The Eritrea 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 Eritrea could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Eritrea GYTS was a school-based survey of students in Primary 5/Middle 6-8/Secondary 1 grades conducted in 2006.

Prevalence

3.3% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy = 4.3%, Girl = 1.4%)
6.6% currently use any tobacco product (Boy = 7.8%, Girl = 4.6%)
1.6% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy = 2.0%, Girl = 0.6%)
5.5% currently use other tobacco products (Boy = 6.4%, Girl = 4.2%)
12.8% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

35.1% think boys and 26.4% think girls who smoke have more friends
13.7% think boys and 8.8% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

8.7% usually smoke at home
31.0% buy cigarettes in a store

Environmental Tobacco Smoke

18.4% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
37.3% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
57.9% think smoking should be banned from public places
15.7% think smoke from others is harmful to them
7.2% have one or more parents who smoke
4.0% have most or all friends who smoke

Media and Advertising

68.6% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
42.4% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
47.5% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
18.1% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
9.9% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

Cessation - Current Smokers

80.7% want to stop smoking
84.6% tried to stop smoking during the past year
88.1% have ever received help to stop smoking

School

41.4% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
26.8% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
49.9% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

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