

WORKSHOP ON
TOBACCO QUESTIONS
FOR SURVEY (TQS)

GAMBIA TOBACCO EXPERIENCE

Gambia Tobacco Experience

- IHS 2015/16 was used to collect the data on Tobacco use
- The survey sample size was 13 360, countrywide
- Fourth Quarter sample was used to collect the data
- The quality of the data is very good

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- The Tobacco questions were administered to respondents 10 years and above
- Questions on Smokeless Tobacco were omitted based on advice from the Ministry of Health (wrong advice: The Ministry of Health didn't know much about smokeless tobacco at the time)

Difficulties Encountered

- One of the difficulties encountered was getting female respondents. Female smokers are viewed negatively in The Gambia, they are unwilling to be associated with tobacco use.
- Some responses were obtained from proxy respondents. Proxy respondents (parents, guardians) may not have accurate information regarding kids' usage of tobacco.

Trend of Tobacco Use in The Gambia

- *The results are still not finalized and therefore will not be feasible for presentation.*
- *There has been an on-going discussion with Jeremy Morton on the estimates and the results are being finalized for final submission.*