global school personnel survey

Country fact sheets

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, developed the Global School Personnel Survey to track tobacco use among school personnel across countries using a common methodology and core questionnaire. Information from the Survey is compiled within the participating country by a Research Coordinator nominated by the Ministry of Health, and technically reviewed by WHO and CDC. The content has not otherwise been edited by WHO or CDC.

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Sudan
Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)
FACT SHEET . . . .

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

The Sudan GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2001 Sudan GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grades 8th, 1st secondary, and 2nd secondary. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Sudan. 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 94.0%. For the GSPS, 100.0% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 50 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel
41.9% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 51.6%, Teachers = 34.4%)
16.6% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 29.9%, Teachers = 5.0%)
17.0% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 29.9%, Teachers = 5.3%)
10.0% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 16.2%., Teachers = 5.0%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use
95.5% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
60.6% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
87.0% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
51.0% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
100.0% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training
99.2% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
44.0% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
12.5% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
29.3% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes
91.1% think smoke from others is harmful to them
95.5% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
96.5% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
77.7% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
80.9% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

• 16.6% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 17.0% currently smoke cigarettes and 10.0% currently use other tobacco products.

• Three in five schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; Half have a policy for personnel; All schools enforce their polices.

• More than two in five teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.

• 12.5% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.

• Nearly three in 10 schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.

• More than nine in 10 think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.