The Botswana 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, environmental tobacco smoke exposure (ETS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Botswana could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Botswana GYTS was a school-based survey of students in forms one, two and three conducted in 2002. A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Botswana. 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 96%, the student response rate was 95.6%, and the overall response rate was 91.8%. A total of 1,084 students participated in the Botswana GYTS.

### Prevalence

13.1% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 18.5%, Female = 9.2%)
11.3% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 12.3%, Female = 10.5%)
2.9% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 3.9%, Female = 2.1%)
9.5% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 10.1%, Female = 9.2%)
6.8% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

### Knowledge and Attitudes

51.5% think boys and 28.3% think girls who smoke have more friends
27.3% think boys and 16.3% think girls who smoke look more attractive

### Environmental Tobacco Smoke

33.0% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
52.5% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
70.3% think smoking should be banned from public places
71.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them
26.0% have one or more parents who smoke
7.0% have most or all friends who smoke

### Media and Advertising

70.1% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
52.4% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
58.5% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
12.2% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
12.8% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

### School

68.7% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
41.1% 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