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GYTS (EMTAJOVEN), is the first nationwide survey in Venezuela concerning issues about tobacco use in school age children and adolescents. With a 92.9% overall response rate, GYTS (EMTAJOVEN) results are representative of adolescents in Venezuela age 13-15 who attend public and private schools. GYTS (EMTAJOVEN) also explored for the first time the behavior and the personal perspective of this age group not only on cigarette smoking, but the consumption of other tobacco products like chimó. Surprisingly, for a segment of this population, chimó consumption is as prevalent as cigarettes. Additionally, GYTS (EMTAJOVEN) results allow for the comparison of students who currently smoke vs. students who have never smoked in terms of the motivations and determinates smoking. This information is vital for the development of scientifically sound interventions.

GYTS (EMTAJOVEN) data will need to be explored extensively. In this report present only basic results, more detailed analysis and reporting will follow.

An important objective achieved in Venezuela is the strategic alliance built to allow GYTS (EMTAJOVEN) implementation. A true partnership of the civilian, the military, the public and the private sector. A coalition that makes it possible to do the GYTS (EMTAJOVEN) in a record period of time. This coalition could be better understood as a movement prepared to produce not only GYTS (EMTAJOVEN), but our final objective: "Building alliances and taking action to create a generation of tobacco free children and youth".