

# India Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS), 2006

## FACT SHEET

The GSPS is a school based survey of School Personnel on a representative sample in defined geographical sites through a standard methodology used throughout the world. The project is supported by World Health Organization and Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, USA. In India, the survey was conducted during 2006. A one-stage cluster sample design was used to obtain representative data for India. The schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. In sampled schools all School Personnel were eligible to participate.

GSPS results for India consist of responses from 3629 individual School Personnel from 180 schools in India. It includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use; tobacco free school policy, attitude on tobacco control issues and training to prevent youth tobacco use etc. These findings are components India could include in implementation of the comprehensive tobacco control program.

### Prevalence

- 12.8% School Personnel currently smoke cigarettes
- 23.7% School Personnel currently use tobacco products other than cigarettes
- 29.2% School Personnel currently use any form of tobacco

### School Policy

- 38.1% of schools have an official policy declaring school tobacco free
- 34.3% schools had non-classroom activities to teach about tobacco prevention
- 25.1% of ever smokers smoked on school premises/property during the past year

### Attitude on tobacco control issues and training

- 72.5% school personnel are very concerned about youth tobacco;
- 84.1% believed that tobacco use by school personnel influences youth tobacco use.
- 94.9% strongly agreed that schools should have a rule specifically prohibiting tobacco use among students
- 95.2% strongly agreed that schools should have a rule specifically prohibiting tobacco use among school personnel
- 88.6% believed that school Personnel should get training on cessation techniques.

### Training

- 16.3% received training to prevent youth tobacco use at sometime
- 34.4% school personnel have an access to teaching materials about tobacco

### Highlights

Nearly 3 in 10 School Personnel currently use tobacco.

Nearly 4 in 10 Schools have tobacco control Policies.

Nearly 7 in 10 School Personnel are very concerned about youth tobacco use.

Nearly 9 in 10 believed that school personnel should get specific training to prevent tobacco use.

Nearly 9 in 10 school personnel strongly believed that schools should have a rule specifically prohibiting tobacco use among students and school personnel

About 2 in 10 School Personnel have received training to prevent youth tobacco use at some time