

# Saint Vincent & The Grenadines (Ages 13-15) Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)



## FACT SHEET . . . . .

The Saint Vincent & The Grenadines 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 that should be included in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Saint Vincent & The Grenadines GYTS was a school-based survey of students in Forms 1-3 conducted in 2011.

At the first stage, all schools were selected containing forms 1 through 3. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 100%, the class response rate was 100.0%, the student response rate was 80.9%, and the overall response rate was 80.9%. A total of 1,102 students ages 13-15 participated in the Saint Vincent & The Grenadines GYTS.

### Prevalence

- 31.0% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy = 37.9%, Girl = 23.2%)
- 19.4% currently use any tobacco product (Boy = 23.6%, Girl = 14.6%)
- 12.8% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy = 16.6%, Girl = 8.5%)
- 10.4% currently use other tobacco products (Boy = 12.9%, Girl = 7.7%)
- 16.3% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

### Knowledge and Attitudes

- 38.6% think boys and 18.6% think girls who smoke have more friends
- 12.2% think boys and 9.3% think girls who smoke look more attractive

### Access and Availability - Current Smokers

- 38.3% usually smoke at home
- 18.7% buy cigarettes in a store

### Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

- 32.6% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
- 49.9% are around others who smoke in enclosed public places
- 70.1% are around others who smoke in outdoor public places
- 74.2% think smoking should be banned from public places
- 71.4% think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 31.7% have one or more parents who smoke
- 10.3% have most or all friends who smoke

### Cessation - Current Smokers

- 75.0% want to stop smoking
- 70.1% tried to stop smoking during the past year
- 78.7% have ever received help to stop smoking

### Media and Advertising

- 66.8% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
- 48.3% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
- 41.6% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
- 11.2% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
- 10.3% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

### School

- 53.5% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
- 37.8% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke

### Highlights

- One in five students currently uses some form of tobacco; 12.8% currently smoke cigarettes; 10.4% currently use other tobacco products.
- SHS exposure – one-third of the students live in homes where others smoke; seven in 10 are around others who smoke in outdoor public places; three in 10 students have one or more parents who smoke
- Three-quarters of the students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- Seven in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Three-quarters of the smokers want to stop smoking.
- One in 10 students has an object with a cigarette brand logo on it.
- Two-thirds of the students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; half saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards and two in five students saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.