

Sudan (Ages 13-15) Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)



FACT SHEET

The Sudan GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Sudan could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Sudan GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 8, 1st secondary, and 2nd secondary conducted in 2009.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for 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 100.0%, the class response rate was 100.0%, the student response rate was 88.8%, and the overall response rate was 88.8%. A total of 950 students aged 13-15 participated in the Sudan GYTS.

Prevalence

- 9.5% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy = 13.7%, Girl = 5.1%)
- 7.4% currently use any tobacco product (Boy = 9.5%, Girl = 4.3%)
- 2.7% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy = 3.4%, Girl = 1.6%)
- 6.0% currently use shisha (Boy = 7.7%, Girl = 3.5%)
- 18.7% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

15.6% think boys and 8.9% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

- 27.6% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
- 33.1% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
- 82.1% think smoking should be banned from public places
- 73.1% think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 19.9% have one or more parents who smoke
- 3.1% have most or all friends who smoke

Media and Advertising

- 76.5% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
- 63.9% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
- 50.6% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
- 11.8% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
- 7.9% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

- 34.8% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
- 26.6% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke

Highlights

- 7.4% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 2.7% currently smoke cigarettes; 6.0% currently use shisha.
- SHS exposure is low – one-quarter of the students live in homes where others smoke, and one-third of the students are exposed to smoke around others outside of the home; one in five students has at least one parent who smokes.
- Close to three-quarters of the students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Over 4 in 5 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- More than 1 in 10 students have an object with a cigarette brand logo on it.
- Three-quarters of the students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; 3 in 5 students saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards and half saw pro-tobacco ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.