

The GYTS is a school-based tobacco specific survey that focuses on adolescents aged 13 - 15 years. It is being carried out in several countries. Each country identifies the grades, forms, levels, secondary(s), or standards corresponding to their students who are aged 13-15 years. These grades (forms, levels, secondary(s), or standards) are the target for the GYTS.

Sample selection

The GYTS utilizes a two-stage sample strategy: Stage 1 consists of selected (with probability proportional to size) schools. The schools selected are from a list of all schools containing the representative grades (forms, levels, secondary(s), or standards). Stage 2 consists of a random selection of classes (sections) from the selected schools. All students in the selected classes (sections) are eligible to participate in the GYTS. The GYTS assesses students' attitudes, knowledge and behaviors related to tobacco use, exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), as well as school curriculum in school, community programs, and media messages aimed at preventing and reducing tobacco use among youth. The GYTS provides information about where tobacco products are obtained and used, and information related to the effectiveness of enforcement measures. School surveys are useful tools in gathering data as they are relatively inexpensive and easy to administer, tend to report reliable results, and refusals are significantly lower than in household surveys. The most common research approach for this specific population has been a self-administered questionnaire. Therefore, all the above, reasonably justifies why a school-based survey has proved to be most appropriate, hence selected for the UNF Project on Youth and Tobacco.

Selected Schools in Bolivia

This process had been made in coordination with CDC. CELIN had sent a list of private and public schools from the cities of Santa Cruz, Cochabamba and La Paz, therefore, the sample was stratified this way (public and private schools). The CDC made the selection of schools where the questionnaire had to be applied.

The selected schools were the following: (see next page)