

Addendum to Reporting Instrument (Seychelles, 2 March 2007)

1. Origin of the report

2. Demographics

Statistical Abstracts. Information from Management and Information System Division, Victoria, Republic of Seychelles

3. Tobacco Use

i. Prevalence

Tobacco use in adults (national survey in 2004):

Reference paper: Bovet P, Shamlaye C, Gabriel A, Riesen W, Paccaud F. Prevalence of cardiovascular risk factors in a middle-income country and estimated cost of a treatment strategy. BMC Public Health 2006;6:9.

Tobacco use in children in random survey in 2002:

Reference paper: Bovet P, Viswanathan B, Warren W. The Global Youth Tobacco Survey - Seychelles 2002. Ministry of Health, Seychelles 30 Dec 2002. Factsheet:

<http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/global/GYTS/factsheets/2002/seychelles.htm>; Report:

http://www.afro.who.int/tfi/projects/report-gyts-sey_31dec02_.pdf

Reference paper: Bovet P, Viswanathan B, Faeh D, Warren W. Comparison of smoking, drinking, and marijuana use between students present or absent on the day of a school-based survey. Journal of School Health 2006;76:133-137

i. Supply

a) Licit

b) Tax free sales

c) Seizures of illicit supply

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Taxes, at rates indicated in the Reporting Instrument, are regulated by ad hoc “Goods and Services Tax Regulation, 2003” and “Trade Tax Regulation 1997”

5. Legislative, administrative and other measures

There is only one small piece of legislation relating to smoking in Seychelles. This text has been enacted in 1998, as part of the Children (amendment) Act, 1998, section 73 (a child is defined for a person aged less than 18 years). The part on smoking reads:

(1) A person shall not: a) give a child, b) sell to a child, or c) allow a child in his custody, care or charge to smoke any tobacco or product containing tobacco.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for 2 years and to a fine of SR20,000.

There is various policy or administrative measures in various setting on specific issues related to tobacco control:

Schools: A document called “Behavior policy procedures for school” serves as guiding policy. This document is under the authority of the Ministry of Health. The documents states that students are not allowed to smoke in both outside and inside school premises of schools and it allows for penalty (up to exclusion of school on reiterated misbehaviors). Each student to sign and have a copy.

For teachers, there is a “Code of ethics”. This document states that teachers are not allowed to smoke within school premises. Over 90% of students attend public schools. Private schools have similar policy. These documents are issued by Ministry of Health. They are generally well implemented.

Ministry of Health: Policy by Ministry of Health for not smoking in both outside and inside premises of Ministry (administrative buildings, health centers, hospitals). Since health care in Seychelles is provided in majority through a national health system (Ministry of Health), this measures applies to most health service premises in the country. The policy is moderately well implemented.

Transports: Policy of not smoking in enclosed buses (policy by bus company) and in planes (policy by Air Seychelles).

Smoking advertising: Non-written, long standing government policy to not advertise tobacco products in national mass media or in billboards in public places. Ban well implemented. No control is applied on imported press media or satellite/cable TV.

Sponsoring: There is some policy by government, particularly by National Council for Sports (Ministry of Sports and Youth) to not have tobacco manufacturers sponsor sports or cultural events. Policy generally well implemented.

6. Programs and plans

The tobacco control focal point in Seychelles is located in the Unit for Prevention and Control of Cardiovascular Disease in the Ministry of Health. This unit (UPCCD) comprises of 5 staff members. None of them work full time on tobacco control but one of them is more actively involved in tobacco control (in particular with quit smoking clinic).

The chair of this Unit is also the chair of National Committee for Tobacco Control. Head of this Unit has been the delegate of Seychelles in all FCTC negotiations.

The Unit has been involved actively over the past 3 years in the development of Comprehensive Tobacco Control (requested by Cabinet in 2002). Draft is completed but not yet adopted.

The Unit organizes, since more than a decade, as part of its planned activities and programs, high-profile national activities for World No Tobacco Day, several programs in the national mass media every year (as part of a global program of promotion o healthy lifestyles and prevention of chronic diseases). The Unit ha also organized for several years training on smoking cessation to NCD nurses and has run the only quit smoking clinic (which currently relies only on behavioral therapy, expectedly soon with NRT/bupropion adjuvant therapy).

7. Technical and financial assistance

See Reporting Instrument

8. Priorities for implementation of FCTC

See main Reporting Instrument

9. Additional comments

See main Reporting Instrument

10. Questionnaire feedback

See Reporting Instrument