The Mali 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 second hand smoke (SHS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Mali could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Mali GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 6, 7, 8, and 9 conducted in 2008.

Prevalence
29.0% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 44.6%, Female = 10.1%) 16.6% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 23.1%, Female = 8.8%) 10.4% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 17.4%, Female = 2.5%) 9.0% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 10.7%, Female = 7.2%) 5.6% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Access and Availability - Current Smokers
20.9% usually smoke at home 49.5% buy cigarettes in a store 84.8% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)
48.5% live in homes where others smoke in their presence 81.4% are around others who smoke in places outside their home 84.6% think smoking should be banned from public places 50.3% think smoke from others is harmful to them 19.7% have one or more parents who smoke 6.8% have most or all friends who smoke

Knowledge and Attitudes
55.2% think boys and 35.4% think girls who smoke have more friends 28.7% think boys and 19.5% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Cessation - Current Smokers
62.8% want to stop smoking 60.4% tried to stop smoking during the past year

Media and Advertising
64.4% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days 29.2% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days 23.4% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days 13.9% have an object with a cigarette brand logo 10.3% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School
48.2% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking 36.1% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke 53.2% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

HIGHLIGHTS
1. In 20 students are likely to initiate smoking next year; 10.4% of students currently smoke cigarettes and nearly 1 in 10 currently use tobacco products other than cigarettes.
2. SHS exposure is high – almost one-half of students live in homes where others smoke; 8 in 10 students are exposed to smoke of others outside their home; almost 1 in 5 students have at least one parent who smokes.
3. In 10 students think smoking should be banned in public places.
4. In 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; almost one-third of students saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards and nearly 25% of students saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.

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