

# LIBYAN

[Tobacco Free public places and public Transport programme ]

## I. Introduction and Background

The Libyan is located in north Africa on the southern coast of the Mediterranean sea , with total land area of 1 665 000 square kilometers, The total estimated population at mid year of 2009 was 5, 6 million which makes the population density rates, at 3.3 persons per km2 , the percentage of male population is 51%. 31 % of all population under the age of 15 years .

### Health Status ,

**Non communicable** diseases have become a major cause of death. The prevalence and incidence of non communicable diseases have increased dramatically over the past 25 years. Cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, hypertension, and cancer account for 80 % of all mortality and morbidity and have put a lot of strain on health expenditure. Due to the changing lifestyles the determinants of non communicable diseases and levels of risk factors have risen .

**Tobacco use** among youth of school age (13 –15 years) 12.7 % , boys =19.2% , girls = 5.2 % (GYTS -2003). 11.1% , boys =15.5% , girls = 6.1 % (GYTS -2007).

STEPS showed that 25.1 % of adult population ( 25 – 64 ) years currently use some form of tobacco products, Male 49.7 % , Female 0.7% .

### The Prevalence of Second Hand Smoking (SHS) according to the results of Global Tobacco Surveys

Survey	Year	SHS – Home	SHS – public places	Who think (SHS) should be banned
GYTS	2003	40.4%	<b>38.6%</b>	<b>77.3 %</b>
GYTS	2007	37.8 %	41.5 %	77.1 %
GHPSS	2006	-	Dentistry 44 % Medical D 59 % Pharmacy 65 %	
GSHS	2007	44.7	44.7	
STEPS	2009	34.3	35 %	

## Background;

**LIBYA** is a Party to the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), having ratified the Convention in June 2005

**The Libyan (Cabinet )** has issued a decree under No, 206 \ 2009 , announced that it is to ban smoking in public places, and the media advertising of all tobacco products. The decision announced by the Libyan cabinet also prohibits selling cigarettes to any person less than 18 years old.

**The Libyan (Cabinet )** also banned producing any kind of sweets or other materials that are shaped like cigarettes , and importing or marketing any product that carries titles of tobacco products, such as clothes , shoes or toys.

## II. Purpose and Objective

### Purpose

The purpose of this initiative is to prevent and protect the population of Libya from second hand smoke and its adverse health effects.

### Objectives:

1. To raise awareness among the general public about the harmful effect of second hand smoke .
  - a. Develop work plan with workplace health promoters.
2. To increase stakeholders collaboration in reducing second hand smoke in public places and public transport .
3. To support the legislative process to ensure the enactment of law governing smoke free enclosed public spaces and public transport and its Implementation .

## III. Activities and Impact

• <b>Activities</b>	• <b>Impact</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Objective 1</b></li><li>– Sensitization meetings with professional associations .</li><li>– meeting with NGOs and partners involved in anti smoking activities .</li><li>– Disseminate Tobacco surveys results to General public specially parents and Teachers with concentration on SHS</li><li>– launch TV, newspaper knowledge campaign</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased awareness and commitment to campaign against SHS.</li><li>• Building support for interventions, And anti SHS Legislation .</li><li>• Advancing knowledge, attitude and practice with regards to tobacco use prevention and control</li></ul>

concerning SHS .	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 2</b></li> <li>– Meetings with representatives of concerned Ministries and agencies as focal points for smoke free work places and public transport .</li> <li>– Meet with ministries &amp; companies officials and have them identify ( 2 ) health promoters for training .</li> <li>– Train health promoters to meet specific objectives in smoke free workplaces.</li> <li>– Write letters to General People’s congress ‘s , Secretaries and Managing Directors to explain initiative and set up meetings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gain the support of decision makers for SHS prevention program.</li> <li>• have focal points for SHS prevention in as many institutions as possible to implement current anti smoking decree .</li> <li>• Sensitization of leadership of entities in private and public sectors.</li> <li>• Guarantee of commitment of (CABINET ) leaders to SHS new ban legislation</li> <li>• Momentum of process driven and sustained from within initiative</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 3</b></li> <li>– Complete drafting instructions for legislation on smoke free enclosed spaces and transport.</li> <li>– Presentation to Ministers for Complete Cabinet support.</li> <li>– Meet with members of ((CABINET ) )to explain, sensitize and gain their support</li> <li>– Meet with secretary of legal affairs at ((CABINET ) ) to provide, technical explanations towards driving the completion of the legislative process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislation on smoke free enclosed public spaces drafted .</li> <li>• Gain commitment and political support .</li> <li>• Driving the legislative process</li> <li>• Enactment of the law governing prevention of second hand smoke in enclosed public spaces</li> </ul>

### III.Evaluation and Challenges

#### Evaluation:

- Process Evaluation , to measure the implementation of activities .
- Surveys repeated on regular bases to measure the impact of the programme
- The main indicator for measuring success will be the existence of comprehensive policies and laws regulating tobacco-free spaces and their degree of implementation. Another important indicator will be the number of decision makers reached, campaigns conducted, number of

smoke free spaces established and number of persons reached through the media and education campaigns.

### Challenges:

- Low Attendance by policy makers to meetings and workshops.
- Influencing staff and policy makers to advocate for a smoke free environment.
- Some decision makers are not respective to tobacco control measures.
- Budget is not allocated for tobacco control programmed .

### V. Deliverables

- **Legislation on smoke free enclosed public spaces including public transport.**

### VI. Timeline & Budget

Project Title: Tobacco Free Initiative in all public places																	
Detailed Project Work Plan																	
Objective	Activities/Tasks	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Person(s) Responsible	Cost	Funding Source	
To raise awareness among the general public about the harmful effect of second hand smoke .	1.1 Sensitization meetings with professional associations .		X	X										TCP& NGOs	500	WHO	
	1.2 meeting with NGOs and partners involved in anti smoking activities .		X											TCP& NGOs	1000	MOH	
	1.3 Disseminate Tobacco surveys results to General public specially parents and Teachers with concentration on SHS		X	X										TCP& NGOs	5000	MOH	
	1. launch TV, newspaper knowledge campaign concerning SHS .			X	X	X								TCP	1000	who	

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. To increase stakeholders collaboration in reducing second hand smoke in public places and public transport .	2.1. Meetings with representatives of concerned Ministries and agencies as focal points for smoke free work places and public transport .			X	X	X	X							TCP& NGOs	1000	WHO
	2.2. Meet with ministries & companies officials and have them identify ( 2 ) health promoters for training .					X	X	X						TCP MOH	1000	MOH
	2.3. Train health promoters to meet specific objectives in smoke free workplaces.								X	X				TCP& NGOs	1000	who
	2.4. Write letters to General People's congress 's , Secretaries and Managing Directors to explain initiative and set up meetings.										X	X	X	TCP& NGOs	250	SOH&E

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To support the legislative process to ensure the enactment of law governing smoke free enclosed public spaces and transport and its Implementation .	3.1. Complete drafting instructions for legislation on smoke free enclosed spaces and transport				x	x								Legal committee	1500	who
	3.2. Presentation to Ministers for Complete Cabinet support.						x	x						TCP& NGOs	500	MOH
	3.3. Meet with members of ((CABINET ) )to explain, sensitize and gain their support				x									TCP& NGOs	1000	MOH
	3.4. Meet with secretary of legal affairs at ((CABINET ) ) to provide, technical explanations towards driving the completion of the legislative process									x	x				TCP& NGOs	1000