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Progress Report on “Integration of the ‘Tobacco Questions for Surveys’ 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. At the beginning, 15 OIC Member Countries were 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.

2.1 TQS Integration Status (as of October 2016)

Country	Latest Status	Survey
Azerbaijan	Completed	National Household and Budget Survey
Egypt	Completed	National Labour Force Survey
Indonesia	Completed	National Socio-Economic Survey (SUSENAS)
Mauritania	Completed	Multiple Indicators Cluster Surveys (MICS)
Senegal	Completed	Continuous Demographic and Health Survey (C-DHS)
Afghanistan	In process	---
Cameroon	Signed MoA	National Demographic and Health Survey (DHS)
Chad	Signed MoA	4th Survey on the Household Living Conditions and Poverty
Cote d'Ivoire	Signed MoA	National Survey on the Situation of Employment and the Informal Sector (ENSESI)
Gambia	Signed MoA	Integrated Household Survey
Guinea	In process	---
Guinea-Bissau	In process	---
Iraq	In process	---
Lebanon	In process	---
Mali	Signed MoA	Modular and Continuous Household
Mozambique	In process	---
Niger	Signed MoA	Human Trafficking Survey
Sierra Leone	Signed MoA	Tobacco Use Behavioural Survey (TUBS)
Tajikistan	Signed MoA	Household Survey on Standard of Living
Togo	Signed MoA	FinScope Consumer Survey

2.2 Study Visits and Technical Missions Conducted within the Project Framework

No	Subject	Date	Beneficiary	Provider	Venue
1	Study Visit on 'Global Adult Tobacco Survey and Turkish Health Survey'	18 November 2014	Azerbaijan (State Statistical Committee)	Turkey (Turkish Statistical Institute)	Ankara, Turkey
2	Technical Mission on 'Integration of Tobacco Questions for Surveys: Module 1 – Survey Design and Methodology'	13-15 April 2015	Azerbaijan (State Statistical Committee)	Turkey (Turkish Statistical Institute)	Baku, Azerbaijan
3	Technical Mission on 'Integration of Tobacco Questions for Surveys: Module 2 – Sampling Methods'	27-29 April 2015	Azerbaijan (State Statistical Committee)	Turkey (Turkish Statistical Institute)	Baku, Azerbaijan
4	Technical Mission on 'Integration of Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) – Sampling Methods'	10-13 November 2015	Azerbaijan (State Statistical Committee)	Turkey (Turkish Statistical Institute)	Baku, Azerbaijan
5	Study Visit on 'Global Adult Tobacco Survey and Turkish Health Survey'	25-26 April 2016	Indonesia (BPS-Statistics Indonesia)	Turkey (Turkish Statistical Institute)	Ankara, Turkey
6	Study Visit on 'Global Adult Tobacco Survey and Turkish Health Survey'	5 May 2016	Tajikistan (Agency on Statistics under President of the Republic of Tajikistan)	Turkey (Turkish Statistical Institute)	Ankara, Turkey

2.3 Orientation Workshop on 'Tobacco Questions for Surveys'

The Orientation Workshop on 'Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS)' was organised and hosted by SESRIC in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and CDC Foundation on 3-4 May 2016 at SESRIC Headquarters, Ankara, Republic of Turkey (<http://www.oicstatcom.org/event-detail.php?id=1398>). The said Workshop had the objective to provide additional information and technical support to the OIC Member Countries in integrating TQS into their on-going surveys.

The Workshop was attended by experts from the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of Azerbaijan, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gambia, Indonesia, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Qatar, Tajikistan, and Togo, and Ministry of Health of Morocco. The representatives of the CDC, CDC Foundation, the World Health Organization (WHO), WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO), WHO Country Office of Turkey, Tobacco and Alcohol Market Regulatory Authority of Turkey (TAPDK), Yıldırım Beyazıt University, and Turkish Green Crescent (YESILAY) also participated in the Workshop.

The Workshop covered the following topics:

- Tobacco Burden: Overview of global tobacco burden
- Monitoring and Surveillance: The importance of monitoring the tobacco epidemic and an overview of GTSS and related components (GATS, GYTS, and TQS).
- TQS Survey Questions: Details on the development and contact of TQS questions; plus examples of successful implementation.
- Implementation Guidelines: Methodological guidelines for integrating TQS questions into existing surveys.
- Proposal Development: Preparing and submitting the TQS application form; commitment letters of agreement; expectations under the agreement.
- Analysis and Dissemination: Analysing the TQS questions; preparing TQS tables and/or fact sheet (deliverables); dissemination of findings and using the data for action.

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 and Technical Missions: 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.