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GYTS (EMTAJOVEN), is the first nation wide survey done in Venezuela concerning issues about tobacco use in school age children and adolescents. Besides the fact that GYTS methodology sample selection assures the representativity of the target population, GYTS explored for the first time the behavior and the personal perspective of this group not only on cigarette smoking, but the consumption of other tobacco products like chimó.

Surprisingly enough is the fact that, for a segment of this population, chimó consumption is as prevalent as cigarettes. Additionally, GYTS has uncovered aspects of the motivations and determinates of the smoker and the non-smoker behavior toward tobacco previously unknown in Venezuela. This information is vital for the development of scientific sound interventions.

GYTS data will need to be explore extensively. What we present in this report is just a handful of basic data results, just to serve as appetizer to awake researchers interested in the field.

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