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B1. TOBACCO CONSUMPTION

Prevalence of tobacco use

Smoking prevalence in the adult population (all)

(Please provide prevalence data for total adult population, and identify the age considered, e.g. 15 years old and over, 18-64 years; see B112)

Current smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)	Average number of the most-consumed smoking tobacco product used per day
MALE	27	6.4
FEMALE	6	6.7
TOTAL (males and females)	16.5	6.5

Daily smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)	Average number of the most-consumed smoking tobacco product used per day
MALE	20.8	
FEMALE	6.7	
TOTAL (males and females)	13.3	

Occasional smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALE	7
FEMALE	4
TOTAL (males and females)	11

Former smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALE	8.8
FEMALE	4.5
TOTAL (males and females)	6.5

Never smokers

Prevalence (%)
(please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)

MALE	46.6
FEMALE	84.5
TOTAL (males and females)	66.6

Please indicate the smoking tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question B11:

Manufactured cigarettes, hand rolled cigarettes, tobacco pipes, cigars, cheroots, cigarillos, chilam, sulphur

Please indicate the age range to which the data used to answer question B11 refer:

	From	To
Age range	15	69

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B11:

2016

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B11:

NDHS-2016 and NCD Risk Factors STEPS Survey Nepal-2013 & 2019

Please provide the definitions of “current smoker”, “daily smoker”, “occasional smoker”, “former smoker” and “never smoker” used in this report.

Current smoker	Who currently smokes Manufactured cigarettes, hand rolled cigarettes, tobacco pipes, cigars, cheroots, cigarillos
Daily smoker	Of the total smokers, who smokes tobacco products daily
Occasional smoker	Those who smoke tobacco products less often than daily use
Former smoker	Who smoked previously but not smoking now
Never smoker	Who never smoked any tobacco products at all

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in smoking prevalence in the adult population in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Trends: Use of cigarettes has decreased slightly during the past 5 years, from 9% to 6% among women and from 30% to 27% among men. (NDHS-2016)

NDHS- 2016, have reported as follows: Age-standardized prevalence of current tobacco use among persons aged 15 years and older in males is 27.2 and females is 5.8. Among the male population 17% are daily smokers while 11% are occasional smokers.

Smoking prevalence in the adult population (by age groups)

(If data are available, please provide prevalence data by age group, and identify the age group considered, preferably by 10-year categories, e.g. 25-34, 35-44 years)

	Range - start age	Range - end age	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALES - current smokers ¹	15	19	16
MALES - current smokers ¹	20	24	31
MALES - current smokers ¹	25	29	31
MALES - current smokers ¹	30	34	30
MALES - current smokers ¹	35	39	27
MALES - current smokers ¹	40	44	29
MALES - current smokers ¹	45	49	37
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	15	19	1
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	20	24	1
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	25	29	3
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	30	34	6
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	35	39	8
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	40	44	15
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	45	49	19
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	15	29	74
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	30	44	87
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	45	69	93
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	15	69	85

Please indicate the smoking tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question B12:

Manufactured cigarettes, hand rolled cigarettes, pipes full of tobacco, sulphur, chalam, cigars, and water pipes

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B12:

2016

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B12:

NDHS-2016 for all updated data, while total nos not available in NDHS was left same as earlier from STEP survey 2013.

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in current smoking prevalence by age group in the past two years or since submission of your last report, if data are available.

Men are more likely than women to use tobacco. Twenty-seven percent of men use any type of tobacco, as compared with 6% of women. Among those who smoke various tobacco products, cigarettes are most common (27% of men and 6% of women). While almost 73% of men are nonsmokers, 17% smoke on a daily basis and 11% smoke occasionally.

Trends: Use of cigarettes has decreased slightly during the past 5 years, from 9% to 6% among women and from 30% to 27% among men.

Patterns by background characteristics

- Among women, the prevalence of smoking rises consistently with age, from less than 1% among those age 15-49 to 19% among those age 45-49.
- Province 6 has more women smokers (13%) than other provinces; use of any type of tobacco is also highest in that province (15%).
- Cigarette smoking declines with education attainment: 13% of women and 38% of men with no education smoke cigarettes, as compared with only 1% of women and 19% of men with an SLC or higher.

Cigarette smoking declines with increasing wealth:

only 2% of women and 21% of men in the highest wealth quintile smoke cigarettes, compared with 13% of women and 34% of men in the lowest quintile.

- Among those who smoke cigarettes daily, 49% of women and 45% of men smoke less than five cigarettes a day.
 - Use of any type of smokeless tobacco is much higher among men (40%) than among women (3%).
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Prevalence of smokeless tobacco use in the adult population (all)

(Please provide prevalence data for total adult population, and identify the age considered in B132, e.g. 15 years old and over, 18–64 years; see B132)

Males

Prevalence (%)
(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

Current users	40
Daily users	5
Occasional users	7
Former users	3.3
Never users	73

Females

Prevalence (%)
(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

Current users	3.3
Daily users	4.5
Occasional users	0.3
Former users	0.3
Never users	94.9

TOTAL (males and females)

Prevalence (%)
(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

Current users	22
Daily users	16.3
Occasional users	7
Former users	1.8
Never users	73

Please indicate the smokeless tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question B13:

Snuff by mouth (Khaini), Snuff by nose, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, betel, quid

Note: Male and female current users and female current users have been updated based on NDHS 2016 data.

Please indicate the age range to which the data used to answer question B13 refer:

	From	To
Age range	15	49

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B13:

2016

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B13:

NDHS-2016 plus NCD Risk Factors STEPS Survey-2013

Please provide the definitions of “current user”, “daily user”, “occasional user”, “former user” and “never user” (of smokeless tobacco products) used in this report in the space below.

Current user	Who currently consume tobacco products like Khaini, Snuff by nose, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, betel, quid
Daily user	Of the total consumers, who uses tobacco products daily
Occasional user	Those who smoke tobacco products less often than daily use
Former user	Who used previously but not left now
Never user	Who never used any smokeless tobacco products at all

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in smokeless tobacco use in the adult population in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Smokeless tobacco use is in decreasing trend; 18.6% current users (15-64 years) in 2008 and 17.8% (15-69 years) in 2012/13, however the age group doesn't match.

NDHS 2016: Use of any type of smokeless tobacco is much higher among men (40%) than among women (3%)

Prevalence of smokeless tobacco use in the adult population (current users) by age group (by age groups)

(If data are available, please provide prevalence data by age group, and identify the age group considered, preferably by 10-year categories, e.g. 25-34, 35-44 years)

	Range - start age	Range - end age	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALES - current smokers ²	15	29	22
MALES - current smokers ²	30	44	40
MALES - current smokers ²	45	69	39
MALES - current smokers ²	15	69	31
FEMALES - current smokers ²	15	29	1
FEMALES - current smokers ²	30	44	6
FEMALES - current smokers ²	45	69	9
FEMALES - current smokers ²	15	69	5
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ²	15	29	12
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ²	30	44	22
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ²	45	69	24
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ²	15	69	18

Please indicate the smokeless tobacco products included in the answer to question B14:

NDHS-2016: Resut Table:

women men

snuff by mouth 0.7 2.5

snuff by nose 0.0 0.2

chewing tobacco 2.5 28.9

betel quid with tobacco 0.1 21.9

other type of smokeless tobacco 0.,0 1.6

any type of smokeless tobacco 3.3 40.1

any type of tobacco 8.4 52.3

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B14:

2016

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B14:

NDHS-2016 for updated data, while original data from STEPS survey 2013

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in current use of smokeless tobacco by adult age groups in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Nepal demographic health survey data is entered and the age group ranges from 15-49.

Tobacco use by ethnic group(s)

(please include all smoking or smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

	Ethnic group(s)	MALES - Prevalence (%)	FEMALES - Prevalence (%)	TOTAL (males and females) - Prevalence (%)
Current users ³	janjatis			31.3
Current users ³	dalits			8.8
Current users ³	religious minorities			1.3
Current users ³	upper caste group			43.3
Current users ³	non-dalit, terai			7.8

Please indicate the tobacco products included in the answer to question B15:

manufactured cigarettes, hand rolled cigarettes, pipes full of tobacco, sulpha, chilam, cigars, and water pipes, and smokeless tobacco products like Snuff by mouth (Khaini), Snuff by nose, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, betel, quid

Please indicate the age range to which the data used to answer question B15 refer:

	From	To
Age range	15	69

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B15:

2013

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B15:

Source: STEPS Survey for Nepal-2013

Tobacco use by young persons

(please include all smoking or smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

	Age range	SMOKING TOBACCO - Prevalence (%)	SMOKELESS TOBACCO - Prevalence (%)	WATER PIPE - Prevalence (%)
BOYS - Current users ⁴	13-15	5.5	24.6	22.0
GIRLS - Current users ⁴	13-15	0.8	16.4	16.2
TOTAL (boys and girls) - Current users ⁴	13-15	3.1	20.4	19.1

Please indicate the tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question B16:

Smoking Tobacco – Cigarettes, Bidi
 Smokeless Tobacco – Khaini, Betel
 Other Tobacco -

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B16:

2011

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B16:

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS), Nepal-2011

Please provide the definition of “current smoking/tobacco use” used to answer question B16 in the space below.

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in tobacco use by young persons in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Tobacco use is in increasing trend from 12% in 2007 to 20.4% in 2011. As the data is more than 5 years old it requires updating through a new survey.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

**global youth
survey**

No comment

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Use of novel and emerging tobacco and nicotine products

Age range	Heated tobacco products (HTPs) - Prevalence (%)	Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) - Prevalence (%)	Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS) - Prevalence (%)	Other products - Prevalence (%)
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B2-B9. HEALTH, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Exposure to tobacco smoke

Do you have any data on exposure to tobacco smoke in your population?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below (e.g. exposure by gender, at home, in the workplace, on public transport).

At Home:

Age Men Women Both Sexes

15-29 years 38.4% 34.5% 36.4%

30-44 years 34.9% 34.2% 34.5%

45-69 years 37.9% 36.7% 37.3%

15-69 years 37.3% 35.0% 36.1%

In the Workplace:

Age Men Women Both Sexes

15-29 years 42.9% 28.4% 35.5%

30-44 years 44.6% 32.8% 38.4%

45-69 years 43.1% 34.8% 39.0%

15-69 years 43.4% 31.3% 37.2%

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B21:

2013

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B21:
NCD Risk Factors STEPS Survey Nepal-2013

Please attach the relevant documentation.

STEPS No comment
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Tobacco-related mortality

Do you have information on tobacco-related mortality in your population?

Yes ✓

What is the estimated total number of deaths attributable to tobacco use in your population?

27000

If available, please provide any additional information on mortality attributable to tobacco use (e.g. lung cancer, cardiovascular diseases) in your jurisdiction.

Cancers – 8%

CVD – 53%

CRD – 21%

CMNND – 12%

Other – 6%

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B32 and 33:

2018

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions B32 and B33:

Tobacco Atlas Nepal, 2018

Please submit a copy of the study you refer to:

Tobacco-related costs

Do you have information on the economic burden of tobacco use in your population, e.g. the overall cost of tobacco use imposed on your society?

Yes ✓

Please provide details (e.g. direct (health care-related) and indirect costs and, if possible, the method used to estimate these costs).

The economic cost of smoking in Nepal amounts to 22942 million rupee. This includes direct costs related to healthcare expenditures and indirect costs related to lost productivity due to early mortality and morbidity.

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B42:

2018

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B42:

Tobacco Atlas, 2018

Please submit a copy of the study you refer to:

No comment

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Supply of tobacco and tobacco products

(with reference to Articles 6.2(b), 20.4(c), and 15.5)

Licit supply of tobacco products

	Product	Unit (e.g. pieces, tonnes)	Domestic production	Retail sales	Exports	Imports
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarettes	Sticks	9772885	9735085		
Smoking tobacco products	Cigars, cheroots and cigarillos	Sticks			9264	129940
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarettes (75-85mm)	Sticks				21505032
Smokeless tobacco products	Chewing tobacco	kg	418632.296	343456.786		
Smokeless tobacco products	Tobacco (not stemmed/stripped)	kg			6070	710
Smokeless tobacco products	Tobacco (partly or wholly stemmed/stripped)	kg			461710	6291045
Other tobacco products	Jarda, Khaini	kg			192046	686299
Other tobacco products	Other manufactured tobacco (Nex, nus and tobacco mixed)				90429.6	53549
Other tobacco products	Other processed tobacco				15940	2535

Please provide information on the volumes of duty-free sales (e.g. product, unit, quantity), if available.

Excise Tobacco Tax - Cigarette/ bidi/khaini - 14037356000 (2017-2018 A.D.)

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B51 and 52:

2018

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions B51 and B52:
Inland Revenue Department Annual Report 2017-18

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Seizures of illicit tobacco products

(with reference to Article 15.5)

Seizures of illicit tobacco

Year	Product	Unit (e.g. pieces, tonnes)	Quantity seized
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Do you have any information on the percentage of illicit tobacco products on the national tobacco market?

No ✘

Please provide any further information on illicit tobacco products.

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions in section B6:

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Tobacco-growing

Is there any tobacco-growing in your jurisdiction?

No ✘

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer questions in section B7:

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions in section B7:

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Taxation of tobacco products

(with reference to Articles 6.2(a) and 6.3)

What proportion of the retail price of the most popular price category of tobacco product consists of taxes (e.g. sum of excise, sales and import duties (if applicable) and value added tax/goods and services tax (VAT/GST))?

27

How are the excise taxes levied (what types of taxes are levied)?

Specific tax only	Yes
Ad valorem tax only	No
Combination of specific and ad valorem taxes	No
More complex structure (please explain below)	Yes

If a more complex structure of taxes (*please explain*):

Excise duty ~ 27%

If available, please provide details on the rates of taxation for tobacco products at all levels of Government and be as specific as possible (specify the type of tax, e.g. VAT, sales, import duties)

	Product	Type of tax	Rate or amount	Base of tax ⁵
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarette	Sales tax	859/1000 pcs	70 mm filter
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarette	Sales Tax	1116/1000 pcs	70-75 mm filter
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarette	Sales Tax	1456/1000 pcs	75-85 mm filter
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarette	Sales Tax	2055/1000 pcs	>85 mm filter
Smoking tobacco products	Lime Tobacco	Sales Tax	462/kg	per kg
Smoking tobacco products	Sweet beetle nuts	Sales Tax	171/kg	per kg
Smoking tobacco products	Pan masala	Sales Tax	462/kg	per kg
Smoking tobacco products	Non-Filter cigarette	Sales Tax	374/1000 pcs	Non filter 70 mm

Please briefly describe the trends in taxation for tobacco products in the past two years or since submission of your last report in your jurisdiction.

Taxation is in increasing trend, however only nominal increase every year.

The excise tax collected by GON in tobacco base (cigarette/bidi)- 8,94,92,57,245 in 2016 and 11,03,95,83025 in 2017, and 14037356000 in 2018 shows increase in collection of the revenue, indirectly indicating increase in nos which may be both in term of increase in tax for tobacco sales as well as increase in tobacco importation, for which detail analysis could reveal more.

Do you earmark any percentage of your taxation income for funding any national plan or strategy on tobacco control in your jurisdiction?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below.

Certain percentage of Tobacco tax is annually deposited to Tobacco Tax fund managed by MOH; which is utilized for prevention, control and treatment of NCDs.

NHEICC/FCTC National Focal Point receives upto 10% of the Tax fund annually for Tobacco Control and prevention activities.

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer questions B81 to B86:

2018

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions B81 to B86:

Inland Revenue Department- annual report for collation of revenues-2017

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Price of tobacco products

(with reference to Articles 6.2(a))

Domestic

Please provide the retail prices of the three most widely sold brands of domestic tobacco products at the most widely used point of sale in your capital city.

	Name of the most widely sold brands	Number of units or amount per package	Retail price	Currency
Smoking tobacco products	Surya	20	260	NPR
Smoking tobacco products	Shikhar filter king	20	115	NPR
Smoking tobacco products	Pilot	20	80	NPR
Smokeless tobacco products	Rajanigandha pan parag	1	35	NPR
Smokeless tobacco products	Current chewable tobacco	1	5	NPR
Other tobacco products	Bijuli	20	48	NPR
Other tobacco products	Captain	20	90	NPR

Imported

Please provide the retail prices of the three most widely sold brands of imported tobacco products at the most widely used point of sale in your capital city.

	Name of the most widely sold brands	Number of units or amount per package	Retail price	Currency
Smoking tobacco products	Marlboro Red	20	240	NPR
Smoking tobacco products	Marlboro Light	20	240	NPR
Smoking tobacco products	Winston	20	265	NPR
Other tobacco products	Hukka, Glass	1	1320	NPR
Other tobacco products	Hukka Flavor	50 gm	265	NPR
Other tobacco products	Hukka Charcoal	100 pellets	550	NPR

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B91:

2020

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B91:

Retail Shops- 2020

Please briefly describe the trend in the prices of tobacco products in the past two years or since submission of your last report in your jurisdiction.

Price is in an increasing trend.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

C1. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

With reference to Article 5

Have you developed and implemented comprehensive multisectoral national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes in accordance with the Convention?

No ✘

Have you partially developed and implemented tobacco control strategies by including tobacco control in national health, public health or health promotion strategies, plans and programmes?

Yes ✔

Have you established or reinforced and financed:

a focal point for tobacco control?	Yes
a tobacco control unit?	Yes
a national coordinating mechanism for tobacco control?	Yes

Please provide details (e.g. the nature of the national coordinating mechanism, the institution to which the focal point for tobacco control or the tobacco control unit belongs).

National Health Education, Information and Communication Centre/MoHP/GoN is a national focal point for tobacco control in Nepal including all health related communication and promotion programs and initiatives. Tobacco Product and Non Communicable Disease Control Section is set up in NHEICC. There are seven regional health directorates, 77 health offices and are responsible for health promotion and education including tobacco control activities. Three types of health care services at village level provided through primary health care centres, health posts and sub-health posts. Tobacco Control and regulatory Act,2011, Tobacco Product Control and regulatory Directive 2015, established the Tobacco Products Control and Regulatory Committee under the chairmanship of the Secretary of the MOHP. NHEICC is the vice chairman of the committee. The Committee is composed of representatives of the health sector, tobacco control NGOs, private sector health organizations and active social workers. The mandate of the Committee is to formulate policies regarding the control and regulation of tobacco products and to perform other functions as well.

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 5.1 and 5.2 (*General obligations*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

- Tobacco and NCD Control Section has been established at NHEICC which now turned into Health Promotion and Tobacco control section and functioning as a national focal point for tobacco control.
 - Draft National Tobacco Control Plan 2014
 - FCTC 2030 Strategy: Nepal - 2018 January
 - NHEICC director is the vice-chairperson of the Tobacco Tax Fund, responsible for overall management of the funds.
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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Directives on Tobacco Industry Interference, TAPS, Smoking Ban on Public Places & Guideline for Tobacco Control Inspectors have been developed.

All above documents/guidelines require revision in line with the current restructuring of the country in federal structure.

Protection of public health policies with respect to tobacco control from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

protecting public health policies with respect to tobacco control from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry?

Yes ✓

ensuring that the public has access, in accordance with Article 12(c), to a wide range of information on tobacco industry activities relevant to the objectives of the Convention, such as in a public repository?

No ✗

If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions under C121 or C122, please provide details in the space below (specifically, please refer, if relevant, to whether your government or any of its departments 1) have raised awareness on tobacco industry tactics and the need to prevent interference by the tobacco industry with decision making; 2) have avoided entering into any partnerships or voluntary agreements with the tobacco industry; 3) have established any measures to limit interaction of public officials with the tobacco industry, including in the form of a code of conduct; 4) have not granted any incentives, privileges, benefits or preferential tax exemptions to the tobacco industry to establish or run their business; etc.).

The Ministry of Health and Population has never included the tobacco industry or any sector perceived to be in favor of the industry in its meetings. The Regulation states that any nominated member of the Committee "found to be involved directly or indirectly in the manufacture, import, export or sales and marketing of tobacco products" may be removed from his or her post.

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 5.3 in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Directives for controlling Tobacco Industry Interference is developed and is in stage of approval.

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below or refer to section I of the additional questionnaire.

Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire

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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Govt. of Nepal is currently planning to develop National multi-sectoral Tobacco Control Strategic Plan with the involvement of different stakeholders (line ministries responsible for regulating different functions) and get ownership for it effective implementation.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

C2. MEASURES RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF DEMAND FOR TOBACCO

With reference to Articles 6–14

Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

tax policies and, where appropriate, price policies on tobacco products so as to contribute to the health objectives aimed at reducing tobacco consumption?

Yes ✓

prohibiting or restricting, as appropriate, sales to international travellers of tax- and duty-free tobacco products?

No ✗

prohibiting or restricting, as appropriate, imports by international travellers of tax- and duty-free tobacco products?

Yes ✓

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 6 (*Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Every year, Inland Revenue Department of Government of Nepal reviews tobacco product taxes along with all other taxes, during budget preparation and increases as agreed by the high level govt committees. However, the current tobacco product tax is minimal, annual increase is also nominal and is not as per international standard.

Have you utilized the "Guidelines for implementation of Article 6 of the WHO FCTC" when developing or implementing policies in this area?

No ✗

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

banning tobacco smoking in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places ?

Yes ✓

What is the type/nature of the measure providing for the ban?

national law	Yes
subnational law(s)	
administrative and executive orders	Yes
voluntary agreements	No
other measures (please specify in C223 below)	

Please provide a brief explanation of the type/nature and content of the measures providing for the ban.

Article 4 of Tobacco Products (Control and Regulatory) Act, 2011 clearly mentioned "Smoking or tobacco consumption is banned in the following public places":

- a. The bodies, institutions and offices of the State and of the Government,
- b. Educational institutions, libraries, training and health related institutions,
- c. Airport, airlines and public transportations,
- d. Child Welfare Homes, Child Care Centres, Old Age Homes, Orphanage, Children Park and Club,
- e. Public Toilets,
- f. Work place of industries and factories,
- g. Cinema Hall, Cultural Centres and Theatres,
- h. Hotel, Motel, Resort, Restaurant, Bar, Dining Hall, Canteen, Lodge, Hostel and Guest Houses,
- i. Stadium, Covered Halls, Gymnasium, Swimming Pool Houses,
- j. Departmental Store and Mini Market,
- k. Pilgrimage and Religious Places,
- l. Public Bus Stand and Ticketing Centre.

Do any of these measures provide for a mechanism/ infrastructure for enforcement?

Yes ✓

Please provide details of this system.

Tobacco Control Sub Committee at Central, District, Village and Municipality levels is going to be formed soon.

The manager of public places is responsible for enforcing Provision 4 of the Act. The Assistant Chief District Officer (ACDO) is assigned to be the inspector for tobacco control and is recognized as the chief enforcement officer for tobacco control in each districts.

Please specify the settings and extent/comprehensiveness of measures applied in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places.

Indoor workplaces:

government buildings	Complete
health-care facilities	Complete
educational facilities ⁶	Complete
universities	Complete
private workplaces	Complete
other (please specify below)	

Please specify the settings and extent/comprehensiveness of measures applied in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places.

Public transport:

airplanes	Complete
trains	
ferries	
ground public transport (buses, trolleybuses, trams)	Complete
motor vehicles used as places of work (taxis, ambulances, delivery vehicles)	Complete
private vehicles	None
other (please specify below)	

Please specify the settings and extent/comprehensiveness of measures applied in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places.

Indoor public places:

cultural facilities	Complete
shopping malls	Partial
pubs and bars	Partial
nightclubs	Partial
restaurants	Partial
other (please specify below)	

Please provide a brief summary of complete and partial measures, with specific details of the partial measures that have been implemented:

Banning tobacco smoking in indoor workplaces

Tobacco smoking is completely banned in indoor workplaces.

Banning tobacco smoking in public transport

Tobacco smoking is completely banned in all public transports.

Banning tobacco smoking in indoor public places

Tobacco smoking is completely banned in indoor public places.

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 8 (*Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Some of the examples of progress area as follows:

People who smoked in public places like restaurants and other public places were caught by Police and took action as per tobacco control act and regulation.

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 8 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

Regulation of the contents of tobacco products

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

testing and measuring the contents of tobacco products?

No ✘

testing and measuring the emissions of tobacco products?

No ✘

regulating the contents of tobacco products?

Yes ✔

regulating the emissions of tobacco products?

Yes ✔

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 9 (*Regulation of the contents of tobacco products*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✔

If you answered “Yes” to question C236 please provide details in the space below or refer to section C of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=qhe6skmkxyhf5km&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=qhe6skmkxyhf5km&lang=en>)

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below (e.g., whether your country 1) has incorporated product regulation in the national tobacco control legislation; 2) has access to either governmental or independent – not owned or controlled by the tobacco industry – laboratories for testing contents and/or emissions of tobacco products; 3) has regulated ingredients, such as flavours (e.g. menthol); 4) has regulated product characteristics, such as design features (e.g., cigarette ventilation); etc.).

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Regulation of tobacco product disclosures

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

requiring manufacturers or importers of tobacco products to disclose to Government authorities information about the:

contents of tobacco products?	Yes
emissions of tobacco products?	No

requiring public disclosure of information about the:

contents of tobacco products?	Yes
emissions of tobacco products?	No

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 10 (*Regulation of tobacco product disclosures*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered “Yes” to question C244 please provide details in the space below or refer to section C of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=qhe6skmkxyhf5km&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=qhe6skmkxyhf5km&lang=en>)

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below (e.g. whether your country has incorporated tobacco product disclosures in the national tobacco control legislation; has regulated the public disclosure of toxic constituents and emissions of tobacco products, aiming to raise public awareness and advance tobacco control policy; etc.).

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Packaging and labelling of tobacco products

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

requiring that packaging, individual cigarettes or other tobacco products do not carry advertising or promotion?

Yes ✓

requiring that packaging and labelling do not promote a product by any means that are false, misleading, deceptive or likely to create an erroneous impression about its characteristics, health effects, hazards or emissions?

Yes ✓

requiring that each unit packet and package of tobacco products and any outside packaging and labelling of such products carry health warnings describing the harmful effects of tobacco use?

Yes ✓

ensuring that the health warnings are approved by the competent national authority?

Yes ✓

ensuring that the health warnings are rotated?

Yes ✓

ensuring that the health warnings are clear, visible and legible?

Yes ✓

Does your law mandate, as a minimum, a style, size and colour of font to render the warning clear, visible and legible?

Yes ✓

ensuring that the health warnings occupy no less than 30% of the principal display areas?

Yes ✓

ensuring that the health warnings occupy 50% or more of the principal display areas?

Yes ✓

ensuring that health warnings are in the form of, or include, pictures or pictograms?

Yes ✓

Does the Government own the copyright to these pictures and pictograms?

Yes ✓

Would you grant a non-exclusive and royalty-free licence for the use of health warnings developed in your jurisdiction with other Parties?

No ✘

requiring that each unit packet and package of tobacco products and any outside packaging and labelling of such products contain information on relevant:

constituents of tobacco products?	Yes
emissions of tobacco products?	No

requiring that the warnings and other textual information appear on each unit packet and package and on any outside packaging and labelling in the principal language or languages of the country?

Yes ✔

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 11 (*Packaging and labelling of tobacco products*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Final verdict of Supreme Court received for complete and effective implementation of Directive for Printing and Labeling of Warning Message and Graphics in the Boxes, Packets, Wrappers, Carton, Parcels and Packaging of Tobacco Products on December 29, 2013 and government has instructed industries to act responsibly.

The Government announced in October 2015 that tobacco packages in Nepal will carry pictorial health warnings covering 90% of the main surface areas, up from the previous 75%

All tobacco products packets with pictorial health warnings can be seen in the market.

Have you utilized the "Guidelines for implementation of Article 11 of the WHO FCTC" when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✔

If you answered "Yes" to question C2516 please provide details in the space below or refer to section D of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=qhe6skmkxyhf5km&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=qhe6skmkxyhf5km&lang=en>)

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

Education, communication, training and public awareness

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

educational and public awareness programmes? (*Please refer to programmes implemented since submission of your two-year report.*)

Yes ✓

To whom are these programmes targeted?

- adults or the general public
 - children and young people
 - men
 - women
 - pregnant women
 - ethnic groups
 - other (please specify)
- Teachers, Journalists,
Influential personalities
- Other

Do you reflect the following key differences among targeted population groups in educational and public awareness programmes?

- age
 - gender
 - educational background
 - cultural background
 - socioeconomic status
 - other (please specify)
- Other

Do these educational and public awareness programmes cover:

- health risks of tobacco consumption?
 - health risks of exposure to tobacco smoke?
 - benefits of the cessation of tobacco use and tobacco-free lifestyles?
 - adverse economic consequences of tobacco production?
 - adverse economic consequences of tobacco consumption?
 - adverse environmental consequences of tobacco production?
 - adverse environmental consequences of tobacco consumption?
-

awareness and participation of the following agencies and organizations in development and implementation of intersectoral programmes and strategies for tobacco control:

- public agencies?
 - nongovernmental organizations not affiliated with the tobacco industry?
 - private organizations?
 - other (please specify)?
 - Other
-

Are the elaboration, management and implementation of communication, education, training and public awareness programmes guided by research and do they undergo pre-testing, monitoring and evaluation?

Yes ✓

Are appropriate and special training or sensitization and awareness programmes on tobacco control addressed to:

- health workers?
 - community workers?
 - social workers?
 - media professionals?
 - educators?
 - decision-makers?
 - administrators?
 - other (please specify)
 - Other
-

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 12 (*Education, communication, training and public awareness*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

-Interaction with Journalists and stakeholders on harmful effects of tobacco use and the effective implementation of Tobacco Product (control and regulation) Act implemented by NHEICC/FCTC National Focal point.

-Radio messages and TV PSA developed and aired through different FM Stations and television channels respectively.

-Different messages especially regarding the compliance of Tobacco Product (control and regulation) Act

-Different print materials such as signage, stickers, pamphlets are developed, printed and distributed.

Have you utilized the "Guidelines for implementation of Article 12 of the WHO FCTC" when developing and implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered “Yes” to question C269 please provide details in the space below or refer to section E of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=qhe6skmkxyhf5km&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=qhe6skmkxyhf5km&lang=en>)

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, any legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes:

instituting a comprehensive ban on all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?
Yes ✓

Does your ban cover:

- display and visibility of tobacco products at points of sales?
- the domestic Internet?
the global Internet?
- brand stretching and/or brand sharing?
- product placement as a means of advertising or promotion?
- the depiction of tobacco or tobacco use in entertainment media products?
- tobacco sponsorship of international events or activities and/or participants therein?
- contributions from tobacco companies to any other entity for “socially responsible causes” and/or any other activities implemented under the umbrella of “corporate social responsibility” by the tobacco industry?
- cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from your territory?
- the same forms of cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship entering your territory for which domestic regulation apply?

cooperating with other Parties in the development of technologies and other means necessary to facilitate the elimination of cross-border advertising?

No ✘

imposing penalties for cross-border advertising equal to those applicable to domestic advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from your territory in accordance with national law?

No ✘

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 13 (*Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Issues raised and discussion made with India in controlling cross-border TAPS ban.

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 13 of the WHO FCTC” when developing and implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✔

If you answered “Yes” to question C2715 please provide details in the space below or refer to section F of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=qhe6skmkxyhf5km&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=qhe6skmkxyhf5km&lang=en>)

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

developing and disseminating appropriate, comprehensive and integrated guidelines based on scientific evidence and best practices?

No ✘

programmes to promote cessation of tobacco use, including:

- media campaigns emphasizing the importance of quitting?
 - programmes specially designed for underage girls and young women?
 - programmes specially designed for women?
 - programmes specially designed for pregnant women?
 - telephone quitlines?
 - local events, such as activities related to World No Tobacco Day or National No Smoking Day, if appropriate?
 - other (please specify)?
 - Other
-

design and implementation of programmes aimed at promoting the cessation of tobacco use, in such locations as:

- educational institutions?
 - health-care facilities?
 - workplaces?
 - sporting environments?
 - other (please specify)?
 - Other
-

inclusion of diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence and counselling services for cessation of tobacco use in national programmes, plans and strategies for:

- tobacco control?
 - health?
 - education?
-

inclusion of programmes on the diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence in your health-care system?

No ✘

training on tobacco dependence treatment incorporated into the curricula of health professional training at pre- and post-qualification levels at the following schools:

- medical?
 - dental?
 - nursing?
 - pharmacy?
 - Other
-

facilitating accessibility and/or affordability of pharmaceutical products for the treatment of tobacco dependence?

No ✘

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 14 (*Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 14 of the WHO FCTC” when developing and implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below or refer to section G of the additional questionnaire.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

C3. MEASURES RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF THE SUPPLY OF TOBACCO

With reference to Articles 15–17

Illicit trade in tobacco products

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

requiring marking of all unit packets and packages of tobacco products and any outside packaging of such products to assist in determining the origin of the product?

Yes ✓

requiring marking of all unit packets and packages of tobacco products and any outside packaging of such products to assist in determining whether the product is legally sold on the domestic market?

Yes ✓

requiring that unit packets and packages of tobacco products for retail and wholesale use that are sold on the domestic market carry the statement: "Sales only allowed in ..." or carry any other effective marking indicating the final destination of the product?

No ✗

developing a practical tracking and tracing regime that would further secure the distribution system and assist in the investigation of illicit trade?

No ✗

requiring that marking is presented in legible form and/or appears in the principal language or languages of the country?

Yes ✓

requiring the monitoring and collection of data on cross-border trade in tobacco products, including illicit trade?

No ✗

facilitating the exchange of this information among customs, tax and other authorities, as appropriate, and in accordance with national law and applicable bilateral and multilateral agreements?

No ✗

enacting or strengthening legislation, with appropriate penalties and remedies, against illicit trade in tobacco products, including counterfeit and contraband cigarettes?

Yes ✓

requiring that confiscated manufacturing equipment, counterfeit and contraband cigarettes and other tobacco products derived from illicit trade are destroyed, using environment-friendly methods where possible, or disposed of in accordance with national law?

Yes ✓

adopting and implementing measures to monitor, document and control the storage and distribution of tobacco products held or moving under suspension of taxes or duties?

Yes ✓

enabling the confiscation of proceeds derived from illicit trade in tobacco products?

promoting cooperation between national agencies and relevant regional and international intergovernmental organizations in investigations, prosecutions and proceedings, with a view to eliminating illicit trade in tobacco products, with special emphasis on cooperation at regional and subregional levels?

Yes ✓

licensing or other actions to control or regulate production and distribution in order to prevent illicit trade?

Yes ✓

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 15 (*Illicit trade in tobacco products*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Protocol to eliminate illicit trade in tobacco products is in process of approval however consensus from other relevant ministries awaited.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Sales to and by minors

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

prohibiting the sales of tobacco products to minors?

Yes ✓

Please specify the legal age:

18

requiring that all sellers of tobacco products place a clear and prominent indicator inside their point of sale about the prohibition of tobacco sales to minors?

Yes ✓

requiring that, in case of doubt, each seller of tobacco products requests that the purchaser provides appropriate evidence of having reached full legal age?

Yes ✓

banning the sale of tobacco products in any manner by which they are directly accessible, such as open store shelves?

Yes ✓

prohibiting the manufacture and sale of sweets, snacks, toys or any other objects in the form of tobacco products which appeal to minors?

Yes ✓

prohibiting the sale of tobacco products from vending machines?

Yes ✓

prohibiting and/or promoting the prohibition of the distribution of free tobacco products:

- to the public?
 - to minors?
-

prohibiting the sale of cigarettes individually or in small packets?

No ✘

providing for penalties against sellers and distributors in order to ensure compliance?

Yes ✓

prohibiting the sales of tobacco products by minors?

Yes ✓

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 16 (*Sales to and by minors*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, measures or programmes on any of the following:

promoting economically viable and sustainable alternatives for:

tobacco growers?	Not applicable
tobacco workers?	Not applicable
tobacco individual sellers?	Not applicable

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 17 (*Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

The only Govt. owned Tobacco Industry in the past is closed at least 10 years back and there is no govt owned tobacco industry, so no issues of tobacco planters support/alternatives.

Have you utilized the “Policy options and recommendations on economically sustainable alternatives to tobacco growing (in relation to Articles 17 and 18 of the WHO FCTC)” when developing and implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below or refer to section I of the additional questionnaire.

Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

C4. OTHER MEASURES AND POLICIES

With reference to Articles 18–21

Protection of the environment and the health of persons

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

implementing measures in respect of tobacco cultivation within your territory, which take into consideration:

the protection of the environment?	Not applicable
the health of persons in relation to the environment?	Not applicable

implementing measures in respect of tobacco manufacturing within your territory, which take into consideration:

the protection of the environment?	No
the health of persons in relation to the environment?	No

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 18 (*Protection of the environment and the health of persons*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Have you utilized the “Policy options and recommendations on economically sustainable alternatives to tobacco growing (in relation to Articles 17 and 18 of the WHO FCTC)” when developing and implementing policies in this area?

No ✘

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Liability

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

Does your tobacco control legislation contain measures regarding criminal liability for any violations of that tobacco control legislation?

No

Do you have separate criminal liability provisions in relation to tobacco control (outside of the tobacco control legislation)?

No

Do you have any civil liability measures that are specific to tobacco control?

No

Do you have any general civil liability provisions that could apply to tobacco control?

Yes

Do you have civil or criminal liability provisions that provide for compensation for adverse health effects and/or for reimbursement of medical, social or other relevant costs?

No

Has any person in your jurisdiction launched any criminal and/or civil liability action, including compensation where appropriate, against any tobacco company in relation to any adverse health effect caused by tobacco use?

No

Have you taken, as appropriate, any legislative, executive, administrative and/or other action against the tobacco industry for full or partial reimbursement of medical, social and other relevant costs related to tobacco use in your jurisdiction?

No

Please provide a brief description of any progress made, as appropriate, in implementing Article 19 (*Liability*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Research, surveillance and exchange of information

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

developing and/or promoting research that addresses:

- determinants of tobacco consumption?
 - consequences of tobacco consumption?
 - social and economic indicators related to tobacco consumption?
 - tobacco use among women, with special regard to pregnant women?
 - the determinants and consequences of exposure to tobacco smoke?
- identification of effective programmes for the treatment of tobacco dependence?
- identification of alternative livelihoods?
- Other

training and support for all persons engaged in tobacco control activities, including research, implementation and evaluation?

Yes ✓

a national system for epidemiological surveillance of:

- patterns of tobacco consumption?
- determinants of tobacco consumption?
- consequences of tobacco consumption?
- social, economic and health indicators related to tobacco consumption?
- exposure to tobacco smoke?

Only Surveys

Other

regional and global exchange of publicly available national:

- scientific, technical, socioeconomic, commercial and legal information?
- information on the practices of the tobacco industry?
- information on the cultivation of tobacco?

an updated database of:

- laws and regulations on tobacco control?
- information about the enforcement of laws on tobacco control?
- pertinent jurisprudence?

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 20 (*Research, surveillance and exchange of information*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below (e.g. whether you included information on WHO FCTC implementation in your Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), related to target 3.a).

Please attach the relevant documentation.

D. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

Pursuant to Article 21.1(c) and in accordance with Article 26, have you either provided or received financial or technical assistance (be it through unilateral, bilateral, regional, subregional or other multilateral channels, including relevant regional and international intergovernmental or nongovernmental organizations and financial and development institutions) for the development and strengthening of multisectoral, comprehensive tobacco control programmes of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in any of the following areas:

development, transfer and acquisition of technology, knowledge, skills, capacity and expertise related to tobacco control?

Assistance provided	No
Assistance received	Yes

provision of technical, scientific, legal and other expertise to establish and strengthen national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes?

Assistance provided	No
Assistance received	Yes

appropriate training or sensitization programmes for appropriate personnel in accordance with Article 12?

Assistance provided	No
Assistance received	No

provision of the necessary material, equipment and supplies, as well as logistic support, for tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes?

Assistance provided	No
Assistance received	No

identification of methods for tobacco control, including comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction?

Assistance provided No

Assistance received No

promotion of research to increase the affordability of comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction?

Assistance provided No

Assistance received No

Please identify the Party or Parties from which assistance was received or to which assistance was provided.

a. World Health Organization/FCTC

b. International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union)

Please provide information about any assistance provided or received in the space below, including any support received from nongovernmental organizations (please, specify).

World Health Organization:

- World No Tobacco Day Celebration
- Policy Formulation
- * Advocacy
- * Strategic Planning
- * Development of different communication materials
- * Community sensitization for compliance of Tobacco control law

International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union):

- Policy Formulation
- Advocacy

If you have not received or provided assistance in any of the aforementioned areas, please identify any financial or technical assistance that may be under consideration, if appropriate.

Have you encouraged relevant regional and international intergovernmental organizations and financial and development institutions in which you are represented to provide financial assistance for developing country Parties and for Parties with economies in transition to assist them in meeting their obligations under the Convention?

No ✘

E. PRIORITIES AND COMMENTS

What are the priorities for implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in your jurisdiction?

- a. Effective implementation of Tobacco Products(Control and Regulation) Act, Directives including Pictorial Health Warning Directives.
- b. Awareness and orientation activities
- c. Tax raise according to the international standards
- d. Research activities related to tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke
- e. Strengthen multi-sectoral coordination and collaboration and strategic planning
- f. Development of communication materials

Have you identified any specific gaps between the resources available and the needs assessed for implementing the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below.

Though WHO has been continuously providing technical and financial assistance to NHEICC, but are not adequate for the effective implementation of WHO FCTC.

What, if any, are the constraints or barriers, other than lack of resources, you have encountered in implementing the Convention?

- a. Tobacco Industry Interference in implementing tobacco control law
- b. Lack of coordination between stakeholders working on Tobacco control
- c. Lack of compliance among general public on tobacco control law.

Do you have any of the following products available on your national tobacco market?

- smokeless tobacco products
- water pipe tobacco
- Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
- Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS)
- heated tobacco products (HTPs)
- Other

Have you adopted and implemented any policy or regulation that is specific to the following tobacco products?

- smokeless tobacco products
 - water pipe tobacco
 - Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
 - Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS)
 - heated tobacco products (HTPs)
 - Other
-

If you have any relevant information related to questions E5 and E6, please provide details in the space below.

Please provide any other relevant information not covered elsewhere that you consider important.

Your suggestions for further development and revision of the reporting instrument:

Reporting instrument covers many areas.

However, it would have been great if it could be saved at national level for our future reference.

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