



# **Tobacco Control Efforts in Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Member Countries**

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# Outline



## ➤ **Tobacco Control Policies up to now**

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- Smoke Free Legislation of OIC Member Countries
- Media Campaigns in OIC Member Countries
- Smoke Free Environments in OIC Member Countries

## ➤ **SESRIC Initiative**

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# FCTC Status of OIC Member Countries



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ON TOBACCO CONTROL

- Most of the OIC countries have already signed or ratified the FCTC
- Of the 175 parties, 53 of them are Members of OIC (including accession status). 45 OIC Member Countries has signed the Convention and 51 OIC Member Countries have ratified
- Indonesia, Palestine, Somalia and Tajikistan have not signed or ratified the agreement yet
- 6 OIC Countries, Bangladesh, Brunei, Jordan, Maldives, Pakistan and Qatar- were among the first 40 countries to ratify

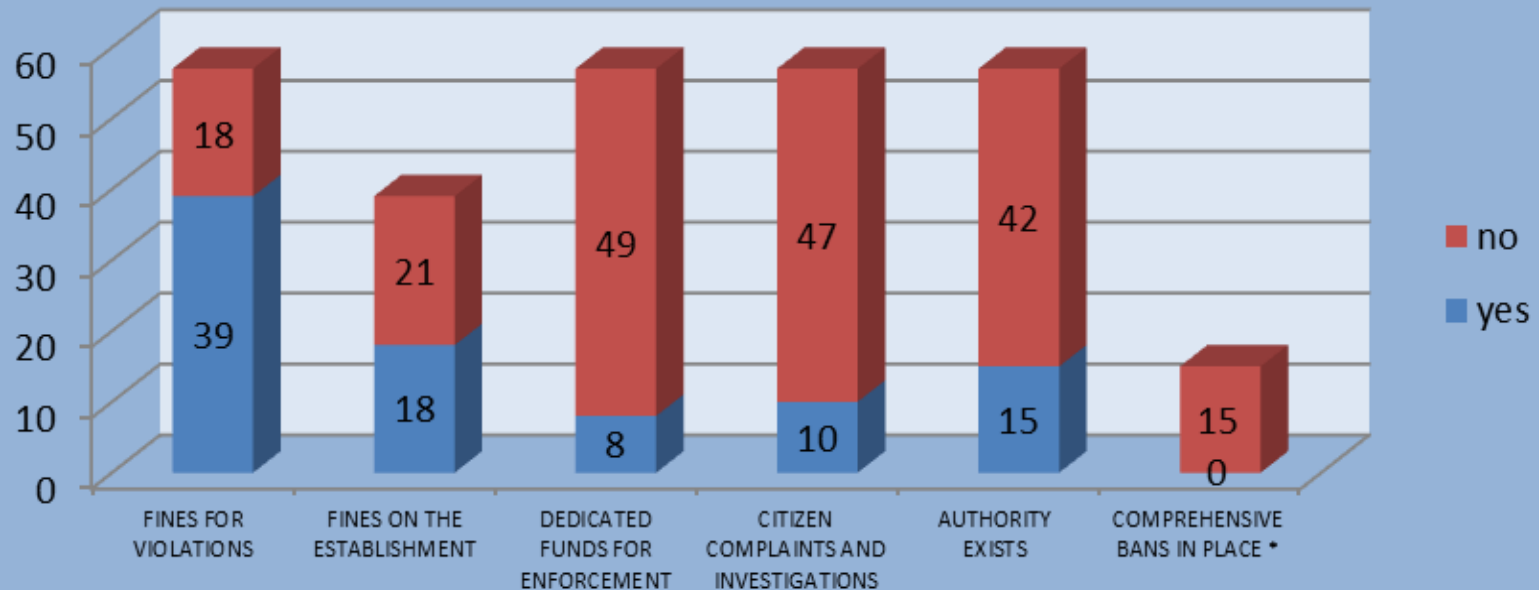
# National Tobacco Control Policies

Status	Existence of government objectives on tobacco control	Existence of Agency
YES	40	47
NO	17	9

- Currently there are 47 OIC Member countries with an agency on tobacco control issues and in 40 OIC Member Countries tobacco control objectives exist.
- These numbers are expected to increase as a result of noble efforts and initiatives that are being implemented.

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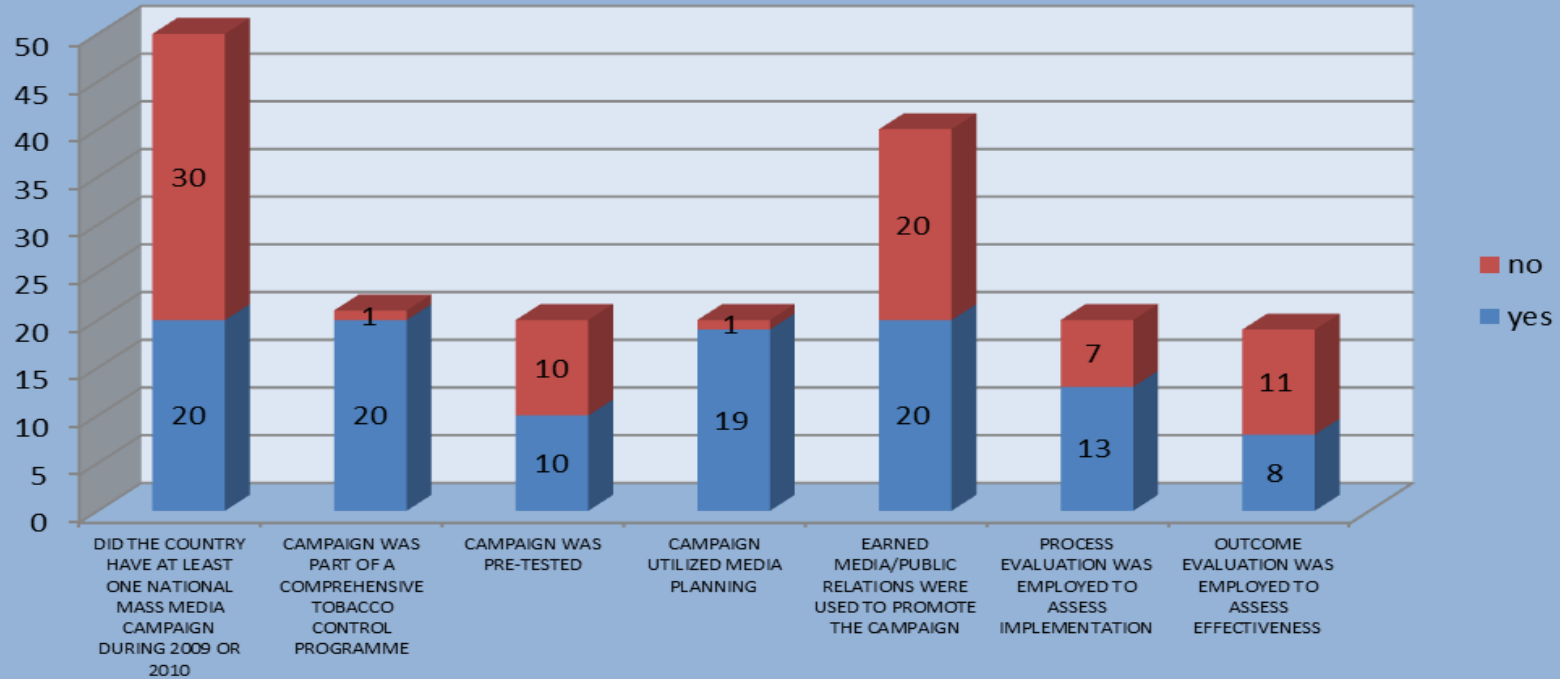
**Characteristics of Smoke-Free Legislation in OIC**



- Legislation is core element of the tobacco control strategies
- Regulation on tobacco consumption has increased
- Although there is still lack of comprehensive bans, many of the Member Countries have regulated fines for violations.
- There is still need to put effort into the regulation aspects of the tobacco related laws.

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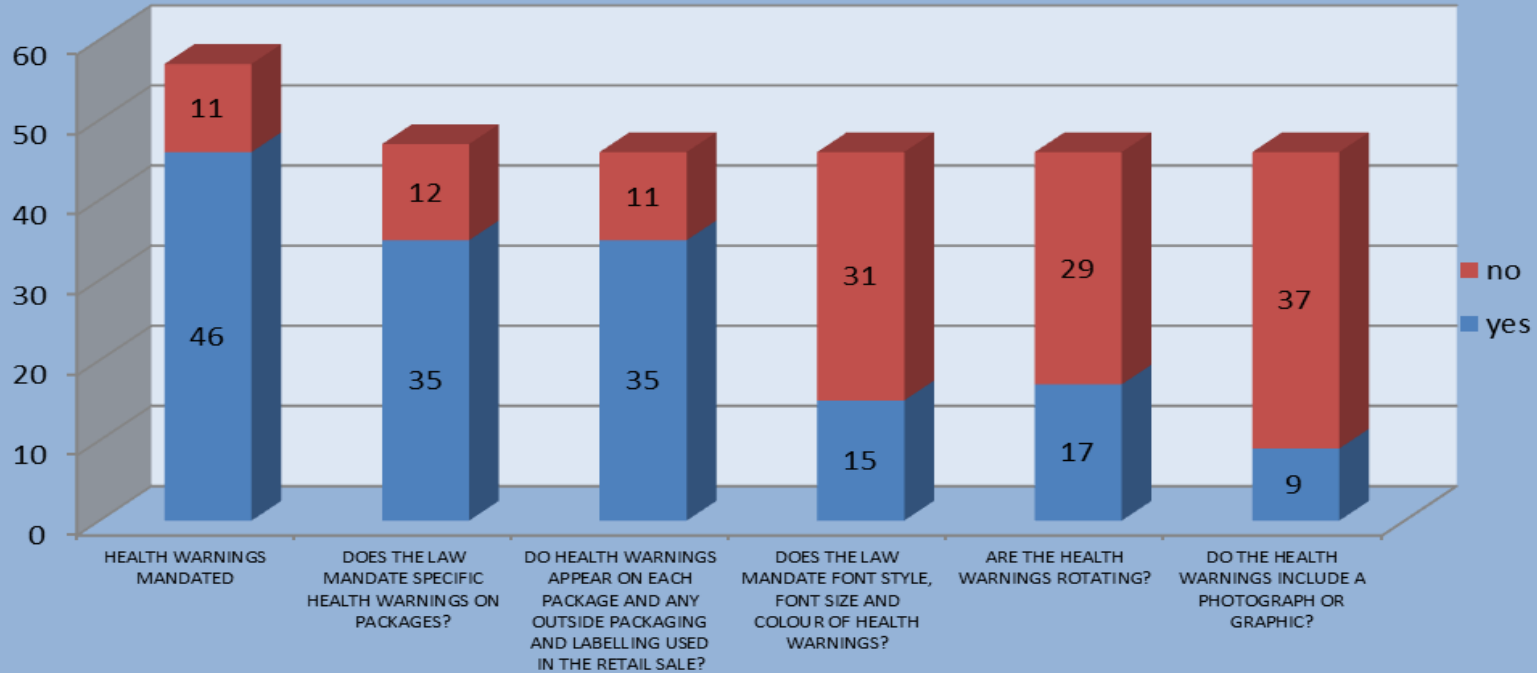
**Anti-Tobacco Mass Media Campaign in OIC**



- Media's role in effecting tobacco related knowledge, opinions and behaviours is highly crucial (of society, individuals, decision makers)
- Nearly 28% of the world's population is exposed to the effective anti-tobacco mass media campaigns (latest report of WHO on the global tobacco epidemic, In 2009 or 2010)
- 20 Member Countries have implemented at least one national mass media company as part of their tobacco control policies.
- Moreover in 20 Member Countries Media and Public relations were used to promote that campaign.

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**Characteristics of the Health Warnings on Packages (OIC)**



- Health warnings on packages are effective means that encourage tobacco users to quit and prevent non-smokers to initiate.
- In many OIC Member Countries, despite the health warnings are mandated, there is still need for development in implementation of health warning policy.

# National Tobacco Control Policies

## ➤ **Smoke free environments**

- Protect the non-smokers against second hand tobacco smoke exposure
- Improve health quality
- Do not harm business
- smoking laws are mostly supported by the society

## ➤ **In OIC**

- In 39 OIC Member Countries, smoking banned in health care facilities, whereas in 18 of them there is no ban
- In 28 Member Countries, educational facilities have also included smoke free areas (21 not have)
- Unfortunately only 23 Member countries banned smoking in government facilities, 34 of them did not take action in banning.
- And 13 of them has banned in restaurants but 43 of them do not have regulation.



# OIC Vocational Education and Training Programme (OIC-VET)



The Vocational Education and Training Programme for the Member Countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-VET) is a programme originally designed and developed by the Statistical Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) :

- in order to **improve the quality of vocational education and training** in the public and private sectors ,
- support and enhance the opportunities for individuals in the Member Countries to develop their knowledge and skills,
- contribute to the development and competitiveness of the economies and to facilitate the **sharing of knowledge** between OIC Member Countries.



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Official Launch of the Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) was made by H.E. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC, at the COMCEC Economic Summit held in Istanbul, Turkey on 9 November 2009 with the participation of the heads of states and governments of the OIC Member Countries.

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“Food and Life Safety Support Programme” in Nouakchott, Mauritania, on 5-10 May 2012, organized by SESRIC, TİKA and Turkish Embassy of Nouakchott.



# OIC Vocational Education and Training Programme (OIC-VET)



Training programme on “Health Information System” at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of People’s Republic of Bangladesh on 22-24 March 2012.

# Tobacco Free OIC Initiative



Tobacco Free OIC is an initiative developed by the Statistical Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) in response to the spread of tobacco epidemic in the OIC Member Countries:

- to increase public awareness about controlling tobacco use by providing evidence-based knowledge and information, and by this way, to prevent children from starting tobacco use,
- to establish OIC networks and partnerships to exchange experiences and best practices of tobacco control strategies, initiatives, projects and programs,
- to build the capacity of relevant organizations or institutions for better policy coordination in order to achieve the goal of Tobacco Free OIC.

# Tobacco Free OIC Initiative



Currently there are 10 NFPs of Tobacco Free OIC Initiative, which are: Bangladesh, Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait, Pakistan, Malaysia, Gambia, Guyana, Lebanon and Syria.

In accordance with demands of OIC Member Countries, SESRIC will organize technical cooperation activities (such as training courses, study visits) which will enable countries to share experience.

- SESRIC has currently organized one study visit for representatives of Kazakhstan and Saudi Arabia in line with the 'Brainstorming Workshop on OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action' , on 12 June 2012, Ankara, Turkey.
- A study visit on Tobacco Control policies as a side event of the 6th Tobacco or Health Conference will take place in Erzurum with participation of representatives from Iraq, Egypt, Qatar, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan and Indonesia in Erzurum, Turkey.





**Thank you**

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