

## ***METHODS***

The Saint Lucia GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 6-9 and forms 1-4. The survey was conducted in May and June 2001.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Saint Lucia. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrolment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate.

The schools' response rate was 100 %. Student response rate was 86.2%, and the overall response rate was 86.2%. A total of 1737 students participated in the survey. In the analysis of the data, cells that are less than thirty-five (35) are not reported and are identified by an asterisk.

The Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education collaborated in collecting data. Health and Family Life educators distributed questionnaires to students.

A structured questionnaire was self-administered. It consisted of 71 questions which were close ended. The major variables were prevalence, knowledge and attitudes, access and availability, environmental tobacco smoke, cessation, media and advertising and school curriculum.

For the purpose of this survey, current smoker is defined as a student who had smoked cigarettes in the past thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of the survey.