

# Equatorial Guinea (Ages 13-15)

## Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

### FACT SHEET . . . . .



The Equatorial Guinea 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 Equatorial Guinea could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Equatorial Guinea GYTS was a school-based survey of students in Primary 5 and 6, and Secondary 1 and 2 conducted in

2008. A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Equatorial Guinea. 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 98.0%, the class response rate was 100%, the student response rate was 76.6% and the overall response rate was 75.1%. A total of 1,345 students aged 13-15 participated in the Equatorial Guinea GYTS.

### Prevalence

15.9% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boys = 20.5%, Girls = 10.5%)  
22.1% currently use any tobacco product (Boys = 25.1%, Girls = 17.3%)  
7.0% currently smoke cigarettes (Boys = 9.9%, Girls = 3.4%)  
17.8% currently use other tobacco products (Boys = 19.5%, Girls = 14.8%)  
16.1% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

### Knowledge and Attitudes

40.0% think boys and 22.2% think girls who smoke have more friends  
22.8% think boys and 25.4% think girls who smoke look more attractive

### Access and Availability - Current Smokers

28.1% usually smoke at home  
20.9% buy cigarettes in a store

### Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

47.5% live in homes where others smoke in their presence  
61.7% are around others who smoke in places outside their home  
85.0% think smoking should be banned from public places  
56.0% think smoke from others is harmful to them  
18.8% have one or more parents who smoke  
2.5% have most or all friends who smoke

### Cessation - Current Smokers

84.0% have ever received help to stop smoking

### Media and Advertising

81.0% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days  
62.4% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days  
57.6% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days  
10.6% have an object with a cigarette brand logo  
7.0% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

### School

69.7% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking  
29.2% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke  
54.5% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

### Highlights

- Over 2 in 10 students currently use any form of tobacco; 7.0% currently smoke cigarettes; 17.8% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is high – almost half of students live in homes where others smoke, over 6 in 10 students are around others who smoke in places outside of their home; almost 1 in 5 students have one or more parent who smoke.
- More than half the students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Over 8 in 10 students think smoking should be banned from public places.
- More than 8 in 10 students who are currently smoking have received help to stop smoking.
- 10.6% of students have an object with a cigarette brand logo on it.
- Eight in 10 students saw anti-smoking messages in the past 30 days; 3 in 5 students saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards and in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.