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Progress Report on

“Integration of the ‘Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS)’ into the National Surveys in Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Member Countries”

1. Background

Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS), a component of the Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS), was developed by the World Health Organization (WHO), Centers 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) emphasize that an essential component of a comprehensive global tobacco control effort is an efficient and systematic surveillance mechanism to monitor the epidemic.

The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), through its Strategic Health Programme of Action 2014-2023, aims to improve the implementation of the WHO FCTC in its member countries and thus reduce the level of exposure of individuals and populations to the harmful effects of tobacco. Based on the resolutions of the 4th 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 Countries” project to build capacities in health statistics in collaboration with the WHO, 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, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Indonesia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tajikistan, and Togo.**

11 of them (**Azerbaijan, Cote d’Ivoire, 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, 1 additional member country, namely **Palestine** has also been approached.

2.1. TQS Integration Status (as of October 2019)

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

2.2. Study Visits and Technical Missions Conducted within the Project Framework

Within the project framework, SESRIC facilitated study visits and technical missions between 2014 and 2016 for the following beneficiary countries in need of capacity development:

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

In connection with the success of the Orientation Workshop on TQS in 2016 (<http://www.sesric.org/event-detail.php?id=1398>) and Workshop on TQS Data Analysis & Dissemination in 2017 (<http://www.sesric.org/event-detail.php?id=1737>), a third workshop was organised in 2018.

2.3.1. Workshop on Transforming TQS Data into Action

The Workshop on ‘Transforming TQS Data into Action’ (<http://www.sesric.org/event-detail.php?id=2013>) was organised by SESRIC in collaboration with the CDC and CDC Foundation on 12-15 November 2018 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey. The objective of the Workshop was to provide additional information and technical support to the OIC countries in integrating TQS into their ongoing surveys and to provide the countries an opportunity in writing a Tobacco Brief and plan for dissemination and mobilization for tobacco control.

The Workshop covered the following topics:

- TQS: A Subset of Key Questions from GATS
- The Persuasive Tobacco Control Brief: A Tool to Propel Tobacco Control
- Evidence-Based Strategies: Using the MPOWER Framework to Guide Action
- Countries Develop Tobacco Control Brief Titles and Define the Issues
- Countries Identify Options for Inclusion in Tobacco Control Briefs
- Countries Review Tobacco Control Briefs with Subject Matter Experts
- Countries Develop Plans for Dissemination and Mobilization

The Workshop was attended by 43 delegates from the NSOs and Ministries of Health of 17 OIC countries including Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d’Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Indonesia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Palestine, Qatar, Senegal, Tajikistan, Togo and Turkey. The representatives of the CDC, CDC Foundation and Turkish Green Crescent (YESILAY) also participated in the Workshop.

3. Planned Activities

SESRIC signed a new Subcontractor Agreement Amendment with the CDC Foundation for the year 2019-2020. The following is the 2019-2020 planned scope of work:

- Finalise the countries in the current scope of work (Cameroon, Chad, Cote d’Ivoire, Tajikistan, Gabon, and Palestine).
- Integration of TQS in ongoing surveys in 5 additional OIC countries.
- Integration of TQS-Youth in ongoing youth surveys in 5 OIC countries.
- Development of a TQS report utilising data from TQS-integrated surveys from OIC countries.
- Development of a web-based data repository with data from TQS-integrated surveys from OIC countries.
- Two TQS Workshops to be coordinated in partnership with CDC, CDC Foundation, and SESRIC.