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Progress Report on Integration of the “Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS)” into the National Surveys in Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Member States

1 Background

Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS), a component of the Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS), was developed by the WHO, CDC, and other partners to assist countries in establishing tobacco control surveillance and monitoring programs. Articles 20 and 21 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) emphasizes that an essential component of a comprehensive global tobacco control effort is an efficient and systematic surveillance mechanism to monitor the epidemic.

To improve the implementation of the WHO FCTC in its Member States, the OIC, through its Strategic Health Programme of Action, 2014-2023, aims to reduce the level of exposure of individuals and populations to the harmful effects of tobacco. Based on the resolution of the Fourth Session of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom) held in April 2014 on the importance of public health issues and tobacco control, SESRIC initiated the *“Integration of the Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS)” into the National Surveys in OIC Member States* project to build capacities in health statistics in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and CDC Foundation.

The main aim of the project is to technically support the OIC Member Countries in their efforts to integrate the TQS into the on-going national surveys.

2 Implemented Activities

The integration of TQS into the framework of on-going surveys in OIC Member States will serve as a mechanism to harmonize and standardize the monitoring of key tobacco control indicators regularly and promote sustainability and integration with other risk factors surveillance initiatives. 15 OIC Member Countries have been selected for a pilot study under

the framework of this project namely; *Albania, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Senegal, Sudan, Tajikistan, Tunisia and Uganda.*

During the implementation period, SESRIC will support National Statistical Offices (NSO) of aforementioned member countries in the integration of TQS into their on-going national surveys.

TQS Integration Status, May 2015

Country	Latest Status	Survey
Albania	In process	---
Azerbaijan	Agreed on a partnership	National Household Budget Survey
Cameroon	Signed MoA	National Demographic and Health Survey (DHS)
Egypt	MoA signing in process	National Labour Force Survey
Indonesia	Agreed on a partnership	National Socio-Economic Survey (SUSENAS)
Jordan	The process suspended	---
Kazakhstan	Signed MoA	National Household Survey on Standard of Living
Malaysia	In process	---
Mauritania	In process	---
Morocco	In process	---
Senegal	Signed MoA	Continuous Demographic and Health Survey
Sudan	In process	---
Tajikistan	MoA signing in process	---
Tunisia	In process	---
Uganda	In process	---

Throughout the project implementation period, SESRIC organized several study visits on “Integration of TQS” with the technical support of Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat). The first study visit took place in November 2014, in Ankara, Turkey with the participation of the delegation of State Statistical Committee (SSC) of the Republic of Azerbaijan. As furtherance, complementary study visits have been conducted in April 2015 for the benefit of relevant officials of SSC of Azerbaijan in Baku in two modules focusing on survey design and methodology, and sampling.

3 Planned Activities

SESRIC will continue to provide technical support upon the requests of the pilot countries within the framework of the project. Available technical assistances are as following:

- **Study Visits:** Consultation through short term technical visits on survey design, methodology, sampling, etc.
- **Questionnaire Review:** Consultation on question wording, placement, and general flow.
- **Study Design:** Consultation on sample design, and data collection and management procedures.
- **Analysis and Reporting:** Consultation on analyzing and reporting data obtained from TQS questions, including the construction of indicators, tables, and graphs.
- **Training materials and consultation** for multi-country TQS and tobacco control trainings.