco_atlas.pdf

GTSS Data Links:

- AFR:<http://www.who-africa.org/en/divisions-a-programmes/dnc/tobacco/overview.html>
- AMR:<http://www.paho.org/tobacco/CountriesTopic.asp>
- EMR:<http://www.emro.who.int/tfi/gtss.htm>
- EUR:<http://data.euro.who.int/tobacco/?TabID=2402>
- SEAR:<http://www.searo.who.int/en/Section1174/Section2469/Section2480.htm>
- WPR:<http://www.wpro.who.int/hdb/default.aspx?source=2>
- HQ:<http://www.who.int/tobacco/surveillance/en/index.html>
- CDC:http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/OSH_GTSS/default/default.aspx



Participants at SEAR workshop in Bangkok, Thailand

Calendar of Events:

School-based Workshops

8 – 13 February 2010	Bangkok, Thailand	Training, analysis, and program policy workshop for the South-East Asia Region
18 – 20 May 2010	Copenhagen, Denmark	Training and analysis workshop for the European Region

GATS Data Releases

18 March 2010	Manila, Philippines	Philippines GATS Data Release
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Conferences

6 – 9 October 2010	Sydney, Australia	APACT 2010 Conference
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