

# UGANDA STEPS Survey 2014 Tobacco Fact Sheet

The WHO STEPwise approach to surveillance (STEPS) is a simple, standardized method for collecting, analysing and disseminating data on noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and risk factors. Data were collected on the established risk factors and NCD conditions that determine the major NCD burden, including tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol, unhealthy diet, insufficient physical activity, overweight and obesity, raised blood pressure, raised blood glucose, and abnormal blood lipids. Data from STEPS surveys can be used to help monitor progress in meeting the global voluntary targets related to specific risk factors such as tobacco, alcohol, diet and physical inactivity. The tobacco indicators from STEPS can be used to evaluate and monitor existing tobacco-control policies and programs.

The STEPS survey on NCD risk factors in Uganda was carried out from April, 2014 through June, 2014. The STEPS survey in Uganda was a population-based survey of adults aged 18-69. A multi-stage sample design was used to produce representative data for that age range in Uganda. Survey information was collected electronically using handheld devices. The survey was implemented by the Ministry of Health. A total of 3987 adults participated in the Uganda STEPS survey. The response rate was 99.0% for STEPs 1&2 and 92.2% for all STEPs 1, 2 & 3. A repeat survey is planned for 2024 funds permitting.

## Highlights

### TOBACCO USE

- § 16.8% of men, 2.9% of women, and 9.6% overall were current smokers of tobacco.
- § 4.6% of men, 2.9% of women, and 3.7% overall were current users of smokeless tobacco.

### CESSATION

- § 5 in 10 current smokers tried to stop smoking in the last 12 months.
- § 3 in 10 current smokers were advised by a health care provider to stop smoking in the last 12 months

### SECONDHAND SMOKE

- § 43.3% of adults were exposed to tobacco smoke at the workplace.
- § 34.8% of adults were exposed to tobacco smoke at home.

### COMMENCEMENT

- § On average, men start smoking at 22.2 years; women at 21.5 years and overall at 22.1 years current smokers of tobacco.

Data presented in this fact sheet relate only to select tobacco indicators. Additional information on tobacco or other NCD risk factors from the survey is available from sources listed below.

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\*Tobacco questions are drawn from the Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS)

<http://www.who.int/tobacco/publications/surveillance/tqs/en/>

|  | Overall<br>%<br>(95% CI) | Males<br>%<br>(95% CI) | Females<br>%<br>(95% CI) |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Results for adults aged 18-69 years</b>   |                          |                        |                          |
| <b>Tobacco Use</b>   |                          |                        |                          |
| <b>Current tobacco users (smoked and/or smokeless)<sup>1</sup></b>                               |                          |                        |                          |
| Current tobacco users  | 11.2 (9.4-12.9)          | 18.4 (15.7-21.2)       | 4.5 (2.9-6.1)            |
| Current daily tobacco users  | 9.8 (8.1-11.5)           | 16.0 (13.3-18.7)       | 4.1 (2.5-5.7)            |
| <b>Current tobacco smokers</b>   |                          |                        |                          |
| Current tobacco smokers  | 9.6 (8.1-11.1)           | 16.8 (14.2-19.5)       | 2.9 (1.8-4.0)            |
| Current cigarette smokers <sup>2</sup>   | 8.7 (7.2-10.2)           | 15.9 (13.3-18.5)       | 2.1 (1.1-3.2)            |
| Current daily tobacco smokers  | 8.3 (6.9-9.8)            | 14.5 (12.0-17.1)       | 2.6 (1.5-3.7)            |
| Current daily cigarette smokers  | 7.6 (6.1-9.1)            | 13.6 (11.1-16.2)       | 2.0 (0.9-3.1)            |
| Average age started tobacco smoking (years)  | 22.1 (20.9-23.3)         | 22.2 (20.8-23.6)       | 21.5 (18.1-24.8)         |
| Average number of cigarettes smoked per day (among daily cigarette smokers)                      | 5.7 (4.8-6.6)            | 6.0 (5.1-7.0)          | **                       |
| <b>Current smokeless tobacco users</b>   |                          |                        |                          |
| Current smokeless tobacco users  | 3.7 (2.5-4.9)            | 4.6 (3.0-6.1)          | 2.9 (1.5-4.4)            |
| Current daily smokeless tobacco users  | 2.8 (1.7-4.0)            | 3.3 (1.9-4.7)          | 2.4 (1.1-3.7)            |
| <b>Current non-users (smoked and/or smokeless)<sup>1</sup></b>                                   |                          |                        |                          |
| Former tobacco users <sup>3</sup>  | 7.3 (6.2-8.5)            | 10.5 (8.6-12.4)        | 4.4 (3.3-5.5)            |
| Former tobacco smokers <sup>4</sup>  | 6.8 (5.7-7.9)            | 10.2 (8.3-12.0)        | 3.7 (2.7-4.7)            |
| Never users  | 81.5 (79.5-83.5)         | 71.1 (68.1-74.0)       | 91.1 (89.2-93.0)         |
| <b>Exposure to Second-hand smoke</b>   |                          |                        |                          |
| Adults exposed to second-hand smoke at home*   | 34.8 (32.1-37.4)         | 37.5 (34.1-40.9)       | 32.3 (29.0-35.6)         |
| Adults exposed to second-hand smoke in the closed areas in their workplace*                      | 43.3 (40.4-46.3)         | 51.4 (47.5-55.3)       | 35.6 (31.8-39.4)         |
| <b>Tobacco Cessation</b>   |                          |                        |                          |
| Current smokers who tried to stop smoking in past 12 months                                      | 49.5 (42.1-56.8)         | 48.7 (40.6-56.8)       | 53.7 (37.4-70.1)         |
| Current smokers advised by a health care provider to stop smoking in past 12 months <sup>5</sup> | 31.5 (22.3-40.8)         | 34.7 (24.2-45.1)       | 14.7 (3.4-26.0)          |

1 Current use refers to daily and less than daily use. 2 Includes manufactured cigarettes and hand-rolled cigarettes. Adapted for other products as per country situation. 3 Current non-users. 4 Current non-smokers. 5 Among those who visited a health care provider in past 12 months. \* During the past 30 days. \*\* Fewer than 50 respondents. Adults refer to persons age 18-69 years. Data have been weighted to be nationally representative of all men and women age 18-69 years. Technical assistance for the survey was provided by the World Health Organization (WHO). This document has been produced with a partial grant from the CDC Foundation, with financial support from the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use, a program of Bloomberg Philanthropies. The contents of this document are the sole responsibility of the authors and can under no circumstances be regarded to reflect the positions of the CDC Foundation.