# Jamaica (St Catherine) Survey

## Sample Description and Weighting Procedures

**Sample Description:**

**School Level –** All schools containing grade 7 - grade 12 were included in the sample.

**Class Level -** All classes with the majority of students in grade 7 - grade 12 were included in the sampling frame.

**Response Rates:**

**Schools -** 100.0% 23 of the 23 sampled schools participated.

**Students -** 70.2% 3041 of the 4332 sampled students completed questionnaires.

3041 questionnaires were usable after data editing.

**Overall response rate -** 100.0%\*70.2% = 70.2%

**Weighting:**

A weight has been associated with each questionnaire to reflect the likelihood of sampling each student and to reduce bias by compensating for differing patterns of nonresponse. The weight used for estimation is given by:

W = W1 \* W2 \* f1 \* f2 \* f3

W1 = the inverse of the probability of selecting the school;

W2 = the inverse of the probability of selecting the classroom within the school;

f1 = a school-level nonresponse adjustment factor calculated by school size category (small, medium, large). The factor was calculated in terms of school enrollment instead of number of schools.

f2 = a student-level nonresponse adjustment factor calculated by class.

f3 = a poststratification adjustment factor calculated by grade*.*

**Use of the Weighted Results:**

The weighted results can be used to make important inferences about the priority health-risk behaviors and protective factors of all students in grade 7 - grade 12 in Jamaica (St Catherine).