The Burkina Faso – Ouagadougou 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 Burkina Faso – Ouagadougou could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Burkina Faso – Ouagadougou GYTS was a school-based survey of students in 6ème, 5ème, and 4ème conducted in 2009.

Prevalence
18.7% of students had ever smoked cigarettes
(Male = 31.9%, Female = 7.0%)
16.8% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 22.6%, Female = 11.5%)
6.5% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 11.9%, Female = 2.0%)
12.6% currently use other tobacco products
(Male = 15.2%, Female = 10.1%)
11.4% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)
29.2% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
47.5% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
86.8% think smoking should be banned from public places
56.2% think smoke from others is harmful to them
13.1% have one or more parents who smoke
3.2% have most or all friends who smoke

Access and Availability - Current Smokers
25.6% usually smoke at home
32.5% buy cigarettes in a store

Media and Advertising
82.0% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
68.5% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
62.7% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
12.9% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
7.2% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

Knowledge and Attitudes
19.4% think boys and 16.3% think girls who smoke have more friends
17.7% think boys and 14.4% think girls who smoke look more attractive

School
64.7% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
34.0% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
54.6% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Cessation - Current Smokers
100.0% want to stop smoking
91.7% have ever received help to stop smoking

HIGHLIGHTS
• 16.8% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 6.5% currently smoke cigarettes; 12.6% currently use some other form of tobacco.

• SHS exposure is moderate – three in 10 students live in homes where others smoke, and nearly half of the students are exposed to smoke around others outside of the home; 13.1% of the students have at least one parent who smokes.

• Nearly three in five students think smoke from others is harmful to them.

• Nearly nine in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.

• 12.9% of students have an object with a cigarette brand logo on it.

• Four in five of the students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; nearly seven in 10 saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards and three in five saw pro-tobacco ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.

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