ETHIOPIA – ADDIS ABABA
Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS) Fact Sheet (Ages 13-15)

The Ethiopia - Addis Ababa 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 Ethiopia - Addis Ababa could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Ethiopia - Addis Ababa GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 8-10, 11 & 12 preparatory, and vocational years 1 & 2 conducted in 2003.

Prevalence
7.6% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 10.8%, Female = 4.6%)
7.9% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 9.9%, Female = 4.9%)
1.9% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 2.5%, Female = 0.7%)
6.6% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 8.4%, Female = 4.4%)
12.0% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Environmental Tobacco Smoke
14.9% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
41.2% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
95.7% think smoking should be banned from public places
51.3% think smoke from others is harmful to them
8.8% have one or more parents who smoke
3.0% have most or all friends who smoke

Knowledge and Attitudes
30.3% think boys and 24.6% think girls who smoke have more friends
18.6% think boys and 16.1% think girls who smoke look more attractive

School
59.8% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
23.9% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
55.3% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Media and Advertising
72.5% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
52.0% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
47.4% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
12.6% have an object with a cigarette brand logo

HIGHLIGHTS
- 7.9% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 1.3% currently smoke cigarettes; 6.6% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- ETS exposure is high – almost 2 in 7 students live in homes where others smoke in their presence; over 4 in 10 are exposed to smoke in public places; 8.8% have one or more parents who smoke.
- Over half of the students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Almost all students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- More than 7 in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; while approximately half saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards and in newspapers & magazines in the past 30 days.

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