GATS Objectives

The Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) is a global standard for systematically monitoring adult tobacco use (smoking and smokeless) and tracking key tobacco control indicators. GATS is a nationally representative survey, using a consistent and standard protocol across countries including the Russian Federation. GATS enhances countries’ capacity to design, implement and evaluate tobacco control programs. It will also assist countries to fulfill their obligations under the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) to generate comparable data within and across countries. WHO has developed MPOWER, a package of selected demand reduction measures contained in the WHO FCTC that include:

- Monitor tobacco use & prevention policies
- Protect people from tobacco smoke
- Offer help to quit tobacco use
- Warn about the dangers of tobacco
- Enforce bans on tobacco advertising, promotion, & sponsorship
- Raise taxes on tobacco

GATS Methodology

GATS uses a global standardized methodology. It includes information on respondents' background characteristics, tobacco use (smoking and smokeless), cessation, secondhand smoke, economics, media, and knowledge, attitudes and perceptions towards tobacco use. In the Russian Federation, GATS was conducted in 2016 as a household survey of persons 15 years of age and older implemented by the Information and Publishing Center "Statistics of Russia" under the Federal State Statistics Service (Rosstat) and the Research Pulmonology Institute, under the coordination of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation. A multi-stage, geographically clustered sample design was used to produce nationally representative data. A total of 11,764 households were sampled. One individual was randomly chosen from each selected household to participate in the survey. Survey information was collected using handheld devices. The household response rate was 98.9%, the person-level response rate was 99.3%, and overall response rate was 98.2%. There were a total of 11,458 completed individual interviews.

GATS Highlights

**TOBACCO USE**
- 49.8% of men, 14.5% of women, and 30.5% overall (36.4 million adults) currently used tobacco.
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- 0.8% of men, 0.1% of women, and 0.4% overall (0.5 million adults) currently used smokeless tobacco.
- 48.8% of men, 14.2% of women, and 29.9% overall (35.8 million adults) currently smoked cigarettes.
- 4.1% of men, 1.7% of women, and 2.8% overall (3.3 million adults) currently smoked waterpipe (cigareted).

**CESSATION**
- 56.2% current smokers planned to or were thinking about quitting.
- 47.6% of smokers who visited a health care provider in past 12 months were advised to quit smoking.
- 64.0% of daily smokers smoke within 30 minutes of waking up, showing a high dependency on tobacco.

**SECONDHAND SMOKE**
- 21.8% of adults who worked indoors (12.7 million adults) were exposed to tobacco smoke in enclosed areas at the workplace.
- 23.0% of adults (27.3 million adults) were exposed to tobacco smoke at home.
- 20.0% of adults (3.5 million adults) were exposed to tobacco smoke when visiting restaurants.

**MEDIA**
- 75.8% of adults noticed anti-cigarette smoking information on the television or radio.
- 8.6% of adults noticed cigarette marketing in stores where cigarettes are sold.
- 35.9% of current smokers thought about quitting because of warning labels.

**KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES & PERCEPTIONS**
- 90.8% of adults believed smoking causes serious illness.
- 81.8% of adults believed breathing other peoples’ smoke causes serious illness in nonsmokers.

**ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES**
- 79.9% of adults ever heard of electronic cigarettes.
- 5.4% of men, 1.9% of women, and 3.5% overall (4.2 million adults) currently used electronic cigarettes.
TOBACCO USE

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SMOKELESS TOBACCO USERS

- Current smokeless tobacco users: 0.8% (MEN) 0.1% (WOMEN) 0.4% (OVERALL)

TOBACCO USERS (smoked and/or smokeless)

- Current tobacco users: 49.8% (MEN) 14.5% (WOMEN) 30.5% (OVERALL)

ECONOMICS

- Average (median) amount spent on 20 manufactured cigarettes (Rubles): 79.7
- Average (median) cigarette expenditure per month per current cigarette smoker (Rubles): 1672.3
- Cost of 100 packs of manufactured cigarettes as a percentage of per capita Gross Domestic Product (GDP) [2016] (%): 1.3

MEDIA

TOBACCO INDUSTRY

- CURRENT SMOKERS (%): OVERALL (%)
  - Adults who noticed cigarette marketing in stores where cigarettes are sold²†: 12.6 6.9 8.6
  - Adults who noticed any cigarette advertisements/promotions (other than in stores), or sporting event sponsorship⁠: 26.4 18.4 20.8

COUNTER ADVERTISING

- CURRENT SMOKERS (%): NON-SMOKERS (%): OVERALL (%)
  - Current smokers who noticed a health warning label on a cigarette package: 97.5 96.4 97.2
  - Current smokers who thought about quitting because of a warning label⁠: 35.7 36.5 35.9
  - Adults who noticed anti-cigarette smoking information on the television or radio †: 73.6 76.8 75.8

KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES & PERCEPTIONS

- CURRENT SMOKERS (%): NON-SMOKERS (%): OVERALL (%)
  - Adults who believed smoking causes serious illness: 82.7 94.4 90.8
  - Adults who believed breathing other peoples’ smoke causes serious illness in nonsmokers: 66.4 88.5 81.8
  - Adults who believed smoking causes nicotine addiction: 95.0 93.7 94.1
  - Adults who believed that some types of cigarettes could be less harmful than other types: 25.0 7.8 13.0

ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

- CURRENT SMOKERS (%): NON-SMOKERS (%): OVERALL (%)
  - Ever heard of electronic cigarettes: 86.3 74.5 79.9
  - Ever used electronic cigarettes: 21.3 8.4 14.2
  - Current user of electronic cigarettes: 5.4 1.9 3.5

NOTE: Current use refers to daily and less than daily use. Adults refer to persons aged 15 years and older. Data have been weighted to be nationally representative of all non-institutionalized men and women aged 15 years and older. Percentages reflect the prevalence of each indicator in each group, not the distribution across groups.

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