The Uganda 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 Uganda could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program. The Uganda GYTS was a school-based survey of students in forms S.1, S.2 and S.3 conducted in 2007.

Prevalence
12.6% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 17.7%, Female = 9.2%)
11.5% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 15.8%, Female = 8.6%)
6.4% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 9.2%, Female = 4.5%)
7.0% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 9.5%, Female = 5.3%)
5.9% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes
58.3% think boys and 36.0% think girls who smoke have more friends
16.7% think boys and 12.2% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Cessation - Current Smokers
75.3% tried to stop smoking during the past year
79.7% have ever received help to stop smoking

Media and Advertising
76.3% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
62.1% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
54.2% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
8.5% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
7.8% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School
64.1% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
46.4% 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

HIGHLIGHTS
• 11.5% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 6.4% currently smoke cigarettes; 7.0% currently use some other form of tobacco.
• SHS exposure is moderate – nearly one-quarter of the students live in homes where others smoke, and over half of the students are exposed to smoke around others outside of the home; 14% of the students have at least one parent who smokes.
• Four in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them.

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