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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 World Health Organization (WHO), Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (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

Within the project framework, SESRIC supervises the integration schemes based on the Terms set forth by the CDC and the CDC Foundation. Up to now, SESRIC has received commitments from 15 OIC member countries, namely **Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d’Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia, Indonesia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tajikistan, and Togo.**

Ten of them, namely **Azerbaijan, Egypt, Gambia, Indonesia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo,** have fully completed the project. In order to increase the level of participation of OIC Member Countries in the TQS integration project, 2 additional member countries including **Palestine and Suriname** have also been approached.

2.1. TQS Integration Status (as of April 2018)

No.	Country	Latest Status	Survey
1	Azerbaijan	Completed	National Household and Budget Survey
2	Egypt	Completed	National Labour Force Survey
3	Gambia	Completed	Integrated Household Survey
4	Indonesia	Completed	National Socio-Economic Survey (SUSENAS)
5	Mauritania	Completed	Multiple Indicators Cluster Surveys (MICS)
6	Mali	Completed	Modular and Continuous Household
7	Niger	Completed	Human Trafficking Survey
8	Senegal	Completed	Continuous Demographic and Health Survey (C-DHS)
9	Sierra Leone	Completed	Tobacco Use Behavioral Survey (TUBS)
10	Togo	Completed	FinScope Consumer Survey
11	Cameroon	Signed MoA	National Demographic and Health Survey (DHS)
12	Chad	Signed MoA	4th Survey on the Household Living Conditions and Poverty
13	Cote d'Ivoire	Signed MoA	National Survey on the Situation of Employment and the Informal Sector (ENSESI)
14	Gabon	Signed MoA	Demographic and Health Survey (EDSIII-Gabon)
15	Tajikistan	Signed MoA	Household Survey on Standard of Living
16	Palestine	In Progress	Multiple Indicators Cluster Surveys (MICS) VI
17	Suriname	In Progress	TQS Pilot

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 (<i>State Statistical Committee</i>)	Turkey (<i>Turkish Statistical Institute</i>)	Ankara, Turkey
2	Technical Mission on Integration of Tobacco Questions for Surveys: Module 1 – Survey Design and Methodology	13-15 April 2015	Azerbaijan (<i>State Statistical Committee</i>)	Turkey (<i>Turkish Statistical Institute</i>)	Baku, Azerbaijan
3	Technical Mission on Integration of Tobacco Questions for Surveys: Module 2 – Sampling Methods	27-29 April 2015	Azerbaijan (<i>State Statistical Committee</i>)	Turkey (<i>Turkish Statistical Institute</i>)	Baku, Azerbaijan
4	Technical Mission on Integration of Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) – Sampling Methods	10-13 November 2015	Azerbaijan (<i>State Statistical Committee</i>)	Turkey (<i>Turkish Statistical Institute</i>)	Baku, Azerbaijan
5	Study Visit on Global Adult Tobacco Survey and Turkish Health Survey	25-26 April 2016	Indonesia (<i>BPS-Statistics Indonesia</i>)	Turkey (<i>Turkish Statistical Institute</i>)	Ankara, Turkey
6	Study Visit on Global Adult Tobacco Survey and Turkish Health Survey	5 May 2016	Tajikistan (<i>Agency on Statistics under President of the Republic of Tajikistan</i>)	Turkey (<i>Turkish Statistical Institute</i>)	Ankara, Turkey

2.3. Workshops Conducted within the Project Framework

2.3.1. Orientation Workshop on 'Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS)'

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 (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 content 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.

2.3.2. Workshop on Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS): Data Analysis & Dissemination

The Workshop on ‘Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS): Data Analysis and Dissemination’ was organised by SESRIC in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and CDC Foundation on 16-17 August 2017 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey (<http://www.oicstatcom.org/event-detail.php?id=1737>). The said Workshop had the objective to share the knowledge and experiences encountered throughout the integration process of TQS into ongoing surveys and provide comprehensive information and technical support to the OIC Member Countries in the way forward.

The Workshop was attended by 38 delegates from the NSOs and Ministries of Health of Cameroon of 13 OIC countries including Cameroon, Chad, Cote d’Ivoire, Gabon, Gambia, Indonesia, Mali, Palestine, Qatar, Sierra Leone, Suriname, Tajikistan and Turkey. The representatives of the CDC Foundation, the World Health Organization (WHO) Headquarters, WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (WHO-EMRO), WHO Turkey Office and Turkish Green Crescent (YESILAY) also participated in the Workshop.

The Workshop covered the following topics:

- Tobacco Burden: Overview of the global tobacco burden and the importance of monitoring the tobacco epidemic.
- TQS Survey Questions and Implementation Guidelines: Details on the development and content of TQS questions; examples of successful implementation; methodological guidelines for integrating TQS questions into existing surveys.
- Analysis: Details on analyzing the TQS questions, preparing TQS tables and TQS fact sheet.
- Data Dissemination: 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.