

Global School-based Student Health Survey (GSHS)

Zimbabwe 2003 GSHS Questionnaire

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2003 ZIMBABWEAN GLOBAL SCHOOL-BASED STUDENT HEALTH SURVEY

This survey is about your health and the things you do that may affect your health. Students like you all over your country are doing this survey. Students in many other countries around the world also are doing this survey. The information you give will be used to develop better health programs for young people like yourself.

DO NOT write your name on this survey or the answer sheet. The answers you give will be kept private. No one will know how you answer. Answer the questions based on what you really know or do. There are no right or wrong answers.

Completing the survey is voluntary. Your grade or mark in this class will not be affected whether or not you answer the questions. If you do not want to answer a question, just leave it blank.

Make sure to read every question. Fill in the circles on your answer sheet that match your answer. Use only the pencil you are given. When you are done, do what the person who is giving you the survey says to do.

Here is an example of how to fill in the circles:

Fill in the circles like this

Not like this



or



Survey

1. Do fish live in water?

A. Yes

B. No

Answer sheet

1. (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H)

Thank you very much for your help.

1. How old are you?

- A. 11 years old or younger
- B. 12 years old
- C. 13 years old
- D. 14 years old
- E. 15 years old
- F. 16 years old or older

2. What is your sex?

- A. Male
- B. Female

3. In what form are you?

- A. Form 1
- B. Form 2
- C. Form 3
- D. Some other form

The next 6 questions ask about cleaning your teeth and washing your hands.

4. During the past 30 days, how many times per day did you **usually** clean or brush your teeth?

- A. I did not clean or brush my teeth during the past 30 days
- B. 1 time per day
- C. 2 times per day
- D. 3 times per day
- E. 4 or more times per day

5. During the past 30 days, how often did you wash your hands before eating?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

6. During the past 30 days, how did you **usually** wash your hands before eating?

- A. I did not wash my hands before eating during the past 30 days
- B. In a dish of water used by others
- C. In a dish of water used only by me
- D. Under running water
- E. Some other way

7. During the past 30 days, how often did you wash your hands after using the toilet or latrine?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

8. Is there a place for you to wash your hands after using the toilet or latrine at school?

- A. Yes
- B. No

9. During the past 30 days, how often did you use soap when washing your hands?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

The next 3 questions ask about physical attacks. A physical attack occurs when one or more people hit or strike someone, or when one or more people hurt another person with a weapon (such as a stick, knife, or gun). It is not a physical attack when two students of about the same strength or power choose to fight each other.

10. During the past 12 months, how many times were you physically attacked?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 time
 - C. 2 or 3 times
 - D. 4 or 5 times
 - E. 6 or 7 times
 - F. 8 or 9 times
 - G. 10 or 11 times
 - H. 12 or more times
11. During the past 12 months, how many times were you physically attacked by an adult family member?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 time
 - C. 2 or 3 times
 - D. 4 or 5 times
 - E. 6 or 7 times
 - F. 8 or 9 times
 - G. 10 or 11 times
 - H. 12 or more times
12. During the past 12 months, how many times were you physically attacked by a teacher?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 time
 - C. 2 or 3 times
 - D. 4 or 5 times
 - E. 6 or 7 times
 - F. 8 or 9 times
 - G. 10 or 11 times
 - H. 12 or more times

The next question asks about physical fights. A physical fight occurs when two or more students of about the same strength or power choose to fight each other.

13. During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 time
 - C. 2 or 3 times
 - D. 4 or 5 times
 - E. 6 or 7 times
 - F. 8 or 9 times
 - G. 10 or 11 times
 - H. 12 or more times

The next 5 questions ask about the most serious injury that happened to you during the past 12 months. An injury is serious when it makes you miss at least one full day of usual activities (such as school, sports, or a job) or requires treatment by a doctor or nurse.

14. During the past 12 months, how many times were you seriously injured?
- A. 0 times
 - B. 1 time
 - C. 2 or 3 times
 - D. 4 or 5 times
 - E. 6 or 7 times
 - F. 8 or 9 times
 - G. 10 or 11 times
 - H. 12 or more times

15. During the past 12 months, **what were you doing** when the most serious injury happened to you?

- A. I was not seriously injured during the past 12 months
- B. Playing or training for a sport
- C. Walking or running, but not as part of playing or training for a sport
- D. Riding a bicycle or scooter
- E. Riding or driving in a car or other motor vehicle
- F. Doing any paid or unpaid work, including housework, yard work, or cooking
- G. Nothing
- H. Something else

16. During the past 12 months, **what was the major cause** of the most serious injury that happened to you?

- A. I was not seriously injured during the past 12 months
- B. I was in a motor vehicle accident or hit by a motor vehicle
- C. I fell
- D. Something fell on me or hit me
- E. I was fighting with someone
- F. I was attacked, assaulted, or abused by someone
- G. I was in a fire or too near a flame or something hot
- H. Something else caused my injury

17. During the past 12 months, **how** did the most serious injury happen to you?

- A. I was not seriously injured during the past 12 months
- B. I hurt myself by accident
- C. Someone else hurt me by accident
- D. I hurt myself on purpose
- E. Someone else hurt me on purpose

18. During the past 12 months, **what was** the most serious injury that happened to you?

- A. I was not seriously injured during the past 12 months
- B. I had a broken bone or a dislocated joint
- C. I had a cut, puncture, or stab wound
- D. I had a concussion or other head or neck injury, was knocked out, or could not breathe
- E. I had a gunshot wound
- F. I had a bad burn
- G. I lost all or part of a foot, leg, hand, or arm
- H. Something else happened to me

The next 2 questions ask about bullying. Bullying occurs when a student or group of students say or do bad and unpleasant things to another student. It is also bullying when a student is teased a lot in an unpleasant way or when a student is left out of things on purpose. It is not bullying when two students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or when teasing is done in a friendly and fun way.

19. During the past 30 days, on how many days were you bullied?

- A. 0 days
- B. 1 or 2 days
- C. 3 to 5 days
- D. 6 to 9 days
- E. 10 to 19 days
- F. 20 to 29 days
- G. All 30 days

20. During the past 30 days, how were you bullied **most often**?
- A. I was not bullied during the past 30 days
 - B. I was hit, kicked, pushed, shoved around, or locked indoors
 - C. I was made fun of because of my race or color
 - D. I was made fun of because of my religion
 - E. I was made fun of with sexual jokes, comments, or gestures
 - F. I was left out of activities on purpose or completely ignored
 - G. I was made fun of because of how my body or face looks
 - H. I was bullied in some other way

The next 6 questions ask about other violence-related topics.

21. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club on school property for protection or self-defense?
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 day
 - C. 2 or 3 days
 - D. 4 or 5 days
 - E. 6 or more days
22. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school?
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 day
 - C. 2 or 3 days
 - D. 4 or 5 days
 - E. 6 or more days

23. Have you ever been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
24. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes what to do if someone is trying to force you to have sexual intercourse?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. I do not know
25. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes first aid skills in case of an injury to yourself or someone else?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. I do not know
26. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes how to avoid or prevent accidents such as fires or poisonings?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. I do not know

The next 10 questions ask about your feelings and friendships.

27. During the past 12 months, how often have you felt lonely?
- A. Never
 - B. Rarely
 - C. Sometimes
 - D. Most of the time
 - E. Always

28. During the past 12 months, how often have you been so worried about something that you could not sleep at night?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

29. During the past 12 months, how often have you been so worried about something that you wanted to use alcohol or drugs to feel better?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

30. During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing your usual activities?

- A. Yes
- B. No

31. During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?

- A. Yes
- B. No

32. During the past 12 months, did you make a plan about how you would attempt suicide?

- A. Yes
- B. No

33. How many close friends do you have?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3 or more

34. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes how to handle stress in healthy ways?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know

35. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes what causes mental disorders?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know

36. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes where to get help for mental health problems such as stress, depression, worries, or alcohol abuse?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know

The next 6 questions ask about cigarette and other tobacco use

37. How old were you when you first tried a cigarette?

- A. I have never smoked cigarettes
- B. 7 years old or younger
- C. 8 or 9 years old
- D. 10 or 11 years old
- E. 12 or 13 years old
- F. 14 or 15 years old
- G. 16 years old or older

38. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 or 2 days
 - C. 3 to 5 days
 - D. 6 to 9 days
 - E. 10 to 19 days
 - F. 20 to 29 days
 - G. All 30 days
39. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use any other form of tobacco, such as snuff, pipe, shamrock, or chimonera?
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 or 2 days
 - C. 3 to 5 days
 - D. 6 to 9 days
 - E. 10 to 19 days
 - F. 20 to 29 days
 - G. All 30 days
40. During the past 12 months, have you ever tried to stop smoking cigarettes?
- A. I have never smoked cigarettes
 - B. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 12 months
 - C. Yes
 - D. No
41. During the past 7 days, on how many days have people smoked in your presence?
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 or 2 days
 - C. 3 to 4 days
 - D. 5 to 6 days
 - E. All 7 days

42. Which of your parents or guardians use any form of tobacco?
- A. Neither
 - B. My father or male guardian
 - C. My mother or female guardian
 - D. Both
 - E. I do not know

The next 12 questions ask about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking wine, bottled beer, opaque beer, illicit beer, and traditional beer. Drinking alcohol does not include drinking a few sips of wine, mahewu, or traditional beer for religious or traditional purposes.

43. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink containing alcohol?
- A. 0 days
 - B. 1 or 2 days
 - C. 3 to 5 days
 - D. 6 to 9 days
 - E. 10 to 19 days
 - F. 20 to 29 days
 - G. All 30 days
44. During the past 30 days, on the days you drank alcohol, how many drinks did you **usually** drink per day?
- A. I did not drink alcohol during the past 30 days
 - B. Less than one drink
 - C. 1 drink
 - D. 2 drinks
 - E. 3 drinks
 - F. 4 drinks
 - G. 5 or more drinks

45. During the past 30 days, how did you **usually** get the alcohol you drank? SELECT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.

- A. I did not drink alcohol during the past 30 days
- B. I bought it in a store, shop, or from a street vendor
- C. I gave someone else money to buy it for me
- D. I got it from my friends
- E. I got it from home
- F. I stole it
- G. I made it myself
- H. I got it some other way

46. What type of alcohol do you **usually** drink? SELECT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.

- A. I do not drink alcohol
- B. Beer, lager, or stout
- C. Wine
- D. Spirits such as Don Juan, Green Valley, Bols, or Chateau
- E. Traditional brews such as toto, seven days, or sikokiyana
- F. Opaque beer such as scud, chibuku, or ingwebu
- G. Some other type

47. With whom do you **usually** drink alcohol?

- A. I do not drink alcohol
- B. With my friends
- C. With my family
- D. With persons I have just met
- E. I usually drink alone

48. During your life, how many times did you drink so much alcohol that you were really drunk?

- A. 0 times
- B. 1 or 2 times
- C. 3 to 9 times
- D. 10 or more times

49. During your life, how many times have you ever had a hang-over, felt sick, got into trouble with your family or friends, missed school, or got into fights, as a result of drinking alcohol?

- A. 0 times
- B. 1 or 2 times
- C. 3 to 9 times
- D. 10 or more times

50. Which of your parents or guardians drink alcohol?

- A. Neither
- B. My father or male guardian
- C. My mother or female guardian
- D. Both
- E. I do not know

51. Do any of your brothers or sisters drink alcohol?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know

52. How many of your friends drink alcohol?

- A. None
- B. A few
- C. Some
- D. Most
- E. All

53. If one of your best friends offered you a drink of alcohol, would you drink it?

- A. Definitely not
- B. Probably not
- C. Probably yes
- D. Definitely yes

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54. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes the dangers of alcohol use?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know

The next 2 questions ask about drugs.

55. During your life, how many times have you used drugs, such as mbanje, dagga, marijuana, or glue?

- A. 0 times
- B. 1 or 2 times
- C. 3 to 9 times
- D. 10 or more times

56. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes the dangers of using drugs such as mbanje, dagga, marijuana, or glue?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know

The next 15 questions ask about sexual intercourse and other topics related to sexual intercourse.

57. Have you ever had sexual intercourse?

- A. Yes
- B. No

58. What is the **main** reason you have not had sexual intercourse?

- A. I have had sexual intercourse
- B. I want to wait until I am older
- C. I want to wait until I am married
- D. I do not want to risk getting pregnant
- E. I do not want to risk getting a sexually transmitted infection such as HIV or AIDS
- F. I have not had a chance to have sex or met anyone that I wanted to have sex with
- G. It is against my religious values
- H. Some other reason

59. How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?

- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
- B. 11 years old or younger
- C. 12 years old
- D. 13 years old
- E. 14 years old
- F. 15 years old
- G. 16 years old or older

60. During your life, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?

- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
- B. 1 person
- C. 2 people
- D. 3 people
- E. 4 people
- F. 5 people
- G. 6 or more people

61. During the past 12 months, have you had sexual intercourse?

- A. Yes
- B. No

62. During the past 12 months, how often did you or your partner use any method of birth control?

- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
- B. I have had sexual intercourse, but not during the past 12 months
- C. Never
- D. Rarely
- E. Sometimes
- F. Most of the time
- G. Always

63. If you wanted to get birth control, how would you most likely get it?

- A. I would get it from a vending machine
- B. I would get it in a store or shop or from a street vendor
- C. I would get it from a pharmacy, clinic, or hospital
- D. I would give someone else money to buy it for me
- E. I would borrow it from someone else
- F. I would get it some other way
- G. I do not know

64. During the past 12 months, how often did you or your partner use a condom when you had sexual intercourse?

- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
- B. I have had sexual intercourse, but not during the past 12 months
- C. Never
- D. Rarely
- E. Sometimes
- F. Most of the time
- G. Always

65. During the past 12 months, what was the **main** reason you did not use a condom every time you had sexual intercourse?

- A. I have never had sexual intercourse or I have had sexual intercourse, but not during the past 12 months
- B. I always use a condom when I have sexual intercourse
- C. I want or my partner wants to have a baby
- D. Having sex is unexpected, no time to prepare
- E. My partner does not want to use a condom
- F. I thought it was bad or wrong to use condoms
- G. I do not know where to get condoms
- H. Some other reason

66. If you wanted to get a condom, how would you most likely get it?

- A. I would get it from a vending machine
- B. I would get it in a store or shop or from a street vendor
- C. I would get it from a pharmacy, clinic, or hospital
- D. I would give someone else money to buy it for me
- E. I would get if some other way
- F. I do not know

67. The **last time** you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?

- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
- B. Yes
- C. No

68. Did you drink alcohol or use other drugs before you had sexual intercourse the **last time**?

- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
- B. Yes
- C. No

69. Have you ever been told by a doctor or nurse that you had a sexually transmitted infection, such as HIV, AIDS, syphilis, or gonorrhea?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know

70. Do you know how to tell someone you do not want to have sexual intercourse with them?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know

71. Have you ever talked about HIV or AIDS with your parents or guardians?

- A. Yes
- B. No

The next 2 questions ask about physical activity. Physical activity is any activity that increases your heart rate and makes you get out of breath some of the time. Physical activity can be done in sports, playing with friends, or walking to school. Some examples of physical activity are running, fast walking, biking, dancing, and football.

ADD UP ALL THE TIME YOU SPEND IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY EACH DAY. DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR PHYSICAL EDUCATION OR GYM CLASS.

72. During the past **7 days**, on how many days were you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day?

- A. 0 days
- B. 1 day
- C. 2 days
- D. 3 days
- E. 4 days
- F. 5 days
- G. 6 days
- H. 7 days

73. During a **typical or usual** week, on how many days are you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day?

- A. 0 days
- B. 1 day
- C. 2 days
- D. 3 days
- E. 4 days
- F. 5 days
- G. 6 days
- H. 7 days

The next question asks about the time you spend mostly sitting when you are not in school or doing homework.

74. How much time do you spend during a **typical or usual** day sitting and watching television, playing computer games, talking with friends, or doing other sitting activities, such as reading or writing?

- A. Less than 1 hour per day
- B. 1 to 2 hours per day
- C. 3 to 4 hours per day
- D. 5 to 6 hours per day
- E. 7 to 8 hours per day
- F. More than 8 hours per day

The next 2 questions ask about going to and coming home from school.

75. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you walk or ride a bicycle to and from school?

- A. 0 days
- B. 1 day
- C. 2 days
- D. 3 days
- E. 4 days
- F. 5 days
- G. 6 days
- H. 7 days

76. During the past 7 days, how long did it **usually** take for you to get to and from school each day?
ADD UP THE TIME YOU SPEND GOING TO
AND COMING HOME FROM SCHOOL.

- A. Less than 10 minutes per day
- B. 10 to 19 minutes per day
- C. 20 to 29 minutes per day
- D. 30 to 39 minutes per day
- E. 40 to 49 minutes per day
- F. 50 to 59 minutes per day
- G. 60 or more minutes per day

The next 5 questions ask about your experiences at school and at home.

77. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you miss classes or school without permission?

- A. 0 days
- B. 1 or 2 days
- C. 3 to 5 days
- D. 6 to 9 days
- E. 10 or more days

78. During the past 30 days, how often were most of the students in your school kind and helpful?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

79. During the past 30 days, how often did your parents or guardians check to see if your homework was done?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

80. During the past 30 days, how often did your parents or guardians understand your problems and worries?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

81. During the past 30 days, how often did your parents or guardians **really** know what you were doing with your free time?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always