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Acronyms

BMI Body Mass Index

BP Blood Pressure

CI Confidence Interval

COPD Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

CVD Cardiovascular Disease

DBP Diastolic Blood Pressure

HDL High-Density Lipoproteins

Hg Mercury

MET Metabolic Equivalents of Task

mmol/l Millimoles Per Litre

NCD Non-Communicable Disease

PDA Personal Digital Assistant

PPS Probability Proportionate to Size

PSU Primary Sampling Unit

SBP Systolic Blood Pressure

SEARO South-East Asia Regional Office

SSU Secondary Sampling Unit

WHO World Health Organization

Message from the Secretary, Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine



In Sri Lanka more than 70% of the disease burden is due to Non communicable diseases (NCD). In the context of free healthcare delivered by the Ministry of Health, a considerable proportion of the annual health budget is spent on both sophisticated diagnostics such as Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Angiography and Echocardiography and also on therapeutic procedures such as Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery (CABG) to counter the effects of NCD and its' Complications.

Therefore, it is of utmost importance to plan, implement and evaluate the strategic measures laid to prevent and control the burden of NCD in the country. The results of the survey show the trends in key risk factors for major NCD. Also, it gives a good assessment of our strategic programmes and control measures implemented to counter Non Communicable Diseases.

While appreciating the effort taken by the survey team, I'm pleased to issue this message at the important occasion of launching the final report of the STEPS NCD risk factor survey 2015.

Anura Jayawickrama

Secretary

Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

Message from the Director General of Health Services



Non communicable diseases (NCD) are one of the heaviest burdens to a developing nation. Measures to prevent and control NCD are of utmost importance to a country targeting greater health goals.

As a country in the South Asia region, Sri Lanka is also conducting numerous programmes to prevent and control NCD under the direct guidance and supervision of the Ministry of Health. These programmes receive technical assistance from international agencies such as World Health Organization (WHO). Therefore, it is crucial to assess the impact of these programmes by analysing the trends of NCD and prevalence of its risk factors in the community. STEPWise approach to Surveillance (STEPS) introduced by the WHO is an ideal tool to assess the prevalence of NCD and risk factors in a country.

As a measure of assessing the ongoing NCD prevention and control programmes in the country Ministry of Health conducted a National NCD risk factor survey using the WHO STEPS tool in 2015 under the guidance of Deputy Director General (Medical Services) – I.

As Director General of Health Services, I'm pleased to provide a message in the important event of launching the final report of the said STEPS NCD risk factor survey. Further, I would like to congratulate the Sri Lankan survey team and to thank the WHO for their assistance in this endeavour.

Dr. Palitha Mahipala

Director General of Health Services

Message from the Deputy Director General (Medical Services-I)



I am pleased to release this message as an utmost necessity of the health sector has been accomplished by successfully conducting the National Non Communicable Diseases (NCD) Risk Factor Survey after an interval of seven years.

An updated situational analysis of key factors such as Tobacco use, Diet and Physical activity, with regard to NCD, of the nation is vital to plan for future in making Sri Lankans healthier.

Also, this survey provides us with the opportunity to compare the outcomes with the regional status as well as the global status of NCD. Therefore, we were determined to follow a standard methodology which is the WHO STEPwise Surveillance (STEPS).

Much effort has been gone from the planning stage until the release of the survey results, by many who involved in the survey team. Accordingly, as the principal investigator, I like to thank all the members of our survey team for their enormous contribution to this much needed task of conducting National NCD Risk Factor Survey.

Dr. Lakshmi C. Somatunga

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Message from the Regional Director WHO South-East Asia Region-World Health Organization



Non communicable diseases, or NCDs, are the most common cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide. Surveillance is critical to provide the information needed for the development of policies and programmes. Appropriate legislation is also required for NCD prevention and control, as well as to support the evolution of programmes and policies for monitoring their progress and success. Prevention and control of non communicable disease is one of the Flagship Priority Area of the South-East Asia Region.

National surveillance should serve in a strategic capacity to foster critical partnerships, provide linkages to, and inform decision structures with inputs to information systems at all levels. The WHO NCD Action Plan calls on Member States to strengthen surveillance systems with standardized data collection on NCD risk factors and determinants using recognized methods and tools.

The WHO Regional Office for South East Asia is committed to supporting and facilitating the STEPS survey and NCD-related surveillance activities of Member States. We are happy to note that the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine of Sri Lanka has come up with "NCD STEPS Sri Lanka Report 2015" which presents the key findings from the nationally representative survey and delivers new insights into the health status of its population.

We hope that Sri Lanka will use the rich data presented in this report to strengthen and improve NCD policies and programmes in the country for the greater well-being of its population.

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WHO South-East Asia Region

Message from the World Health Organization Representative to Sri Lanka



Non communicable diseases (NCDs) constitute a major public health challenge in Sri Lanka. Most NCDs are the result of four risky behaviours (tobacco use, physical inactivity, unhealthy diet and the harmful use of alcohol) that lead to four key metabolic/physiological changes (raised blood pressure, overweight/obesity, raised blood glucose and raised cholesterol). The STEPS approach focuses on obtaining core data on these four risk behaviours and the resultant four key metabolic/physiological changes. Repeated STEPS surveys form the basis on which a country will monitor and evaluate its interventions to prevent and control of NCDs.

I am very pleased that Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine in Sri Lanka, has completed the STEPS survey on NCD risk factors 2014. This is the third STEPS survey conducted in the country with the first two being completed in 2003 and 2007. This survey of 2014 fulfils the requirement of data on baseline situation of the targets Sri Lanka has set in its Multisectoral National Action Plan on the Prevention and Control of NCDs, 2016-2020 and the basis for the monitoring of the progress of its actions.

I encourage all health managers and professionals and researchers of all sectors to use data from this survey to improve the quality and the range of NCD related work.

Dr Jacob Kumaresan

World Health Organization Representative to Sri Lanka

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Executive Summary

Introduction

The burden of non-communicable diseases (NCD) in Sri Lanka has increased over past few decades, attributable to the changes in the life style. Reducing the incidence and the prevalence of both behavioural and biological risk factors for NCD has been identified as a major strategy in prevention of NCD in Sri Lanka. Therefore, it is vital to study the status and trends of behavioural and biological risk factors in the country for the purpose of planning, implementation and evaluation of NCD prevention and control programmes.

The "STEPwise approach to NCD Surveillance (STEPS)" designed by the World Health Organization (WHO) has been identified as the most appropriate method for identifying the prevalence of NCD risk factors in a country. Considering the timely need to conduct a NCD survey in Sri Lanka, Ministry of Health implemented a national STEPS survey in 2014-15.

Methodology

A national household survey study was conducted using WHO STEPwise approach. A multi stage cluster sampling method was used to draw a nationally representative sample. The survey included adult Sri Lankan males and females between the ages of 18-69 years.

The primary sampling unit (PSU) was the Divisional Secretariat (DS) area. Out of 331 DS areas in Sri Lanka, 80 were selected using a probability proportional to population size (PPS) of each DS area. A census block was considered as a six secondary sampling units (SSU). From each PSU, six SSUs were selected using PPS method, resulting in a total of 480 SSUs or census blocks. From each of these census blocks, 15 households (tertiary sampling unit or TSU) were selected by systematic random sampling. Selection of SSU and TSU was done randomly by the department of census and statistics, Sri Lanka. Therefore, the number of households selected for the survey was 7200 (80 X 6 X 15). Only one eligible individual from each household was selected randomly using Kish method.

The data collection consisted of three steps: Step one (interviews), Step two (physical measurements) and Step three (biochemical measurements). Data weighting and analysis was conducted in accordance with STEPS survey using Microsoft Excel, Access and Epi Info version 3.5.4 Software.

Results

Response rate

The response rate for STEP1 was 72.0%, whereas for STEP2 was 68.7% and for STEP3 was 63.3%.

Demographic characteristics

Of the 5188 total respondents who participated in the STEP survey, majority (60.9%) were females while 39.1% were males. More than half (52.2%) of the total respondents had completed the secondary education. Mean number of years of education was 9.7 in males and 9.9 in females. Majority of the respondents were Sinhalese (76.6%) while 12.4% were Sri Lankan Tamils and 8.5% were Sri Lankan Moor. Nearly 47% of the respondents estimated monthly household earning of more than Rs. 20,000/- per month.

Behavioural risk factors

Tobacco use

The findings indicate that 45.7% men and 5.3% women currently used some form of tobacco product (either smoked or smokeless) while 35.3% of males and 4.1% of females were daily tobacco users. Prevalence of current smoking was 29.4% in males and 0.1% in females. Of the current male smokers, 67.6% were daily smokers. Mean age of initiation of smoking for male smokers was 20.5 years. Majority (82.9%) of the male daily smokers were using manufactured cigarettes. More than half of the male current smokers (51.8%) had tried to stop smoking. Only one third of the current smokers were advised by a doctor to stop smoking.

One fourth of the male respondents (26.0%) and nearly 5% of females reported currently using smokeless tobacco.

Approximately one fourth (25.2%) of the males and one fifths (21.6%) of the females reported being exposed to second-hand smoking at home during past 30 days while 36.1% of the males and 11.1% of females were exposed to second-hand smoking at their work place in the past 30 days.

Alcohol consumption

One third (34.8%) of the males were current alcohol users (drank in the past 30 days), while 40.2% were lifetime abstainers. A great majority (96.5%) of females were lifetime abstainers. More than one forth (27.4%) of the former drinkers had stopped consuming alcohol due to health reasons (30.2% males and 11.7% females).

Of the males who drank during past 12 months, nearly 5.7% had consumed alcohol daily. Mean number of drinking occasions for male current drinkers during past 30 days was 5.6 and 1.7 for females. Mean number of standard drinks per drinking occasion among current male drinkers during past 30 days was 4.3 and 1.6 for females. Mean maximum number of standard drinks consumed during past 30 days were 5.5 among males and 1.4 for female.

Nearly 17% of the males had indulged in heavy episodic drinking (six or more alcoholic drinks on a single occasion) during last 30 days. Eight percent of the current male drinkers and 2.4% of the current female drinkers reported consuming unrecorded alcohol during past 7 days.

Fruit and vegetable consumption

Mean number of servings of fruits and/or vegetables consumed by both males and females per day was 4.3 servings (males 4.3 and females 4.4). Only 26.9% of the males and 28.0% of the females were consuming five or more servings of fruits and/or vegetables per day.

Salt and processed food consumption

More than half of the adults (52.8%) reported adding salt to rice while cooking. Approximately 27% of the adults (28.3% males and 24.8% females) were always or often eating processed foods.

Physical Activity

Survey findings revealed that 22.5% of the males and 38.4% of the females did not meet the WHO recommendation of physical activity (150 minutes of physical activity per week). More than half of the males (53.7%) were engaged in high intensity physical activity and majority of females were engaged in low (44.2%) and moderate (23.6%) intensity physical activity.

Cervical Cancer Screening

Only 15.2% of the females aged 18-69 years and 24.5% of those in the 30-49 years age group have ever had the cervical screening.

STEP 2

Nearly one fifths of all adults (21.0%) who had high blood pressure were not on medication (21.9% males and 20.2% females).

Body Mass Index

More than half of the adults (55.4%) had a normal BMI value (18.5-24.9); with 58.9% males and 51.6% of females. Approximately 29% of the adults were found to have a BMI≥ 25 (overweight and obese). Nearly one fourths of the males (24.6%) and one thirds of the females (34.3%) were found to be either overweight or obese. Nearly 30% of the adults were estimated to be overweight (21.0% men and 26.0% females) and 5.9% of total respondents were obese (3.5% males and 8.4% females). Further, 15.3% of the adults were estimated to be underweight (16.5% males and 14.1% females).

Waist circumference

Mean waist circumference for the males was 82.3 and for females was 82.1 cm.

STEP 3

Raised blood glucose or currently on medication for diabetes

Overall, 7.4% of adults were estimated to be either having raised blood glucose or were currently on medication for diabetes (7.3% males and 7.6% females).

Cholesterol level

Nearly one fourth of the adults (23.7%) were estimated to either have raised total cholesterol (\geq 190 mg/dl) or were currently on medication for raised cholesterol. Nearly one third of the females (28.4%) and one fifth of the males (19.1%) were estimated to be in this category.

Cardiovascular disease risk

Approximately 9% of the adults aged 40-69 years were estimated to either have 30% or more 10-year CVD risk or an existing CVD. Only half of those (55.6%) had received drug therapy and counselling to prevent heart attack and stroke.

Conclusions and recommendations

This National Survey was a dire need of the health sector in Sri Lanka as it gives an assessment for ongoing efforts to control and prevent key risk factors for major NCDs. Hence, the results of this survey will be a very useful tool for planning and implementation of relevant programmes in Sri Lanka.

The findings highlight the need for new strategies to strengthen preventive measures to reduce the incidence of smoking among the younger age groups. More attention should be placed towards prevention and control activities focusing on smokeless tobacco use.

It is important to start a properly functioning island-wide tobacco cessation facilities including 24 hour tobacco cessation hotline. It will be useful to have regular training programmes for medical professionals in the country on advising the patients on tobacco cessation and brief interventions.

Current strategies to reduce smoking such as pictorial warnings, and other legislative measures should be strengthened. There is a need to strengthen the implementation and enforcement of smoke-free policies in public and work places.

Evaluation of current strategies and policies in prevention and control of alcohol consumption should be considered.

Findings warrant for interventions which would not only improve health literacy on consumption of fruits and vegetables, but also economic policy reforms geared towards improving availability and affordability of such food items, and also improving the buying power of the population.

The identified gap between the knowledge and actual practices of salt consumption should be addressed through properly designed awareness programmes. Findings related to dietary habits indicate the need to carry out appropriate and culturally-tailored programmes to promote healthy diet in the community.

It is recommended to strengthen the current awareness programmes on healthy lifestyle, while improving facilities and promoting incentives for engaging in physical activities.

Finding reveal that under nutrition is still a problem in the country, this calls for strengthening prevention and control programmes.

Importance of popularizing already established healthy lifestyle centres, where individuals could get their blood pressure measured, and get health advices free of charge at the grass-root level is also recommended.

Approximately 9% of the adults were estimated to have ≥30% cardiovascular risk or with an existing CVD. Out of these, only half (55.6%) are receiving drug therapy and counselling to prevent heart attack and stroke which demands for immediate action.

More than 90% of the Sri Lankan adults were estimated to have at least one of the NCD risk factors (73.5% with 1-2 risk factors, and 18.3% with 3-5 risk factors), with similar prevalence in males and females. This situation should be intervened with timely implemented policies, and strategies at the national level.

NCDs will potentially emerge as a the biggest public health challenge in Sri Lanka due to the high prevalence of NCD risk factors, and the already existing gap between prevalence and treatment. However, if greater investments in NCD prevention and services are made through the right policies and public health measures, the imminent NCD epidemic could be controlled.

Health systems should be made more responsible for treatment and health-seeking behaviour. Both private and public health systems should be involved in integrating NCD services to promote healthy life styles as well as managing NCD patients. This requires the involvement of all government institutions as well as private sector, civil society, faith-based organizations, academia and community to have a comprehensive and multi-sectoral approach for preventing and controlling NCDs in Sri Lanka.

1. Introduction

Nearly 38 million people die of non-communicable diseases (NCD) in the world each year. Over 14 million die prematurely (age 30 -70 years) from NCDs, of whom two thirds live in lower and middle income countries (LMICs). Majority of these deaths are due to four common non-communicable diseases; cardiovascular diseases (heart attack and stroke), diabetes, cancer, and chronic respiratory diseases.

Four main behavioural risk factors namely tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol, unhealthy diet and physical inactivity and four physiological risk factors such as raise blood pressure, overweight or obesity, hyperglycaemia and hyperlipidaemia have been identified as main risk factors for NCDs. Main strategy to reduce the NCD burden is to reduce the above modifiable risk factors in the community. Therefore, it is important to assess the prevalence of risk factors at regular intervals to study the trends of the risk factors and to evaluate the on-going prevention and control programmes.

Around 70% of the disease burden in Sri Lanka is due to non-communicable diseases. Nearly thirty percent of total hospital deaths are due to cardiovascular diseases which are the first leading cause of death in Sri Lanka for past few years. According to the hospital data, there is an increasing trend of morbidity and mortality related to NCD in Sri Lanka during the recent past.

A NCD survey using the WHO STEPwise approach survey was conducted in 2007, but did not measure the blood glucose or cholesterol. Given the need for recent and comprehensive data for NCD risk factors, the Ministry of Health implemented a national STEPS survey in 2014-15 which included behavioural interview and physical and biochemical measurements.

1.1 Objectives

General objective

To determine the prevalence of key behavioural and biological risk factors for Non-Communicable Diseases in Sri Lankan men and women aged 18–69 years

Specific objectives

- 1. To assess the prevalence of key NCD behavioural risk factors (tobacco use, alcohol consumption, unhealthy dietary habits and physical inactivity)
- 2. To assess the prevalence of key NCD biological risk factors (high blood pressure, high blood sugar, over weight and obesity, high total cholesterol)
- 3. To assess the knowledge and practice on selected tobacco control policies
- 4. To assess the health seeking behaviour related to NCDs

2. Methodology

2.1 Study design

A national cross-sectional survey was conducted using the WHO STEPwise survey protocol to obtain nationally representative estimates from the adult population, aged 18 to 69 years, in Sri Lanka.

2.2 Study population

The target population of the study was adults aged 18 to 69 years old residing in Sri Lanka.

2.3 Inclusion criteria

All individuals aged 18 to 69 years of age, and residing in the particular address for more than 6 months were included.

2.4 Exclusion criteria

Individuals who fall into following categories were excluded from the survey.

- Who were living in the particular address for less than 6 months
- Who were foreigners and living in the country on a temporary basis
- Who were mentally unfit
- Who were physically too frail to be included in the study

2.5 Sample size

The number of households to be included in the sample with 95% confidence was calculated using the following formula and assumptions.

$$n=Z^2_{1-\alpha}P(1-P)/d^2$$
 where;

Z -	Level of confidence (for α =0.05 and 95% confidence level)	= 1.96
P -	Estimated baseline levels of the behaviours or indicators	= 0.5
	currently being measured	
d -	Margin of error	= 0.05

$$n = \frac{1.96 \times 1.96 \{0.5 (1-0.5)\}}{0.05 \times 0.05}$$

$$n = 384$$

Minimum sample size =
$$\frac{384 \times 1.5 \times 10}{0.8}$$

Therefore the final sample size for the survey was 7200.

2.6 Sampling method

A multi stage cluster sampling method was used to select a nationally representative sample from the total population. Department of Census and Statistics of Sri Lanka performed the selection of the study sample. Population of each divisional secretariat (DS) divisions as per the preliminary results of the Census done in 2012 was used for sampling.

Sri Lanka is administratively divided in to 9 provinces and 25 districts. Each district is divided to Divisional Secretariat (DS) areas. Each DS area is divided to many Census Blocks, and each Census Block consists of many households.

Primary sampling unit (PSU)

The primary sampling unit (PSU) was a Divisional Secretariat (DS) area. Out of 331 DS areas available, 80 DS divisions were selected using proportionate to the size (PPS) sampling.

Secondary sampling unit (SSU)

A census block was considered as a SSU. From each DS division (PSU), six secondary sampling units (SSU) were selected using the proportionate to the size (PPS) sampling technique. Therefore, a total of 480 SSUs or census blocks were selected from 80 PSUs.

Tertiary sampling unit (TSU)

Number of houses in each census block depends on the area density and the population density in each DS division. Tertiary sampling unit (TSU) was the household and 15 households from each CB by random systematic sampling by the Department Census and Statistics. Therefore, a sample of 7200 (80x6x15) households were selected. In some instances, there were more than one household living in one house. People who are cooking and eating together were considered as one household. Whenever there were more than one household in a house, one household was selected randomly to be included in the study.

Selection of participants

Only one participant from each household was included in the survey. All the eligible members in the selected family were listed in descending order according to the age. Once this was done, these data was fed to the personal digital assistants (PDAs). The PDAs then automatically selected the eligible participant using the Kish method.

2.7 Data collection

Data collectors

Pre-intern Medical Doctors (Medical graduates awaiting the internship appointments) were recruited as the data collectors. STEP one and two were done at the household level. The closest available healthcare facility near the cluster was identified by the Public Health Midwife to carry out the STEP 3. Participants were given an appointment to come to the selected heath care facility to get the biochemical test done.

Training of data collectors

Five days training was conducted for the selected data collectors. It was conducted by the experts from the MOH and WHO (HQ and SEAR). The field teams were trained thoroughly on the questionnaire, on getting the anthropometric measurements and on performing the biomedical tests. They were also trained in detail on electronic data collection using the PDAs. In addition, this training consisted of selection of participants using the Kish method, ethical issues and importance of getting the consent.

Data collection Instruments

STEPS survey was conducted STEPS instrument version 3.1. (See Annex II)

STEP 1

STEP 1was carried out using an interviewer administered questionnaire, installed in the PDA. STEP 1 consists of core and optional modules to collect the demographic information and to assess the basic behavioural risk factors for NCDs such as tobacco use, alcohol consumption, dietary behaviour, and physical activity. In addition, questions to assess the factors related to increase in physiological risk factors such as blood pressure and blood glucose were also included.

All the core questionnaires were included and several expanded questions were also included.

Core Modules

The survey questionnaire was designed to collect information related to the following variables.

Demographics information:

Sex, date of birth (age), years at school, educational level, ethnicity, occupation, number of household members >18 years, and monthly income

Behavioural measurements:

Tobacco use, alcohol consumption, diet (fruit and vegetable consumption), physical activity,

Physiological risk factors:

History of raised blood pressure, raised blood glucose, raised blood cholesterol, history of heart disease.

Consultative meetings were held with the research group and with some experts to identify the optional modules to be included in the survey. Consensus was made to include three optional modules such as salt, tobacco policy and NCD healthcare utilization in the survey. Optional modules were selected based on the need of the country and feasibility of conducting the data without prolonging the time taken to conduct the interview.

Necessary changes were made in the questions to fit it in to the local context. In addition, some new questions related to the behaviour of the Sri Lankans were also included in the questionnaire. A working group consisting of experts in the Ministry of Health and academia finalized the survey questionnaire. Final questionnaire was translated in to both Sinhala and Tamil and translated back in to English to improve the clarity. Questionnaires were pre-tested and necessary amendments were done in the questionnaire following the pre-test.

Show cards were developed based on the locally available fruits, vegetables, types of physical activity, tobacco products and types of alcohol. They were pretested prior to the survey. Each data collector was given a set of show cards to be used at data collection.

Finalized questionnaire was included in to the iPAQ Personal Digital Assistant (PDAs). The software installed in the PDAs allowed double data storage: one copy on the machine and another on the memory card.

Figure 2.1 indicate the format of the STEPS approach and Table 2.1 specifies the variables included in the study from different modules of each step.

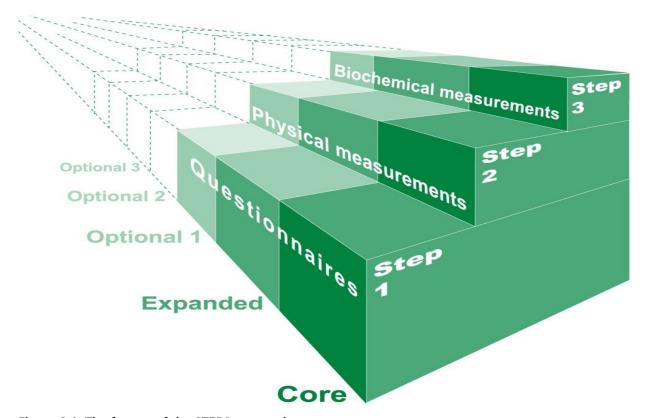


Figure 2.1: The format of the STEPS approach

Table 2.1: Variables included in the study from different modules of each STEP

STEP 1 - Questionnaires								
Core	Expanded	Optional						
Demographic Information		Tobacco policy						
Behavioural information		Dietary salt						
• Tobacco		Healthcare coverage						
Alcohol consumption		Healthcare utilization						
• Diet								
Physical activity								
H/O raised blood pressure								
H/O diabetes								
H/O raised total cholesterol								
Life style advice								
Cervical cancer screening								
STEP 2 - Anthropometric measurements								
Core	Expanded	Optional						
Physical measurements		Waist circumference						
Blood pressure								
Height and weight								
STEP 3 - Biochemical measurements								
Core	Expanded	Optional						
Fasting blood sugar								
Total cholesterol								

Field management of data collection

In view of informing all the stakeholders, a meeting was conducted for relevant divisional level and district level managers (MOOH and MO/NCD) to discuss about the implementation, monitoring, supervision plans and feedback mechanism of the survey. All the necessary equipment received from WHO for data collection and the other necessary items and also the relevant documents and papers were distributed among the research assistants through the relevant district MO/NCD.

Quality control

Supervision of the data collection is vital in any form of research since it can contribute to increase in the quality of the data. Therefore, Ministry of Health decided to supervise the data collection using teams from central, provincial, district and MOH level staff.

Each officer selected for the supervision from the central units was allocated few districts, and carried out 10 supervision visits per months to the respective districts during the three months of the STEPS survey. In addition to the supervision done by the central team attached to the NCD focal point, supervision was done by district managers and MOOH.

2.8 Data processing, weighting and analysis

After the end of the survey, data in the PDAs were downloaded to one database. Data cleaning, data weighting and data analysis was done in accordance with the WHO STEPS guidelines. Epi Info software was used to assist data analysis. Weighed frequency tables were calculated for various variables.

2.9 Ethical clearance

Ethical clearance was obtained from the Ethical Committee, Medical Research Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

3. Demographic Information

A total of 5188 respondents participated in the study, and 2030 (39.1%) were males and 3158 (60.9%) were females (Table 3.1). Of the total respondents, 52.2% had completed secondary level education while 5% were without any formal education. Overall, more males were employed (81.6%) than females (26%). Among all respondents, 23.3% were self-employed, 17.0% were non-government employees, and 7.4% were government employees. Nearly three fourth of females (74.0%) were unpaid, while only 18.4% of males were in that category (Table 3.1).

Table 3.1: Distribution of respondents by socio-demographic characteristic (unweighted percentages)

Variables	Males		Females		Both Sexes		
Age group (in years)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	
18-29	295	36.8	508	63.3	802	15.5	
30-44	679	37.2	1143	62.7	1823	35.1	
45-59	691	40.8	1004	59.2	1695	32.7	
60-69	365	42.1	503	57.9	868	16.7	
18-69	2030	39.1	3158	60.9	5188	100.0	
Education level	n=2025		n=3150		n=5175		
No formal schooling	85	4.2	176	5.6	261	5.0	
Up to grade 5	324	16.0	405	12.9	729	14.1	
Passed grade 6-10	638	31.5	841	26.7	1479	28.6	
Passed G.C.E. (O/L)	561	27.7	942	29.9	1503	29.0	
Passed G.C.E. (A/L)	333	16.4	663	21.0	996	19.2	
Degree and above	84	4.1	123	3.9	207	4.0	
Employment status	n=2	n=2027		n=3152		n=5179	
Government employee	207	10.2	177	5.6	384	7.4	
Non-government employee	603	29.7	279	8.9	882	17.0	
Self-employed	845	41.7	363	11.5	1208	23.3	
Unpaid	372	18.4	2333	74.0	2705	52.2	

Table 3.2: Distribution of respondents with unpaid work and unemployed (unweighted percentages)

Variables	Males		Females		Both Sexes	
	n=372		n=2333		n=2705	
Type of work	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)
Non-paid	26	7.0	35	1.5	61	2.3
Student	61	16.4	85	3.6	146	5.4
Home maker	9	2.4	1575	67.5	1584	58.6
Retired	129	34.7	73	3.1	202	7.5
Unemployed (able to work)	92	24.7	471	20.2	563	20.8
Unemployed (unable to work)	55	14.8	94	4.0	149	5.5

A majority of male respondents (34.7%) were retired individuals while majority of females (67.5%) were home makers.

Table 3.3: Distribution of the respondents by ethnicity and age group (unweighted percentages)

	Both Sexes											
Age group (in years)	n	% Sinhala	% Sri Lankan Tamil	% Indian Tamil	% Sri Lankan Moor	% Other						
18-29	802	73.4	13.8	1	10.3	1.4						
30-44	1822	75.9	12.5	1.2	8.7	1.6						
45-59	1693	77	12.5	0.6	8.6	1.3						
60-69	868	80.5	10.6	2	6.2	0.7						
18-69	5185	76.6	12.4	1.1	8.5	1.3						

Of the total respondents, majority were Sinhalese (76.6 %) while 12.4% were Sri Lankan Tamils and 8.5% were Sri Lankan Moor. The ethnicity distributions of the respondents within each age group were similar.

Table 3.4: Distribution of the households by monthly household earnings (in LKR) (unweighted percentages)

	Households										
n	% Quintile 1: 10,000	% Quintile 2: 10,001 – 20,000	% Quintile 3: 20,001 – 30,000	% Quintile 4: 30,001 – 40,000	% Quintile 5: Over 40,000						
4711	19.2	33.0	25.4	13.3	9.2						

Almost third of the respondents (33.0%) had an estimated monthly household earning of Sri Lankan Rupees 10,000 - 20,000.

4. Tobacco use

Prevalence, frequency, and pattern of tobacco use in the adults according to age, sex, and forms of tobacco used were estimated in this survey. Users of tobacco comprise of smokers and smokeless tobacco users. All respondents were categorised first as current smokers, and non-smokers. Current smokers were further categorised as daily smokers, and non-daily smokers, while non-smokers were further categorised as former smokers and never smokers. Similar categorisation was done for smokeless tobacco users.

4.1. Current tobacco users

Around one fourth of the adults (25.8%) were current users of any form of tobacco (smoked or smokeless tobacco) (Figure 4.1). Tobacco use was much higher among men (45.7%) when compared to women (5.3%).

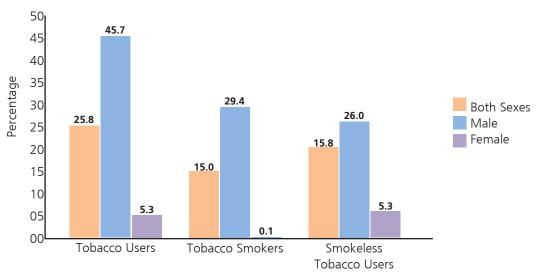


Figure 4.1: Distribution of current tobacco users

4.2. Current smokers

Table 4.1: Distribution of current smokers by age and sex

		Males		Both Sexes					
Age Group (years)	n	% Current smoker	95% CI	n	% Current smoker	95% CI			
18-29	294	22.3	17.0-27.6	798	11.7	8.8-14.6			
30-44	678	33.6	29.7-37.4	1821	17.2	15.0-19.3			
45-59	689	34.0	30.0-38.0	1691	16.8	14.7-19.0			
60-69	365	30.0	24.8-35.2	867	15.1	12.3-17.9			
18-69	2026	29.4	26.8-31.9	5177	15.0	13.6-16.4			

Prevalence of current smoking among males was 29.4%, which is close to the prevalence in all age groups above 30 years among males. Prevalence of smoking was very low among females (0.1%) and was seen only in the age group of 45-59 years.

4.3. Current daily smokers and non-smokers

Overall, 15% of the adults were estimated to be current smokers, with 10.2% being daily smokers and 4.8% non-daily smokers. It was also estimated that 76.5% had never smoked and 8.5% were former smokers.

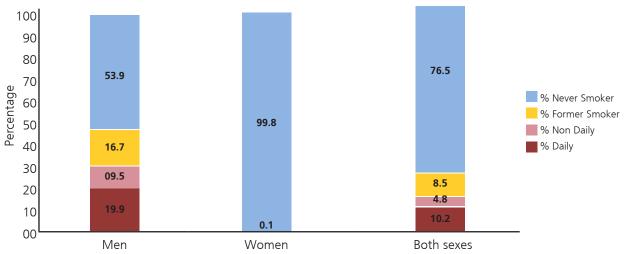


Figure 4.2: Distribution by smoking status

Table 4.2: Distribution of males by smoking status and age groups

					Men				
Age	n	Current sn	noker			Non-smol	cers		
Group (years)		% Daily	95% CI	% Non- daily	95% CI	% Former smoker	95% CI	% Never smoker	95% CI
18-29	294	12.8	9.0-16.7	9.5	5.7-13.3	9.6	6.0-13.2	68.1	61.9-74.2
30-44	678	22.6	19.0-26.1	11.0	8.5-13.4	14.4	11.3-17.5	52.1	47.9-56.2
45-59	689	25.5	21.7-29.3	8.5	6.2-10.8	22.0	18.3-25.7	44.0	39.7-48.2
60-69	365	22.0	17.3-26.8	7.9	4.8-11.1	33.4	27.8-39.0	36.7	31.2-42.2
18-69	2026	19.9	17.8-22.0	9.5	7.9-11.2	16.7	14.6-18.7	53.9	50.9-57.0

Of the males, 19.9% were daily smokers. Over a half (53.9%) of the males had never smoked and 16.7% were former smokers. The estimated prevalence of individuals who had never smoked during their life appears to be gradually decreasing with increasing age.

Table 4.3: Distribution of daily smokers among current smokers by age and sex

Age Group		Men		Both Sexes				
(years)	n	% Daily smokers	95% CI	n	% Daily smok- ers	95% CI		
18-29	67	57.5	45.1-69.9	67	57.5	45.1-69.9		
30-44	235	67.3	60.7-73.9	235	67.3	60.7-73.9		
45-59	235	75.0	68.8-81.2	239	75.3	69.2-81.5		
60-69	111	73.5	64.1-82.9	111	73.5	64.1-82.9		
18-69	648	67.6	63.1-72.2	652	67.8	63.2-72.4		

The highest prevalence of daily smokers among the current smokers was seen in the age category of 45-59 years (75%).

4.4. Age of initiation of smoking

Table 4.4: Mean age of initiation of current smokers by sex and age group

Age Group		Men		Both Sexes			
(years)	n	Mean age	95% CI	n	Mean age	95% CI	
18-29	63	18.2	17.3-19.0	63	18.2	17.3-19.0	
30-44	228	21.1	20.4-21.9	228	21.1	20.4-21.9	
45-59	232	21.1	20.4-21.9	236	21.5	20.6-22.3	
60-69	110	21.9	20.4-23.3	110	21.9	20.4-23.3	
18-69	633	20.5	20.0-20.9	637	20.6	20.1-21.1	

Mean age of initiation of smoking for male smokers was 20.5 (95% CI: 20.0 -20.9) years.

4.5. Manufactured cigarettes users

Table 4.5: Percentage of daily smokers using manufactured cigarettes

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Age Group		ivien			Both Sexes	
(years)	n	% Manufactured cigarette smoker	95% CI	n	% Manufactured cigarette smoker	95% CI
18-29	40	100	100.0-100.0	40	100	100.0-100.0
30-44	155	87.5	82.2-92.7	155	87.5	82.2-92.7
45-59	172	74.0	66.9-81.0	176	72.6	65.5-79.7
60-69	80	61.4	48.9-73.8	80	61.4	48.9-73.8
18-69	447	82.9	79.1-86.7	451	82.4	78.6-86.2

Majority (82.9%) of the males who smoked daily were using manufactured cigarettes. All the daily smokers between 18-29 years were using manufactured cigarettes. Out of the current male smokers, 84.7% were using manufactured cigarettes.

4.6. Mean amount of tobacco products used

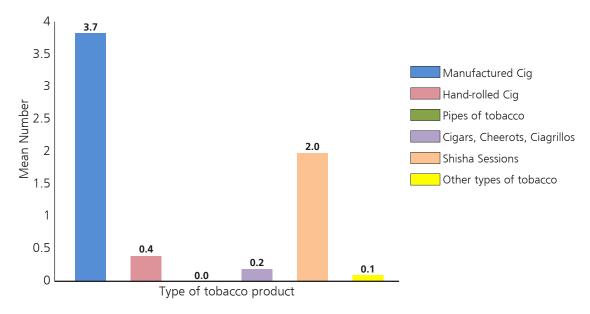


Figure 4.3: Mean amount of tobacco products used by daily male smokers each day

Mean number of manufactured cigarettes used among male daily smokers was 3.7 (95% CI 3.1-4.4). Mean number of hand rolled cigarettes used was 0.4 (95% CI 0.2-0.5).

4.7. Types of tobacco products used

Although the majority (85.2%) of the current male smokers were using manufactured cigarettes, more than one fourth (28%) was using Shisha. Using Shisha was more in age group 45-59 and 60-69 years. In addition, 6.9% was using the hand rolled cigarettes and 2% was still using pipes of tobacco (Annexure 1.1).

4.8. Quantities of cigarettes smoked

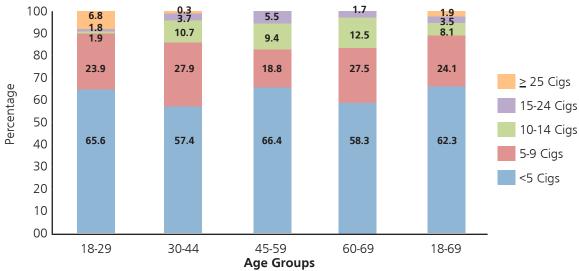


Figure 4.4: Distribution of male daily smokers by quantities of manufactured or hand rolled cigarettes smoked per day

Nearly two thirds of the male daily smokers (62.3%) were smoking less than 5 manufactured or hand rolled cigarettes per day. However, nearly 13.5% were smoking more than 10 manufactured or hand rolled cigarettes per day.

4.9. Tried to stop smoking

Table 4.6: Distribution of current smokers who tried to stop smoking

Age Group		Men		Both Sexes			
(years)	n	% Tried to stop smoking	95% CI	n	% Tried to stop smoking	95% CI	
18-29	67	60.8	48.2-73.4	67	60.8	48.2-73.4	
30-44	235	53.6	47.0-60.3	235	53.6	47.0-60.3	
45-59	235	43.9	36.3-51.5	239	43.9	36.4-51.3	
60-69	111	46.0	36.2-55.7	111	46.0	36.2-55.7	
18-69	648	51.8	46.9-56.8	652	51.8	46.9-56.7	

More than half of the male currents smokers (51.8%) had tried to stop smoking.

4.10. Advice to stop smoking

Table 4.7: Distribution of current smokers who have been advised by a doctor to stop smoking

Age		Men		Both Sexes					
Group (years)	n	% Advised to stop smoking	95% CI	n	% Advised to stop smoking	95% CI			
18-29	55	33.1	19.8-46.5	55	33.1	19.8-46.5			
30-44	190	30.4	23.7-37.0	190	30.4	23.7-37.0			
45-59	182	41	32.7-49.4	185	40.6	32.4-48.8			
60-69	91	39.7	29.0-50.4	91	39.7	29.0-50.4			
18-69	518	35.2	30.1-40.2	521	35	30.0-40.1			

Only around one third (35.2%) of the current smokers had been advised by a doctor to stop smoking.

4.11. Smokeless tobacco

Table 4.8: Distribution of current users of smokeless tobacco among all respondents by age and sex

Age	Men			Women			Both Sexes		
Group (years)	n	% Current users	95% CI	n	% Current users	95% CI	n	% Current users	95% CI
18-29	294	16.6	11.7-21.4	504	0.9	0.0-1.9	798	9.1	6.5-11.7
30-44	676	29.0	24.8-33.1	1143	3.6	2.3-4.9	1819	16.6	14.2-18.9
45-59	689	30.8	26.7-34.8	1002	10.0	7.6-12.4	1691	20.2	17.7-22.7
60-69	365	37.3	31.6-43.0	502	11.4	7.9-14.9	867	24.4	21.1-27.8
18-69	2024	26.0	23.3-28.8	3151	5.3	4.3-6.3	5175	15.8	14.3-17.4

More than one fourth of the males (26.0%) and nearly 5% of females reported currently using smokeless tobacco. This was more prevalent among the older age groups.

Nearly 12% of the current users were daily users (Annexure 1.2).

4.12. Exposure to second-hand smoke in home

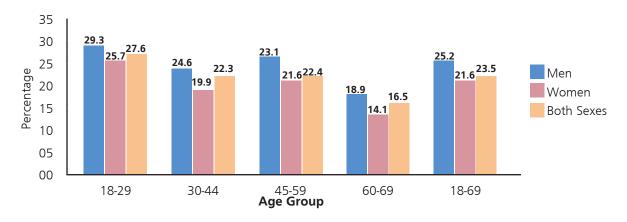


Figure 4.5: Distribution by the exposure to second-hand smoke in home in the past 30 days

Approximately one fourth (25.2%) of the males and one fifth (21.6%) of the females were exposed to second-hand smoke at home during past 30 days. The age group mostly exposed to second-hand smoke was 18-29 years, where nearly one third (27.6%) were exposed to second-hand smoke at home.

4.13. Exposure to second-hand smoke in work places

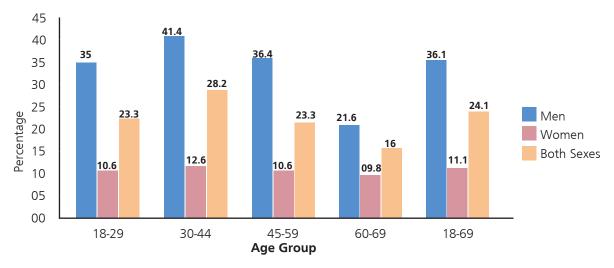


Figure 4.6: Distribution by the exposure to second-hand smoke in workplaces in the past 30 days

One fourth of all adults (24.1%) were exposed to second-hand smoke at their work place in the past 30 days.

5. Alcohol Consumption

During the survey respondents were questioned on their alcohol consumption status. Respondents, who claimed that they had never consumed alcohol during their life, were classified as Lifetime Abstainers and who claimed to consume alcohol during past 30 days was classified as Current Drinkers. Respondents, who claimed to have consumed alcohol during their life but not during last twelve months, were classified as Former Drinkers.

5.1. Alcohol consumption status

Table 5.1: Distribution of male and female respondents by alcohol consumption status and age groups

				Alcohol co	onsumption :	status			
Age Group (years)	n	% Current drinker (past 30 days)	95% CI	% Drank in past 12 months, not current	95% CI	% Past 12 months abstain- er	95% CI	% Life- time ab- stainer	95% CI
					Male				
18-29	294	23.1	17.6-28.7	13.0	8.4-17.5	7.3	3.9-10.6	56.6	50.1-63.1
30-44	676	42.3	38.0-46.6	15.7	12.6-18.8	7.6	5.3-9.9	34.5	29.8-39.1
45-59	689	42.7	38.3-47.1	17.1	13.8-20.4	11.9	8.9-15.0	28.3	24.2-32.3
60-69	364	33.6	28.3-39.0	17.6	13.5-21.7	17.8	13.2-22.5	30.9	25.7-36.1
18-69	2023	34.8	32.0-37.6	15.3	13.3-17.3	9.7	7.9-11.4	40.2	37.0-43.4
					Female				
18-29	504	0.2	0.0-0.4	1.3	0.1-2.5	0.9	0.0-1.8	97.6	95.9-99.3
30-44	1143	0.3	0.0-0.5	1.1	0.4-1.7	2.1	1.0-3.2	96.6	95.3-97.8
45-59	1002	0.9	0.4-1.5	1.2	0.4-2.0	2.3	1.2-3.3	95.6	94.1-97.1
60-69	502	1.0	0.0-2.2	1.9	0.6-3.2	2.3	0.9-3.7	94.8	92.2-97.4
18-69	3151	0.5	0.2-0.8	1.3	0.7-1.9	1.8	1.2-2.3	96.5	95.5-97.4

This study estimates that, 67.9% of the adults had abstained from alcohol during their life. While majority of the females (96.5%) were lifetime abstainers of alcohol, only 40.2% of males fell in to this category. Of the adults, 17.9% were estimated as current drinkers. In males 34.8% were current drinkers and majority were seen in the age groups of 30-44 years (42.3%) and 45-59 years (42.7%). Only 0.5% of the females were current drinkers.

Table 5.2: Distribution by alcohol consumption status

	Both sexes											
Age Group (years)	n	% Current drinker (past 30 days)	95% CI	% Drank in past 12 months, not current	95% CI	% Past 12 months abstainer	95% CI	% Lifetime abstainer	95% CI			
18-29	798	12.2	9.2-15.2	7.4	5.0-9.9	4.2	2.4-6.1	76.2	72.3-80.1			
30-44	1819	21.7	19.3-24.1	8.5	6.8-10.2	4.9	3.6-6.2	64.9	62.0-67.7			
45-59	1691	21.4	18.9-23.8	9.0	7.3-10.7	7.0	5.3-8.6	62.7	59.8-65.5			
60-69	866	17.4	14.4-20.4	9.8	7.5-12.0	10.1	7.6-12.7	62.7	58.9-66.5			
18-69	5174	17.9	16.5-19.4	8.4	7.3-9.5	5.8	4.8-6.8	67.9	66.0-69.8			

5.2. Stopped drinking due to health reasons

Table 5.3: Distribution of former drinkers (who did not drink during the past 12 months) who did not drink due to health reasons

Age		Men			Women			Both sexe	es
Group (years)	n	% stopping due to health reasons	95% CI	n	% stopping due to health reasons	95% CI	n	% stopping due to health reasons	95% CI
18-29	23	22.4	4.1-40.7	5	15.7	0.0-40.9	28	21.7	4.9-38.5
30-44	49	15.6	5.1-26.1	21	0.0	0.0-0.0	70	12.3	3.9-20.6
45-59	73	35.3	23.2-47.4	23	15.3	0.0-32.3	96	32.0	21.6-42.4
60-69	62	49.5	36.1-62.9	13	26.8	0.0-57.6	75	46.9	34.9-59.0
18-69	207	30.2	22.5-37.9	62	11.7	2.8-20.6	269	27.4	20.8-34.0

Among the former drinkers 27.4% of adults (30.2% males and 11.7% females), stopped alcohol consumption due to health reasons. Among males who have stopped taking alcohol, highest proportion was seen among the age group of 60-69 years followed by the age group of 45-59 years. In females highest proportion was seen among the age group of 60 – 69 years followed by the age group of 18-29 years.

5.3. Frequency of alcohol consumption

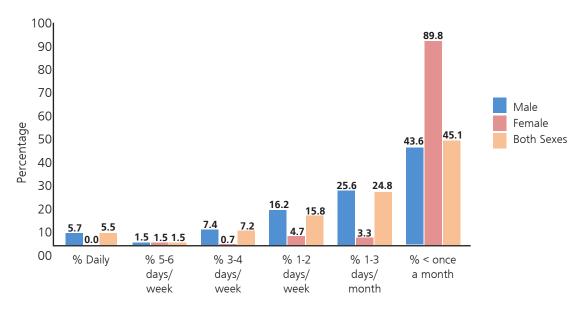


Figure 5.1: Distribution by frequency of alcohol consumption

It is estimated that 5.5% of the group who drank during last 12 months from the adults was drinking daily and it is estimated to be comprised only of males. More than two thirds (69.9%) of the group who drank during last 12 months was estimated to drink 1 to 3 days a month or less.

5.4. Mean number of drinking occasions

Table 5.4: Mean number of drinking occasions in the past 30 days among current (past 30 days) drinkers.

Age Group		Men				
(years)	n	Mean	95% CI	n	Mean	95% CI
18-29	70	3.7	2.5-4.8	71	3.7	2.5-4.8
30-44	279	5.5	4.5-6.5	283	5.4	4.5-6.4
45-59	282	6.6	5.4-7.8	292	6.5	5.3-7.7
60-69	122	7.4	5.6-9.1	127	7.2	5.5-8.9
18-69	753	5.6	4.9-6.3	773	5.5	4.9-6.2

Mean number of drinking occasions for male current drinkers during past 30 days was 5.6 (95%CI 4.9-6.3). Highest mean drinking occasions was seen in the age group of 60-69 years.

5.5. Mean number of drinks

Table 5.5: Mean number of standard drinks per drinking occasion among current (past 30 days) drinkers.

Age Group		Men			Both Sexes	
(years)	n	Mean	95% CI	n	Mean	95% CI
18-29	71	4.6	3.7 - 5.6	72	4.6	3.6 - 5.6
30-44	277	4.1	3.6 - 4.6	281	4.1	3.6 - 4.5
45-59	286	4.1	3.7 - 4.6	296	4.1	3.6 - 4.5
60-69	122	5.0	3.5 - 6.4	127	4.9	3.4 - 6.3
18-69	756	4.3	3.9 - 4.7	776	4.3	3.9 - 4.6

Mean number of standard drinks per drinking occasion among current male drinkers during past 30 days were 4.3 (95% CI: 3.9 - 4.7).

5.6. Drinking level in adults

Male drinkers who consumed \geq 60g of pure alcohol and female drinkers who consumed \geq 40g of pure alcohol on average per occasion are classified as high-end level drinkers. The survey estimated that 1.2% of the male adults were drinking at the high-end level. Majority of high-end level male drinkers were seen in the age group of 60-69 years. None of the females were in the High-end level drinking category.

Male drinkers who consumed 40.0 - 59.9g of pure alcohol and female drinkers who consumed 20.0 - 39.9g of pure alcohol on average per occasion are classified as Intermediate-end level drinkers. Of the adults, 0.9% of males were estimated to be intermediate level drinkers. None of the females were in this group.

Male drinkers who consumed <40g of pure alcohol and female drinkers who consumed <20g of pure alcohol on average per occasion are classified as lower-end level drinkers. Nearly one thirds (31.6%) of the males and 0.5% of the females of the adults were estimated to be consuming alcohol in lower-end level.

Table 5.6: Distribution of high-end level drinking among drinkers

Age Group		Men				
(years)	n	% ≥ 60 g	95% CI	n	% high-end level	95% CI
18-29	291	0.4	0.0-1.0	795	0.2	0.0-0.5
30-44	665	1.4	0.3-2.4	1808	0.7	0.2-1.2
45-59	665	1.8	0.6-2.9	1667	0.8	0.3-1.4
60-69	361	2.1	0.5-3.6	863	1.0	0.3-1.8
18-69	1982	1.2	0.6-1.7	5133	0.6	0.3-0.9

Table 5.7: Distribution of intermediate-end level drinking among drinkers

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Age Group		Men									
(years)	n	% ≥40-59.9g	95% CI	n	% intermediate -end level	95% CI					
18-29	291	0.5	0.0-1.4	795	0.2	0.0-0.7					
30-44	665	1.4	0.4-2.3	1808	0.7	0.2-1.2					
45-59	665	0.9	0.1-1.7	1667	0.4	0.0-0.8					
60-69	361	1.0	0.1-2.0	863	0.5	0.0-1.0					
18-69	1982	0.9	0.4-1.4	5133	0.4	0.2-0.7					

Table 5.8: Distribution of lower-end level drinking among drinkers

Age		Men			Womer	1		Both Sexes			
Group (years)	n	% <40 g	95% CI	n	% <20 g	95% CI	n	% lower-end level	95% CI		
18-29	291	21.8	16.4-27.2	504	0.2	0.0-0.4	795	11.4	8.5-14.4		
30-44	665	38.6	34.3-42.9	1143	0.3	0.0-0.5	1808	19.7	17.4-22.0		
45-59	665	38.0	33.7-42.3	1002	0.9	0.4-1.5	1667	18.7	16.4-21.0		
60-69	361	30.0	24.7-35.3	502	1.0	0.0-2.2	863	15.5	12.6-18.5		
18-69	1982	31.6	28.9-34.4	3151	0.5	0.2-0.8	5133	16.2	14.8-17.6		

5.7. Drinking level among current drinkers

Great majority (93.9%) of the current male drinkers were estimated to be consuming low end level alcohol and only 3.5% were consuming high end level alcohol. All the current female drinkers consumed alcohol in low end level.

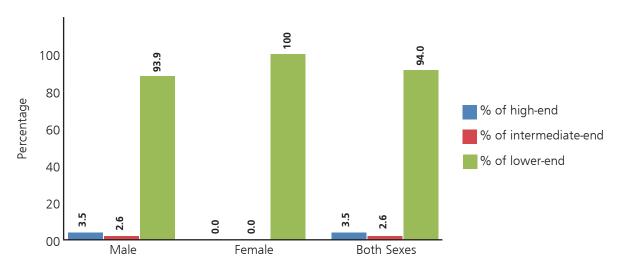


Figure 5.2: Distribution of high-end, intermediate and lower-end level drinking among current (past 30 days) drinkers

5.8. Mean maximum number of drinks consumed

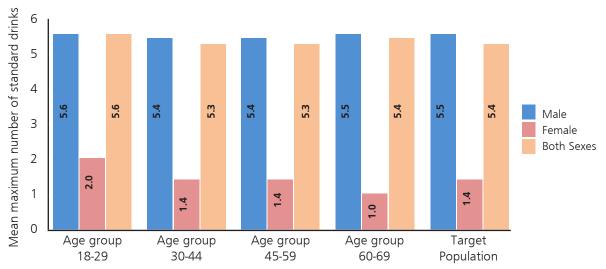


Figure 5.3: Mean maximum number of standard drinks consumed on one occasion in the past 30 days

Mean maximum number of standard drink consumed during past 30 days among males was 5.5 (4.9-6.0) and for females 1.4. Highest was seen among males in the age group of 18-29 years.

5.9. Binged drinking (six or more drinks per occasion)

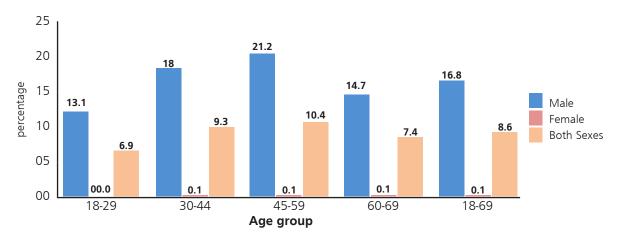


Figure 5.4: Distribution of those who had six or more drinks on a single occasion at least once during past 30 days

It is estimated 16.8% of the males had indulged in heavy episodic or binge drinking (six or more drinks on a single occasion) during last 30 days whereas only 0.1% of the females were estimated to have taken that much of alcohol. Highest prevalence was seen among 45-59 years old males.

6. Diet

6.1. Fruit and vegetable consumption

6.1.1. Mean number of days fruits and vegetables consumed

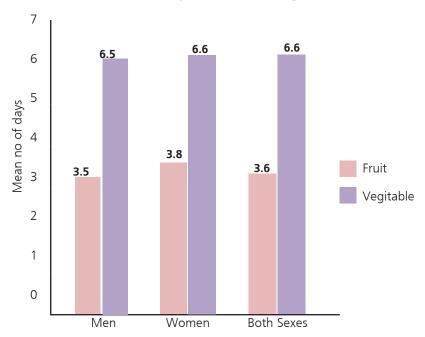


Figure 6.1: Mean number of days of fruit & vegetable consumption per week

Sri Lanka adults consumed fruits on 3.6 days per week on average (95% CI: 3.5-3.7); 3.5 days for men (95% CI: 3.4-3.6) and 3.8 for women (95% CI: 3.7-3.9). Mean number of days of vegetable consumption in the adults were 6.6 (95% CI: 6.5-6.6); 6.5 for males (95% CI: 6.5-6.6) and 6.6 for females (95% CI: 6.5-6.7).

6.1.2. Mean number of servings of Fruit and vegetable consumed per day

Table 6.1: Mean number of servings of fruit on average per day

Age		Men			Women			Both Sexes			
Group (years)	n	Mean No. of servings	95% CI	n	Mean No. of servings	95% CI	n	Mean No. of servings	95% CI		
18-29	287	1.4	1.0-1.7	499	1.3	1.1-1.4	786	1.3	1.1-1.5		
30-44	657	1.3	1.1-1.4	1128	1.3	1.2-1.4	1785	1.3	1.2-1.4		
45-59	665	1.3	1.1-1.4	982	1.3	1.2-1.5	1647	1.3	1.2-1.4		
60-69	356	1.4	1.2-1.6	487	1.2	1.1-1.3	843	1.3	1.2-1.5		
18-69	1965	1.3	1.2-1.5	3096	1.3	1.2-1.4	5061	1.3	1.2-1.4		

Table 6.2: Mean number of servings of vegetables consumed on average per day

Age		Men			Women			Both Sexes	S
Group (years)	n	Mean No. of servings	95% CI	n	Mean No. of servings	95% CI	n	Mean No. of servings	95% CI
18-29	292	2.9	2.5-3.3	502	3.4	3.0-3.7	794	3.1	2.8-3.4
30-44	670	3.0	2.8-3.3	1139	3.2	2.9-3.4	1809	3.1	2.9-3.3
45-59	678	3.1	2.8-3.3	992	2.8	2.6-3.1	1670	3.0	2.8-3.2
60-69	358	2.9	2.6-3.2	492	2.8	2.6-3.0	850	2.9	2.7-3.1
18-69	1998	3.0	2.8-3.2	3125	3.1	2.9-3.3	5123	3.0	2.8-3.2

Mean number of servings of fruits consumed by both males and females per day was estimated to be 1.3 servings. Mean number of servings of vegetables consumed by males was 3.0 (95% CI: 2.8-3.2) and for females was 3.1 (95% CI: 2.9-3.3).

6.1.3. Mean number of servings of fruits and or vegetables

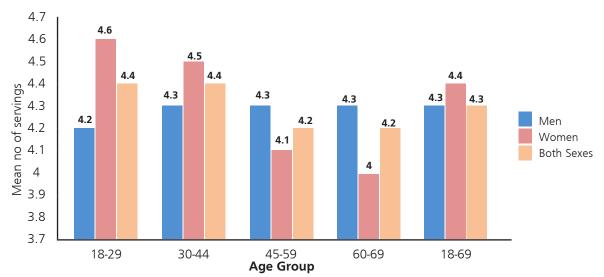


Figure 6.2: Mean number of servings of fruit and/or vegetables consumed on average per day

It is estimated that Sri Lanka males consumed 4.3 (95% CI: 4.0-4.6) servings of fruits and/or vegetables per day on average while females consumed 4.4 (95% CI: 4.1-4.7) servings of fruits and/or vegetables per day. Mean servings of fruits and/or vegetables consumed by both sexes were similar.

6.1.4. Number of servings of fruits and vegetables

According to the findings of the STEPS survey, only 27% of the males and 28% of the females were consuming five or more servings of fruits and/or vegetables per day which is the daily recommended amount by the WHO. Majority of the males (37.3%) were consuming 1-2 servings of fruits and/or vegetables per day and majority of females (35.8%) were consuming 3-4 servings of fruits and/or vegetables per day. Nearly 2% of males as well as females reported consuming neither fruits nor vegetables.

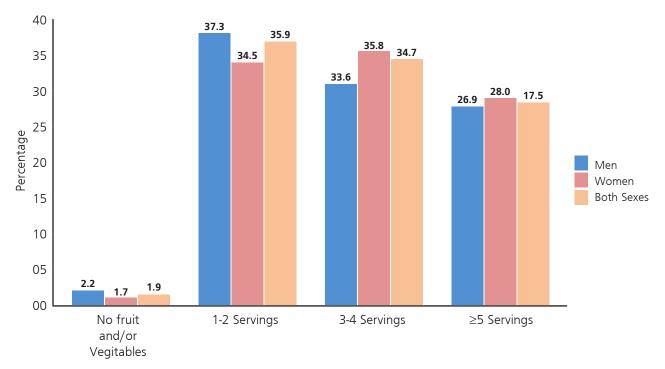


Figure 6.3: Distribution by number of servings of fruit and/or vegetables consumed on average per day

Table 6.3: Distribution by those who consumed less than 5 servings of fruits and/or vegetables per day

Age		Men			Women			Both Sexe	users		
Group (years)	n	% Current users	95% CI	n	% Current users	95% CI	n	% Current users	95% CI		
18-29	292	75.2	69.0-81.5	504	70.0	64.5-75.4	796	72.7	68.0-77.5		
30-44	671	73.9	69.6-78.3	1141	71.3	67.7-74.9	1812	72.6	69.3-75.9		
45-59	681	70.8	66.5-75.2	996	74.3	70.6-78.1	1677	72.6	69.4-75.9		
60-69	360	69.2	63.7-74.7	494	73.9	69.4-78.5	854	71.5	67.5-75.6		
18-69	2004	73.1	69.7-76.5	3135	72.0	68.8-75.1	5139	72.5	69.7-75.4		

6.2. Salt

Various sources of dietary salt were assessed in this survey. More than half of the target households (52.8%) reported adding salt to rice while cooking.

Table 6.4: Distribution by those who add salt always or often when cooking rice at home

Age		Men			Wom	en		Both Sexes		
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	
18-29	265	56.2	49.1-63.2	502	52.3	46.8-57.8	767	54.2	49.3-59.1	
30-44	651	55.0	50.2-59.8	1142	55.8	52.2-59.5	1793	55.4	52.0-58.8	
45-59	665	52.9	48.0-57.7	1002	50.6	46.6-54.5	1667	51.7	48.3-55.0	
60-69	351	42.7	36.7-48.7	502	45.9	40.3-51.5	853	44.3	40.0-48.7	
18-69	1932	53.5	49.8-57.1	3148	52.2	49.2-55.1	5080	52.8	50.0-55.7	

6.2.1. Process food consumption pattern

Table 6.5: Always or often eat processed foods high in salt

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Age		Men			Womer	1		Both Sex	ces
Group (years)	n	% Current users	95% CI	n	% Current users	95% CI	n	% Current users	95% CI
18-29	291	34.1	27.6-40.6	502	25.6	20.8-30.5	793	30.1	25.6-34.5
30-44	671	26.5	22.2-30.8	1143	24.9	21.3-28.6	1814	25.7	22.5-28.9
45-59	679	24.3	20.3-28.3	999	23.7	20.3-27.2	1678	24.0	21.1-26.9
60-69	363	24.3	18.8-29.7	499	24.3	19.4-29.3	862	24.3	20.2-28.4
18-69	2004	28.3	25.0-31.7	3143	24.8	21.9-27.6	5147	26.6	23.9-29.3

Approximately 27% of the adults (28.3% males and 24.8% females) were estimated to always or often eat processed food.

It is estimated that 23% of the adults limited the consumption of processed food as a specific action taken on a regular basis to control salt intake. Only 6% reported that they looked at the salt or sodium content in the food labels, and only 3% stated that they buy low salt or sodium alternative. About 15% of the adults (13.7% males and 16.7% females avoided eating food cooked outside of a home. Nearly 19% of them (15.8% male and 21.2% females) avoided adding salt while cooking rice (Annexure 2.1).

6.2.2. Meals eaten outside a home

Table 6.6: Mean number of meals eaten outside home

Age		Men			Women			Both Sexes	270/ 21	
Group	n	mean	95% CI	n	mean	95% CI	n	mean	95% CI	
18-29	290	2.7	2.1-3.3	500	1.1	0.8-1.4	788	1.9	1.6-2.3	
30-44	672	2.4	2.0-2.7	1140	0.7	0.6-0.9	1813	1.6	1.4-1.8	
45-59	674	1.5	1.1-1.7	993	0.6	0.4-0.8	1666	1.0	0.8-1.2	
60-69	356	0.9	0.6-1.1	496	0.5	0.3-0.7	851	0.6	0.5-0.8	
18-69	1991	2.1	1.8-2.4	3129	8.0	0.6-0.9	5118	1.4	1.3-1.6	

On average, males consumed two meals per week which were not prepared at a home.

7. Physical Activity

WHO has recommended following level physical activity to maintain a healthy life. The recommendations are as follows:

Throughout a week, including activity for work, during transport and leisure time, adults should do at least

- 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity OR
- 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity OR

An equivalent combination of moderate- and vigorous-intensity physical activity achieving at least 600 MET-minutes

Participants were assessed on whether they met the WHO recommended level of physical activity during activity at work or travel to and from places or as a recreational activity.

7.1. Physically inactive

Table 7.1: Distribution of those who are physically inactive by sex and age groups

Age		Men			Women		Both Sexes		
Group (years)	n	% not meeting recs	95% CI	n	% not meeting recs	95% CI	n	% not meeting recs	95% CI
18-29	289	21.6	15.7-27.5	503	43.4	38.0-48.9	792	32.1	27.8-36.4
30-44	660	22.4	18.5-26.3	1133	33.3	29.7-36.9	1793	27.8	24.8-30.8
45-59	675	22.1	18.2-25.9	989	34.9	31.1-38.8	1664	28.7	25.7-31.7
60-69	361	26.3	21.0-31.5	496	45.8	40.2-51.4	857	36.0	31.7-40.3
18-69	1985	22.5	19.4-25.6	3121	38.4	35.5-41.4	5106	30.4	27.9-32.8

It is estimated that 22.5% of the males and 38.4% of the females in Sri Lanka did not meet the WHO recommendation of physical activity. Physical inactivity was more among females than males with higher prevalence among the age groups 60- 69 years and 18- 29 years.

7.2. Level of physical activity

Table 7.2: Distribution of level of total physical activity of males according to WHO recommendations

	Men											
Age Group(years)	n	% Low	95% CI	% Moderate	95% CI	% High	95% CI					
18-29	289	25.5	19.5-31.5	23.0	17.6-28.4	51.5	45.2-57.9					
30-44	660	29.2	25.1-33.4	17.8	14.6-21.0	53.0	48.4-57.6					
45-59	675	28.9	24.9-32.9	12.9	10.3-15.6	58.2	53.7-62.6					
60-69	361	31.7	26.3-37.1	16.4	12.2-20.6	51.9	45.9-57.8					
18-69	1985	28.1	25.0-31.2	18.2	16.0-20.5	53.7	50.5-56.9					

Table 7.3: Distribution of level of total physical activity of females according to WHO recommendations

	Women											
Age Group(years)	n	% Low	95% CI	% Moderate	95% CI	% High	95% CI					
18-29	503	49.2	43.8-54.5	25.7	21.5-29.9	25.0	20.8-29.3					
30-44	1133	38.7	35.0-42.4	23.8	20.8-26.8	37.5	33.5-41.5					
45-59	989	40.8	36.9-44.7	22.8	19.8-25.9	36.4	32.4-40.3					
60-69	496	52.0	46.4-57.6	18.7	14.6-22.8	29.3	24.4-34.1					
18-69	3121	44.2	41.2-47.1	23.6	21.6-25.7	32.2	29.3-35.1					

Table 7.4: Distribution of level of total physical activity of both sexes according to WHO recommendations

	Both sexes											
Age Group (years)	n	% Low	95% CI	% Moderate	95% CI	% High	95% CI					
18-29	792	36.9	32.7-41.0	24.3	20.8-27.8	38.8	34.7-42.9					
30-44	1793	33.9	30.8-37.0	20.7	18.5-23.0	45.3	42.0-48.7					
45-59	1664	35.0	32.0-38.0	18.0	15.9-20.1	47.0	43.7-50.2					
60-69	857	41.8	37.4-46.1	17.6	14.5-20.7	40.6	36.5-44.8					
18-69	5106	36.0	33.6-38.5	20.9	19.3-22.5	43.1	40.6-45.5					

More than half of the males (53.7%) were engaged in high intensity physical activity. However, only 32.2% of the females were engaging in high intensity physical activity. Majority of females (44.2%) were engaged in low intensity physical activity and 28.1% of the males were also engaged in low level of physical activity.

7.3. Time spent on physical activity

Table 7.5: Mean minutes of total physical activity per day

Age		Men			Wome	n	Both Sexes		
Group (years)	n	Mean minutes	95% CI	n	Mean minutes	95% CI	n	Mean minutes	95% CI
18-29	289	187.7	159.8-215.6	503	74.2	63.4-85.0	792	133.2	116.7-149.7
30-44	660	208.1	188.2-228.0	1133	122.2	109.2-135.2	1793	165.7	152.5-178.9
45-59	675	225.2	204.7-245.8	989	126.3	113.2-139.4	1664	174.5	160.8-188.1
60-69	361	180.5	156.2-204.8	496	92.6	79.3-105.9	857	136.9	121.5-152.3
18-69	1985	202.4	187.0-217.7	3121	104.3	95.6-113.0	5106	153.9	143.4-164.3

It is estimated that mean time engaged in physical activity per day for adults was 153.9 minutes (95% CI: 143.4-164.3). Mean time spent on physical activity among females was lowest in the age group 18-29 years.

Table 7.6: Median minutes of total physical activity per day

Age		Mer	1	Women				Both Sexes			
Group (years)	n	Median min- utes	Inter-quar- tile range	n	Median minutes	Inter-quar- tile range	n	Median minutes	Inter-quartile range		
18-29	289	107.1	21.4-291.4	502	25.7	1.4-110.0	791	60.0	8.6-188.6		
30-44	660	128.6	25.7-360.0	1134	60.0	8.6-180.0	1794	85.7	14.3-277.1		
45-59	675	171.4	30.0-383.6	989	60.0	8.6-180.0	1664	100.0	14.3-282.9		
60-69	361	120.0	17.1-291.4	496	32.1	0.0-137.1	857	68.6	4.3-214.3		
18-69	1985	124.3	25.7-336.4	3121	42.8	4.3-150.0	5106	77.1	12.8-240.0		

Median number of minutes engaged in physical activity on average per day for the adults was 77.1 (95% CI: 12.8-240.0). The median number of minutes for males was more than the females (124.2 for males and 42.8 for females).

Mean number minutes of work related physical activity for the adults was estimated to be 117.7 with a higher mean for males (153.7) than females (80.8) (Annexure 3.1). Mean number of minutes of transport related physical activity on average per is 28.6 with males having higher figure (36.1) than females (21.0) (Annexure 3.1). Mean number of minutes on recreational related physical activity was 7.6 with females showing low figure (12.6 for males and 2.4 for females) (Annexure 3.1).

7.4. Physical activity at work and during transport

Figures 7.1 and 7.2 show the estimated prevalence of physical inactivity in the adults, while at work or during transport. Nearly 34% of males and 45% of the females were estimated to be not getting recommended physical activity during work. In 43% of the males and 46% of the females, transport mechanism didn't include any physical activity.

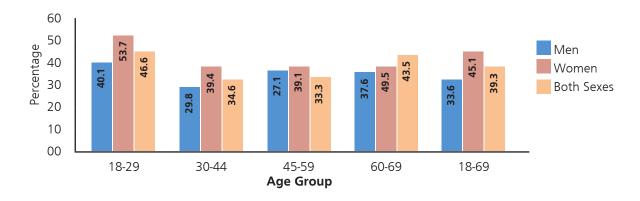


Figure 7.1: Distribution by work related physical inactivity

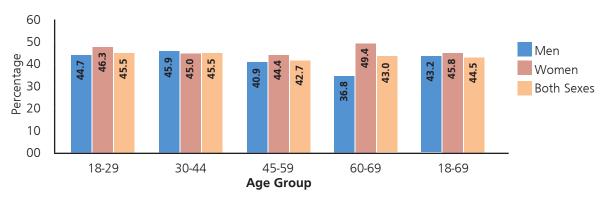


Figure 7.2: Distribution by transport related physical inactivity

7.5. Recreation related physical activity

Percentage of the adults who are estimated to be not engaged in recreation related physical activities are shown in Figure 7.3.

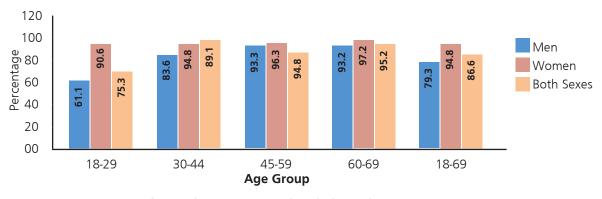


Figure 7.3: Distribution by recreation related physical activity

Most of the adults (86.6%) were estimated to be not engaged in recreation related physical activities, including 94.1% females and 79.3% males.

Major contribution (61.5%) for the physical activity was from activities carried out at work (63.7% for males and 59.2% for females), while travelling accounted for 30.6% of the total physical activity in the adults (25.1% for males and 36.8% for females) (Annexure 3.2).

Table 7.5: Distribution of those not meeting WHO recommendations on vigorous physical activity for health

Age		Men			Women		Both Sexes		
Group (years)	n	% no vigorous activity	95% CI	n	% no vigorous activity	95% CI	n	% no vigorous activity	95% CI
18-29	289	56.2	15.7-27.5	503	91.3	88.4-94.1	792	73.0	69.0-77.0
30-44	660	57.5	18.5-26.3	1133	86.1	83.4-88.7	1793	71.6	68.7-74.5
45-59	675	56.7	18.2-25.9	989	88.3	85.7-90.8	1664	72.9	70.2-75.6
60-69	361	71.5	21.0-31.5	496	93.4	91.2-95.7	857	82.4	79.3-85.5
18-69	1985	58.3	19.4-25.6	3121	89.2	87.5-90.8	5106	73.6	71.6-75.6

Of the adults, 73.6% were estimated to be not engaged in the vigorous physical activity. Majority of females (89.2%) and males (58.3%) fell in to this category.

Mean number of minutes spent in sedentary activities for males was 217.9 and median number of minutes engaged in sedentary activities for males was 180.0. Mean number of minutes spent in sedentary activities for females was 214.1 and median number of minutes engaged in sedentary activities for females was 180.0 (Annexure 3.3).

8. History of Raised Blood Pressure

Practices related to checking blood pressure and history of blood pressure was assessed in this survey. One third of the adults (30.7%) had never had their blood pressure checked. Of all adults, 8.1% (6.0%) for males and 10.3% for females) were estimated to be detected with high blood pressure during last year. Higher prevalence was seen among the older age groups with the highest prevalence among the age group of 60 - 69 years (Annexure 4.1).

Table 8.1: Distribution of those currently taking medication for raised blood pressure

Age		Men			Women		Both Sexes		
Group (years)	n	% taking meds	95% CI	n	% taking meds	95% CI	n	% taking meds	95% CI
18-29	3	70.3	19.9-100.0	16	0.0	0.0-0.0	19	13.1	0.0-36.7
30-44	43	37.0	22.5-51.5	123	29.4	20.6-38.3	166	32.1	24.5-39.6
45-59	105	63.1	53.1-73.2	248	60.4	53.6-67.1	353	61.4	56.1-66.8
60-69	91	75.4	65.3-85.6	213	79.2	72.9-85.6	304	77.8	72.2-83.5
18-69	242	62.3	55.2-69.3	600	55.1	50.3-59.9	842	57.7	53.8-61.6

As seen in table 8.1, it is estimated that only 57.7% of the adults with raised blood pressure were on medication (62.3% for males and 55.1% for females). More Individuals in the older age groups in both sexes were on medication than those in the younger age groups.

Of all adults, 5.7% adults (7.4% of the males and 4.7% of the females) were estimated to be seeing traditional healers for the treatment of high blood pressure, while 4.0% of the adults were taking traditional medicine. Higher proportion of males (6.6%) were on traditional medicine than of females (2.5%) (Annexure 4.2).

9. History of Diabetes

Practices related to detection of Diabetes and history of high blood sugar was assessed in the participants.

Table 9.1: Distribution of the males by self-reported high blood sugar levels

					Men				
Age Group (years)	n	% Never mea- sured	95% CI	% measured, found not high	95% CI	% found high, but not within past 12 months	95% CI	% found high within past 12 months	95% CI
18-29	293	71.6	65.5-77.6	26.6	20.5-32.6	1.1	0.0-2.3	0.8	0.0-1.9
30-44	674	61.5	57.2-65.7	31.5	27.5-35.4	1.5	0.4-2.5	5.6	3.6-7.6
45-59	686	47.1	42.5-51.6	36.9	32.7-41.2	2.2	1.1-3.2	13.9	11.1-16.6
60-69	364	34.2	28.4-39.9	48.6	42.8-54.4	5.1	2.6-7.6	12.2	8.4-15.9
18-69	2017	58.4	55.2-61.6	33.0	29.9-36.0	1.9	1.3-2.5	6.7	5.6-7.9

Table 9.2: Distribution of the females by self-reported high blood sugar levels

Age					Womer	າ			
Group (years)	n	% Never measured	95% CI	% measured, found not high	95% CI	% found high, but not within past 12 months	95% CI	% found high within past 12 month	95% CI
18-29	504	61.6	56.3-66.9	37.1	31.9-42.2	1.1	0.2-2.0	0.2	0.0-0.6
30-44	1142	36.3	32.5-40.0	56.6	52.8-60.4	2.1	1.1-3.1	5.1	3.6-6.5
45-59	1000	34.0	30.3-37.6	50.3	46.4-54.2	1.7	0.8-2.7	14.0	11.7-16.3
60-69	502	28.9	24.0-33.9	45.5	40.1-50.9	3.1	1.4-4.8	22.4	18.3-26.6
18-69	3148	43.1	40.2-46.1	47.3	44.5-50.1	1.8	1.2-2.3	7.8	6.8-8.8

Nearly 7% of the adults (6.7% for males and 7.8% for females) who have had their blood sugar levels checked during last 12 months had found it to be raised.

Table 9.3: Distribution of the both sexes by self-reported high blood sugar levels

	Both Sexes												
Age Group (years)	n	% Never measured	95% CI	% measured, found not high	95% CI	% found high, but not in past 12 months	95% CI	% found high in past 12 months	95% CI				
18-29	797	66.8	62.5-71.1	31.6	27.3-35.9	1.1	0.3-1.8	0.5	0.0-1.1				
30-44	1816	49.1	46.0-52.3	43.8	40.8-46.7	1.8	1.0-2.5	5.3	4.1-6.6				
45-59	1686	40.4	37.2-43.5	43.8	40.7-46.9	1.9	1.2-2.7	14.0	12.1-15.8				
60-69	866	31.6	27.5-35.6	47.1	42.9-51.2	4.1	2.6-5.6	17.3	14.5-20.1				
18-69	5165	50.9	48.4-53.4	40.0	37.7-42.3	1.8	1.4-2.3	7.3	6.5-8.0				

Out of the adults with self-reported high blood sugar, 69.5% (65.7% for males and 73.1% for females) were estimated to be taking medicine for raised blood sugar (Table 9.4). More individuals in older age groups were on treatment than the younger age groups among both sexes.

Table 9.4: Distribution of those currently taking drugs (medication) prescribed for diabetes among those previously diagnosed

Age		Men			Women			Both Sexes		
Group (years)	n	% taking meds	95% CI	n	% taking meds	95% CI	n	% taking meds	95% CI	
18-29	5	24.2	0.0-64.6	7	16.2	0.0-45.2	12	21.1	0.0-48.9	
30-44	45	63.5	49.2-77.8	77	52.4	39.6-65.2	122	58.0	48.3-67.7	
45-59	104	69.0	58.6-79.4	161	78.0	70.6-85.5	265	73.6	67.2-79.9	
60-69	62	75.7	64.2-87.3	129	89.5	83.3-95.6	191	83.9	77.5-90.3	
18-69	216	65.7	58.0-73.5	374	73.1	67.9-78.2	590	69.5	65.0-74.1	

Among those previously diagnosed as having high blood sugar, 12.3% were on insulin (13.5% for males and 11.3 % for females).

Table 9.5: Distribution of those currently on insulin for diabetes among those previously diagnosed

Age		Men		Women			Both Sexes		
Group (years)	n	% taking insulin	95% CI	n	% taking insulin	95% CI	n	% taking insulin	95% CI
18-29	5	24.2	0.0-64.6	7	16.2	0.0-45.2	12	21.1	0.0-48.9
30-44	45	1.7	0.0-5.1	77	9.6	2.6-16.7	122	5.6	1.7-9.5
45-59	104	15.7	8.4-22.9	161	8.8	3.8-13.7	265	12.2	7.6-16.7
60-69	62	18.0	7.4-28.6	129	15.6	8.0-23.2	191	16.6	10.0-23.1
18-69	216	13.5	8.2-18.7	374	11.3	7.5-15.0	590	12.3	8.9-15.7

Among the previously diagnosed as having high blood sugar, 9.5% were estimated as seeing traditional healers for treatment (11.1% for males and 8.1% for females) (Annexure 5.1).

10. Total Blood Cholesterol

Self-reported prevalence of high blood cholesterol is described in this section. It is estimated that 71.1% of the adults had never checked their blood cholesterol levels. Out of the adults who have had their blood cholesterol checked, 70.1% (72.7% for males and 67.6% for females) were estimated to be having normal cholesterol levels.

As seen below, 7.2% of males and 10.2% females were estimated to be diagnosed as having high total cholesterol levels (see also Annexure 6.1).

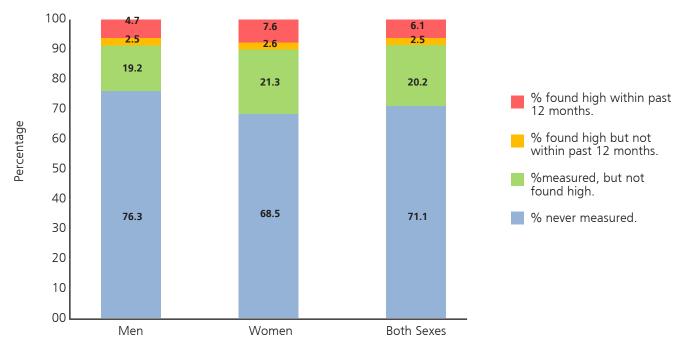


Figure 10.1: Distribution by history of total blood cholesterol measurements

Table 10.1: Distribution of population with high total cholesterol by the status of medication

Age		Men			Women			Both Sexes		
Group	n	% taking meds	95% CI	n	% taking meds	95% CI	n	% taking meds	95% CI	
18-29	4	12.3	0.0-36.9	4	0.0	0.0-0.0	8	5.6	0.0-16.6	
30-44	50	40.5	26.4-54.6	77	40.3	28.6-52.1	127	40.4	30.8-50.0	
45-59	81	50.9	38.6-63.2	194	64.5	57.4-71.6	275	59.4	52.9-65.9	
60-69	56	73.0	60.1-85.8	125	77.9	69.8-86.0	181	75.9	68.6-83.2	
18-69	191	51.5	43.5-59.6	400	60.7	54.9-66.5	591	56.8	51.9-61.8	

As seen in Table 10.1, nearly 57% diagnosed as having high total cholesterol levels were on medication for their condition. Proportion of females who were on treatment (60.7%) was more than the males (51.5%). In both sexes, more people in older age groups were taking treatment than the people in the younger age groups.

Similar proportions of males and females were estimated to be seeing traditional healer for the treatment of high cholesterol levels (9.0% males and 8.7% females) (Annexure 6.2).

11. History of Cardiovascular Diseases

Nearly equal proportion of males and females (4.5% of males and 4.2% of females) had a history of a heart attack or chest pain from heart disease.

Table 11.1: Distribution of those who ever had a heart attack or chest pain

Age		Men			Women			Both Sexes		
Group	n	% CVD history	95% CI	n	% CVD history	95% CI	n	% CVD history	95% CI	
18-29	293	1.5	0.0-2.9	504	1.5	0.5-2.5	797	1.5	0.6-2.4	
30-44	675	2.8	1.4-4.2	1142	3.1	2.0-4.2	1817	2.9	2.0-3.9	
45-59	686	6.6	4.3-8.8	1000	6.2	4.4-8.1	1686	6.4	4.9-7.9	
60-69	364	14.6	10.5-18.7	502	9.8	7.0-12.6	866	12.2	9.8-14.6	
18-69	2018	4.5	3.5-5.6	3148	4.2	3.4-5.0	5166	4.4	3.7-5.1	

Higher prevalence of cardiovascular diseases was observed with progression of age in the target population as expected, and the highest prevalence was observed in the age group of 60-69 years, with predominance in males (14.6%) over females (9.8%).

Table 11.2: Distribution of population taking aspirin regularly to prevent or treat heart disease

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		Men			Women			Both Sexes		
Age Group	n	% taking aspirin	95% CI	n	% taking aspirin	95% CI	n	% taking aspirin	95% CI	
18-29	293	0.3	0.0-0.7	504	0.3	0.0-0.8	797	0.3	0.0-0.7	
30-44	675	1.0	0.3-1.8	1142	0.6	0.2-1.0	1817	0.8	0.4-1.2	
45-59	686	4.5	2.5-6.4	1000	4.9	3.5-6.3	1686	4.7	3.5-5.9	
60-69	364	11.9	8.2-15.7	502	10.5	7.4-13.5	866	11.2	8.7-13.7	
18-69	2018	2.8	2.1-3.5	3147	2.8	2.2-3.3	5166	2.8	2.3-3.2	

Table 11.3: Distribution of population taking statins regularly to prevent or treat heart disease

	Men			Women			Both Sexes		
Age Group	n	% taking statins	95% CI	n	% taking statins	95% CI	n	% taking statins	95% CI
18-29	293	0.3	0.0-0.7	504	0.2	0.0-0.6	797	0.3	0.0-0.6
30-44	675	2.3	1.2-3.4	1142	2.5	1.5-3.6	1817	2.4	1.7-3.2
45-59	686	7.4	4.9-9.8	1000	10.0	7.8-12.3	1686	8.7	7.0-10.4
60-69	364	18.3	13.9-22.8	502	19.6	15.6-23.7	866	19.0	15.9-22.0
18-69	2018	4.6	3.7-5.5	3148	5.7	4.7-6.6	5166	5.1	4.4-5.8

Only 2.8% of the target population was on aspirin regularly to prevent or treat cardiovascular disease and this was similar for both sexes.

12. Life Style Advice

Tables 12.1 to 12.4, present the estimated proportions of target population receiving life style advice from a doctor or health worker on major NCD risk factors.

It is estimated that of the total population; 18.7% were advised by a doctor or a health care worker to quit using tobacco or not to initiate. More than one fifths of the total population were advised to reduce salt in the diet. Nearly one third of the population were advised to eat at least 5 servings of fruits and or vegetables daily. More than one third of the target population (36.3%) were advised to reduce fat in their diet.

Table 12.1: Distribution of population advised to quit using tobacco or don't start

		Men			Women			Both Sexes		
Age Group (years)	n	% advised	95% CI	n	% advised	95% CI	n	% advised	95% CI	
18-29	293	21.5	16.0-27.0	504	8.2	5.0-11.4	797	15.1	11.4-18.9	
30-44	675	26.5	22.3-30.7	1142	10.0	7.3-12.7	1817	18.4	15.6-21.2	
45-59	686	33.8	29.3-38.4	1000	10.5	7.7-13.3	1686	21.9	19.0-24.8	
60-69	364	36.2	30.4-41.9	502	9.2	5.8-12.6	866	22.8	19.0-26.5	
18-69	2018	27.7	24.6-30.8	3148	9.5	7.2-11.7	5166	18.7	16.4-21.0	

Table 12.2: Distribution of population advised to reduce salt in the diet

		Men			Wome	า	Both Sexes		
Age Group (years)	n	% advised	95% CI	n	% advised	95% CI	n	% advised	95% CI
18-29	293	10.0	6.0-13.9	504	19.3	15.2-23.4	797	14.4	11.3-17.5
30-44	675	18.0	14.5-21.5	1142	25.6	22.2-29.0	1817	21.7	19.1-24.3
45-59	686	27.6	23.5-31.7	1000	33.6	29.9-37.4	1686	30.7	27.6-33.7
60-69	364	27.9	22.6-33.2	502	34.8	29.6-40.0	866	31.3	27.5-35.2
18-69	2018	18.7	16.2-21.2	3148	26.7	24.2-29.2	5166	22.6	20.5-24.8

Table 12.3: Distribution of population advised to eat at least five servings of fruit and/or vegetables each day

	Men			Women			Both Sexes		
Age Group (years)	n	% advised	95% CI	n	% advised	95% CI	n	% advised	95% CI
18-29	293	23.0	16.9-29.1	504	36.7	31.4-42.0	797	29.5	25.3-33.8
30-44	675	23.3	19.4-27.1	1142	38.3	34.5-42.0	1817	30.6	27.7-33.6
45-59	686	31.9	27.7-36.0	1000	37.2	33.3-41.0	1686	34.6	31.5-37.7
60-69	364	31.4	25.8-37.0	502	34.2	29.2-39.2	866	32.8	28.9-36.8
18-69	2018	26.2	23.0-29.4	3148	37.0	34.1-39.9	5166	31.5	29.0-34.0

Table 12.4: Distribution of population advised to reduce fat in the diet

Age	Men			Women			Both Sexes		
Group (years)	n	% advised	95% CI	n	% advised	95% CI	n	% advised	95% CI
18-29	293	24.3	18.5-30.1	504	30.8	25.7-36.0	797	27.4	23.2-31.6
30-44	675	32.4	28.2-36.6	1142	42.3	38.5-46.2	1817	37.2	34.0-40.4
45-59	686	39.2	34.8-43.6	1000	49.2	45.3-53.0	1686	44.3	41.1-47.5
60-69	364	42.4	36.7-48.0	502	42.3	36.9-47.7	866	42.3	38.1-46.5
18-69	2018	32.4	29.1-35.6	3148	40.4	37.5-43.3	5166	36.3	33.7-38.9

Table 12.5: Distribution of population advised to start or do more physical activity

Age Group (years)	Men			Women			Both Sexes		
	n	% advised	95% CI	n	% advised	95% CI	n	% advised	95% CI
18-29	293	23.3	17.5-29.2	504	25.1	20.2-30.0	797	24.2	20.0-28.4
30-44	675	25.0	20.9-29.1	1142	32.0	28.2-35.7	1817	28.4	25.3-31.5
45-59	686	29.2	25.1-33.2	1000	32.8	29.0-36.5	1686	31.0	28.0-34.0
60-69	364	31.7	25.9-37.6	502	31.0	26.0-36.0	866	31.4	27.1-35.7
18-69	2018	26.2	23.1-29.3	3148	29.8	27.0-32.6	5166	28.0	25.4-30.5

Table 12.6: Distribution of population advised to maintain a healthy body weight or to lose weight

Age		Men		Women			Both Sexes		
Group (years)	n	% advised	95% CI	n	% advised	95% CI	n	% advised	95% CI
18-29	293	18.8	13.0-24.6	504	26.5	21.5-31.5	797	22.5	18.2-26.7
30-44	675	23.0	19.1-26.9	1142	36.1	32.2-39.9	1817	29.4	26.3-32.5
45-59	686	24.5	20.4-28.6	1000	34.7	30.7-38.6	1686	29.7	26.5-32.9
60-69	364	25.5	20.1-31.0	502	28.1	23.3-33.0	866	26.8	22.8-30.9
18-69	2018	22.2	19.1-25.3	3148	31.7	28.9-34.5	5166	26.9	24.3-29.4

More than one fourth (28%) of the target population were advised to start or do more physical activity (26.2% of males and 29.8% females). One third (30%) of the target population were advised to maintain a healthy body weight or to lose weight. More females (31.7%) received the advice than the males (22.2%).

13. Cervical Cancer Screening

All the female participants were asked whether they had ever undergone cervical screening. Coverage of cervical screening in the in the females was only 15.2%. Further the coverage was only 14.9% and 22.0% for the age groups of 60-69 years and 45-59 years, respectively.

Table 13.1: Distribution of females who have ever had a cervical cancer screening test

Women							
Age Group (years)	n	% ever tested	95% CI				
18-29	467	1.8	0.3-3.4				
30-44	1069	24.1	21.1-27.1				
45-59	907	22.0	18.7-25.2				
60-69	430	14.9	10.7-19.0				
18-69	2873	15.2	13.5-16.9				

Table 13.2: Distribution of females in the age group of 30-49 who have ever had a cervical cancer screening test

Women							
Age Group (years)	n	% ever tested	95% CI				
30-49	1408	24.5	21.8-27.3				

Coverage of cervical screening in the high risk age group of 30-49 years was only 24.5%.

14. Physical Measurements

14.1. Blood pressure measurements

Table 14.1: Mean systolic blood pressure in mmHg

Age Group (years)		Men			Women			Both Sexes			
	n	Mean	95% CI	n	Mean	95% CI	n	Mean	95% CI		
18-29	262	122.1	120.6-123.6	470	113.2	111.7-114.6	732	117.8	116.7-118.9		
30-44	617	124.8	123.5-126.0	1065	119.8	118.8-120.9	1682	122.4	121.5-123.2		
45-59	640	131.3	129.6-133.0	948	131.3	129.7-132.8	1588	131.3	130.1-132.4		
60-69	338	137.0	134.3-139.7	470	144.0	141.4-146.5	808	140.4	138.5-142.3		
18-69	1857	126.8	125.9-127.7	2953	123.4	122.4-124.4	4810	125.1	124.4-125.8		

Table 14.2: Mean diastolic blood pressure in mmHg

Age		Men			Women		Both Sexes		
Group (years)	n	Mean	95% CI	n	Mean	95% CI	n	Mean	95% CI
18-29	262	77.3	76.1-78.5	470	75.1	73.9-76.3	732	76.3	75.4-77.1
30-44	617	80.5	79.5-81.4	1065	79.9	79.1-80.7	1682	80.2	79.6-80.8
45-59	640	83.7	82.7-84.7	948	84.8	83.9-85.7	1588	84.3	83.6-85.0
60-69	338	83.3	81.7-84.9	470	87.0	85.7-88.2	808	85.1	84.1-86.1
18-69	1857	80.5	79.8-81.1	2953	80.4	79.8-81.1	4810	80.5	80.0-81.0

Mean systolic blood pressure of the target population was estimated to be 125.1 mmHg (95% CI: 124.4-125.8) with a mean of 126.8mmHg (95% CI: 125.9-127.7) in males, and 123.4mmHg (95% CI: 122.4-124.4) in females. Mean diastolic pressure was estimated to be 80.5 (95% CI: 80.0-81.0) mmHg for adults, and there was no significant difference between males and females (in males 80.5 mmHg (95% CI: 79.8-81.1) and in females 80.4 mmHg (95% CI: 79.8-81.1).

Table 14.3: Prevalence of raised blood pressure excluding those on medication for raised blood pressure

Age		Me	n		Wom	en	Both Sexes			
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	
18-29	262	10.0	6.1-13.9	468	8.4	5.6-11.3	730	9.2	6.7-11.8	
30-44	598	20.8	17.2-24.3	1034	14.4	12.1-16.7	1632	17.7	15.5-19.9	
45-59	592	34.7	30.3-39.1	828	32.8	29.2-36.4	1420	33.8	30.8-36.7	
60-69	279	37.6	30.9-44.3	333	51.9	45.7-58.1	612	44.0	39.4-48.6	
18-69	1731	21.9	19.5-24.2	2663	20.2	18.3-22.0	4394	21.0	19.5-22.6	

Blood pressures of participants who were on medication for raised blood pressure and were not on medication was analysed separately. Raised blood pressure was defined as systolic blood pressure (SBP) \geq 140 mmHg and/ or diastolic blood pressure (DBP) \geq 90 mmHg.

As seen in table 14.1, nearly one fifths of the adults (21%) had raised blood pressure (21.9% among males and 20.2% among females).

Table 14.4: Prevalence of raised blood pressure including those on medication for raised blood pressure

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Age		Men			Wome	n	Both Sexes			
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	
18-29	262	10.0	6.1-13.9	470	8.8	5.9-11.6	732	9.4	6.9-11.9	
30-44	617	22.8	19.2-26.4	1067	17.3	14.8-19.8	1684	20.1	17.8-22.4	
45-59	643	40.1	35.7-44.4	954	42.0	38.4-45.6	1597	41.1	38.2-43.9	
60-69	338	47.8	41.5-54.0	473	66.4	61.6-71.1	811	57.0	53.0-61.0	
18-69	1860	25.4	23.0-27.9	2964	26.7	24.7-28.6	4824	26.1	24.4-27.7	

Prevalence of blood pressure in the adults including currently those on medication was 26.1% (25.4 for males and 26.7 for females).

14.2. Mean heart rate

Estimated mean heart rate in the adults was 75.7 beats per minute (for males 72.9 and for females 78.6) (Annexure 7.1).

14.3. Body Mass Index (BMI)

Mean height for males was 165.4 cm and for females was 152.9 cm (Annexure 7.2). Mean weight for males was 61.4 kg and mean weight for females was 54.6 kg (Annexure 7.3).

Mean BMI for men was 22.4 and for females 23.5 (Annexure 7.4).

Table 14.3 and 14.4 shows the distribution of males and females by the BMI value. Table 14.5 shows the distribution of the adults by the BMI value. Only half of the adults (55.4%) had a normal BMI value (between 18.5 -24.9). 58.9% males and 51.6% of females had a normal BMI value (between 18.5 -24.9).

Table 14.5: Distribution of males by BMI classification

	Men														
Age Group (years)	n	% Under- weight <18.5	95% CI	% Normal weight 18.5-24.9	95% CI	% BMI 25.0-29.9	95% CI	% Obese ≥30.0	95% CI						
18-29	257	20.5	15.1-25.8	61.5	55.0-68.0	16.2	11.4-20.9	1.9	0.0-3.8						
30-44	625	13.7	10.5-16.8	55.6	51.0-60.2	25.9	22.0-29.8	4.8	3.0-6.7						
45-59	640	13.4	10.3-16.4	59.7	55.5-63.8	23.0	19.2-26.7	4.0	2.4-5.6						
60-69	337	19.4	14.9-23.9	58.1	52.4-63.9	18.3	13.3-23.4	4.1	2.0-6.3						
18-69	1859	16.5	14.1-18.9	58.9	56.0-61.8	21.0	18.7-23.3	3.5	2.5-4.5						

Table 14.6: Distribution of females by BMI classification

	Men Men													
Age Group (years)	n	% Under- weight <18.5	95% CI	% Normal weight 18.5-24.9	95% CI	% BMI 25.0-29.9	95% CI	% Obese ≥30.0	95% CI					
18-29	438	23.3	18.7-27.9	57.0	51.7-62.4	15.5	12.0-18.9	4.2	2.3-6.2					
30-44	1034	9.6	7.7-11.6	51.3	48.1-54.5	29.0	26.1-31.9	10.1	8.0-12.2					
45-59	938	8.6	6.7-10.5	46.9	43.1-50.6	33.3	30.0-36.6	11.2	8.9-13.5					
60-69	462	13.2	9.9-16.5	49.0	44.1-54.0	29.2	24.4-34.0	8.6	5.7-11.4					
18-69	2872	14.1	12.3-15.9	51.6	49.2-53.9	26.0	24.1-27.8	8.4	7.2-9.6					

Table 14.7: Distribution of both sexes by BMI classification

	Men													
Age Group (years)	n	% Under- weight <18.5	95% CI	% Normal weight 18.5-24.9	95% CI	% BMI 25.0-29.9	95% CI	% Obese ≥30.0	95% CI					
18-29	695	21.8	18.1-25.5	59.4	55.2-63.6	15.8	12.7-18.9	3.0	1.6-4.3					
30-44	1659	11.7	9.8-13.7	53.5	50.7-56.4	27.4	24.9-29.8	7.3	6.0-8.7					
45-59	1578	10.9	9.2-12.7	53.1	50.3-56.0	28.2	25.6-30.9	7.7	6.2-9.1					
60-69	799	16.4	13.4-19.4	53.7	49.8-57.5	23.7	20.1-27.2	6.3	4.5-8.1					
18-69	4731	15.3	13.7-16.9	55.4	53.5-57.3	23.4	21.9-24.9	5.9	5.1-6.7					

Of all adults, 5.9% were obese (3.5% males and 8.4% females), while 15.3% (16.5% males and 14.1% females) were underweight. There were more females who were obese in the age category 45-59 years. Underweight was more prevalent in the age group of 18-29 years in both sexes.

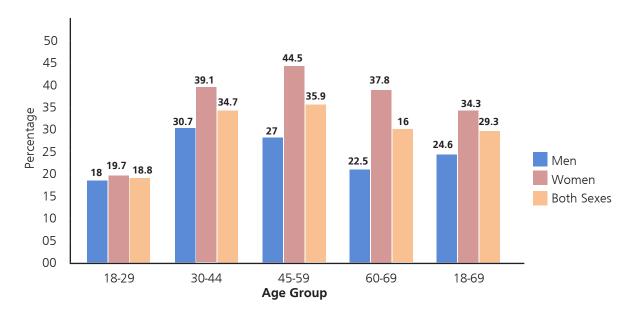


Figure 14.1: Distribution by overweight or obesity

Nearly 29% of the adults was estimated to be overweight or obese (95% CI: 27.5-31.1) with 24.6% men and 34.3% females.

14.4. Waist circumference (cm)

Mean waist circumference for the males was 82.3 cm and for females was 82.1 cm.

Table 14.8: Mean waist circumference in men

Age Group		Men			Women	
(years)	n	Mean	95% CI	n	Mean	95% CI
18-29	262	79.7	78.1-81.4	446	76.6	75.4-77.7
30-44	621	83.4	82.3-84.6	1041	84.0	83.0-85.0
45-59	641	84.1	82.9-85.2	939	85.7	84.7-86.7
60-69	340	83.7	81.8-85.6	465	84.2	82.6-85.8
18-69	1864	82.3	81.5-83.2	2891	82.1	81.3-82.9

15. Biochemical Measurements

15.1. Blood sugar measurements

Impaired fasting glycaemia was defined as plasma venous value between 110mg/dl and 126mg/dl and raised blood glucose was defined as plasma venous value more than 126mg/dl.

Mean fasting blood sugar for males was 81.9 mg/dl and for females 81.4 mg/dl.

Table 15.1: Mean fasting blood glucose (mg/dl)

Age		Men			Womer	1	Both Sexes			
Group (years)	n	Mean	95% CI	n	Mean	95% CI	n	Mean	95% CI	
18-29	230	73.5	69.8-77.2	416	71.8	68.5-75.0	646	72.7	69.9-75.5	
30-44	562	81.7	78.4-84.9	983	77.8	75.4-80.2	1545	79.8	77.5-82.1	
45-59	584	91.3	86.8-95.8	877	91.1	87.0-95.1	1461	91.2	88.0-94.4	
60-69	309	87.8	82.8-92.7	431	95.8	91.2-100.3	740	91.7	88.2-95.3	
18-69	1685	81.9	79.6-84.2	2707	81.4	79.3-83.5	4392	81.6	79.8-83.5	

Table 15.2: Prevalence of impaired fasting glycaemia

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Age		Men			Women		Both Sexes		
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI
18-29	230	1.8	0.1-3.5	416	0.7	0.0-1.6	646	1.3	0.3-2.2
30-44	562	3.5	1.8-5.1	983	1.9	0.9-2.8	1545	2.7	1.7-3.6
45-59	584	7.4	4.7-10.1	877	6.3	4.4-8.2	1461	6.8	5.1-8.5
60-69	309	8.0	4.6-11.4	432	6.5	4.1-8.9	741	7.2	5.1-9.3
18-69	1685	4.4	3.2-5.5	2708	3.2	2.4-4.0	4393	3.8	3.1-4.5

Impaired fasting glycaemia was defined as plasma venous value between 110mg/dl and 126mg/dl and raised blood glucose was defined as plasma venous value more than 126mg/dl.

Nearly 4% of the adults were estimated to have impaired fasting glycaemia, with 4.4% males and 3.2% females.

The survey estimated that 7.4% of the adults (7.3% males and 7.6% females) either had raised blood glucose or were currently on medication for diabetes.

Table 15.3: Percentage with raised blood glucose (<126 mg/dl) or currently on medication for diabetes

Age Group		Men			Women		Both Sexes			
(years)	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	
18-29	230	2.8	0.4-5.2	416	2.2	0.4-3.9	646	2.5	1.0-4.0	
30-44	562	6.6	4.3-8.9	983	5.7	3.9-7.4	1545	6.2	4.7-7.6	
45-59	584	12.9	9.9-15.8	877	12.0	9.7-14.3	1461	12.4	10.5-14.3	
60-69	309	10.6	6.5-14.6	432	18.2	14.2-22.3	741	14.4	11.3-17.4	
18-69	1685	7.3	5.9-8.7	2708	7.6	6.4-8.8	4393	7.4	6.4-8.5	

Table 15.4: Percentage who are currently on medication for diabetes

Age		Men			Womer	١	Both Sexes			
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	
18-29	295	0.7	0.0-1.7	508	0.5	0.0-1.2	803	0.6	0.0-1.2	
30-44	679	5.1	3.3-6.9	1143	3.9	2.6-5.2	1822	4.5	3.4-5.6	
45-59	691	12.0	9.3-14.7	1004	12.8	10.6-15.0	1695	12.4	10.6-14.2	
60-69	365	14.1	10.1-18.1	503	23.0	18.8-27.1	868	18.5	15.5-21.4	
18-69	2030	6.1	5.0-7.2	3158	7.2	6.3-8.1	5188	6.6	5.9-7.3	

It was estimated that 6.6% of the adults (6.1% of males and 7.2% of females) were currently on medication for diabetes. More proportion of people in the age group 60-69 years were on medication for diabetes as expected.

15.2. Cholesterol level

An abnormal lipid profile is known to be a major risk factor for cardiovascular diseases. Total cholesterol was measured by trained health care workers following the standard STEPS 3 protocol, using the validated equipment mentioned in the data collection section. Raised total cholesterol was defined as blood cholesterol levels \geq 190 mg/dl.

Mean total serum cholesterol level for adults including those on medication was 152.2 mg/dl (males 146.8 mg/dl and females 157.8mg/dl). Highest mean cholesterol level among females was seen in the age group 60-69 years (Annexure 8.1).

Table 15.5: Prevalence with total cholesterol ≥ 190 mg/dl or currently on medication for raised cholesterol

Age		Men			Wome	n		Both Se	exes
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI
18-29	235	9.8	5.7-13.8	432	17.4	13.1-21.7	667	13.4	10.4-16.5
30-44	583	19.1	15.2-23.0	1018	22.2	19.1-25.3	1601	20.6	17.9-23.3
45-59	603	26.3	22.0-30.6	909	40.8	36.8-44.7	1512	33.7	30.6-36.8
60-69	321	32.3	26.2-38.4	446	47.3	41.7-52.9	767	39.7	35.2-44.3
18-69	1742	19.1	16.5-21.6	2805	28.4	26.0-30.9	4547	23.7	21.7-25.7

Nearly one fourth of the adults (23.7%) was estimated to have either the total cholesterol ≥190 mg/dl or were currently on medication for raised cholesterol. This proportion was higher for females (28.4%) as compared to males (19.1%). Prevalence of high cholesterol was more in older age groups in both sexes.

Table 15.6 shows the prevalence of total cholesterol \geq 240 mg/dl or currently on medication for raised cholesterol. Overall, 8.9% of the adults had raised total cholesterol \geq 240 mg/dl or were currently on medication for raised cholesterol. It was again higher for females (11.3%) than males (6.5%).

Table 15.6: Prevalence with total cholesterol \geq 240 mg/dl or currently on medication for raised cholesterol

Age	Men				Women	1	Both Sexes			
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	
18-29	235	1.5	0.0-3.3	432	3.8	1.7-5.9	667	2.6	1.2-3.9	
30-44	583	5.7	3.7-7.6	1018	6.7	4.8-8.5	1601	6.1	4.7-7.6	
45-59	603	9.6	6.9-12.3	909	19.7	16.8-22.6	1512	14.7	12.7-16.8	
60-69	321	17.9	12.8-23.0	446	25.8	21.1-30.6	767	21.8	18.1-25.5	
18-69	1742	6.5	5.2-7.8	2805	11.3	9.9-12.8	4547	8.9	7.8-9.9	

16. Cardiovascular Disease Risk

A 10-year risk of having a cardiovascular (CVD) event of \geq 30% is defined according to age, sex, blood pressure, smoking status (current smokers or those who quit smoking less than one year before the assessment), total cholesterol, and diabetes (previously diagnosed or a fasting plasma glucose concentration \geq 126 mg/dl) status of the respondents.

The proportion of respondents in the age group 40-69 years with a 10-year CVD risk of $\geq 30\%$ was 9.1% for both sexes (men 8.9%, women 9.3%). Both among men and women, this proportion was higher for the 55-69 years age group (Table 16.1).

Table 16.1: Prevalence of 10-year CVD risk or existing CVD

Age		Men			Women			Both Se	xes
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI
40-54	574	5.4	3.2-7.5	893	6.7	4.8-8.6	1467	6.0	4.6-7.5
55-69	474	13.7	10.0-17.4	682	13.3	10.5-16.1	1156	13.5	11.2-15.8
40-69	1048	8.9	6.9-10.9	1575	9.3	7.6-11.1	2623	9.1	7.8-10.4

Table 16.2: Percentage of eligible persons receiving drug therapy and counselling to prevent heart attacks and strokes

Age	Age Men		Women			Both Sexes			
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI
40-54	27	38.5	20.2-56.9	59	47.6	34.2-61.0	86	43.6	32.5-54.8
55-69	62	66.2	53.8-78.5	94	60.1	48.6-71.6	156	63.2	54.4-72.1
40-69	89	56.4	45.7-67.2	153	54.7	45.5-64.0	242	55.6	48.2-62.9

Only one in 2 adults (55.6%) who had the 10-year CVD risk of \geq 30%, were receiving drug therapy and counselling to prevent heart attacks and strokes.

17. Summary of Combined Risk Factors

For the purpose of exploring combined risk factors, responses were grouped into three categories according to the presence of the five major risk factors based on principal component analysis.

- 1. The first category was 'no risk factors'; the second '1-2 risk factors', and the third '3-5 risk factors'. The five major risk factors are: Current daily smoking
- 2. Less than five servings of fruit and/or vegetables per day
- 3. Not meeting WHO recommendations on physical activity for health (<150 minutes of moderate activity per week, or equivalent)
- 4. Overweight or obese (BMI \geq 25 kg/m2)
- 5. Raised BP (SBP \geq 140 and/or DBP \geq 90 mmHg or currently on medication for raised BP).

Majority of the adults (73.5%) was estimated to have 1-2 risk factors (76.0% males and 71.0% females). Those with 1-2 risk factors were more among the age group 18-44 years than 45-69 years in both sexes. Nearly 18% of the adults were estimated to have 3-5 risk factors. 20.2% of the females and 16.4% males had 3-5 risk factors. Prevalence of 3-5 risk factors was more among 45-69 years in both sexes (24% in males and 31.4% in females).

Table 17.1: Distribution by combined risk factors

			Combined	Risk Factors							
Men											
Age Group (years)	n	% with 0 risk factors	95% CI	% with 1-2 risk factors	95% CI	% with 3-5 risk factors	95% CI				
18-44	834	8.1	5.7-10.5	79.9	76.6-83.1	12.1	9.6-14.5				
45-69	927	6.8	4.8-8.9	69.1	65.6-72.7	24.0	20.8-27.2				
18-69	1761	7.6	5.9-9.4	76.0	73.5-78.4	16.4	14.3-18.5				
			Wo	men							
18-44	1411	11.5	9.0-14.0	75.5	72.7-78.3	13.0	10.9-15.0				
45-69	1344	4.6	3.3-5.8	64.0	61.1-66.9	31.4	28.5-34.3				
18-69	2755	8.8	7.1-10.5	71.0	68.9-73.1	20.2	18.4-22.1				
			Both	Sexes							
18-44	2245	9.7	7.8-11.6	77.8	75.6-80.0	12.5	10.9-14.1				
45-69	2271	5.7	4.4-7.0	66.6	64.3-68.9	27.8	25.5-30.0				
18-69	4516	8.2	6.8-9.6	73.5	71.9-75.2	18.3	16.8-19.7				

18. Conclusion and Recommendations

Similar to many developing countries, Sri Lanka is undergoing an epidemiological transition with an increasing burden of NCDs. Deaths due to ischaemic heart diseases and stroke rank high among the top causes of the mortality. This kind of NCD burden is likely to be even more problematic in the immediate future, considering the population's high exposure to commonly known risk factors of NCDs such as tobacco use, excessive alcohol consumption, physical inactivity, unhealthy diet, and high salt consumption.

The 2014-2015 Island wide STEP survey has provided rich information on the prevalence of key NCD risk factors in Sri Lanka, and has revealed high rates of tobacco and alcohol use, inadequate physical activity, unhealthy dietary behaviours, and low levels of health screening for major NCD risk factors. The prevalence of behavioural risk factors (tobacco smoking, alcohol, fruit and vegetable consumption, physical inactivity) show a downward trend when compared with prevalence in 2008.

Although prevalence of current tobacco smoking among males has not been reduced significantly in comparison to the prevalence observed in 2008 (29.4% in 2015 and 29.8% in 2008), prevalence of daily tobacco smoking has been reduced among males (19.9% in 2015 and 22.8% in 2006) and among females (0.1% in 2015 and 0.3% in 2006) indicating a trend in behaviour towards positive direction. This is a clear indication of successful implementation of tobacco control strategies adopted in the country as the prevalence of daily smokers is considered as valid measure of preventive and control activities conducted in a country.

However, approximately one fifths (22.3%) in the younger age group 18-29 are estimated to be current smokers. Mean age for initiation of smoking for male daily smokers was 20.5 years in comparison to the mean age observed in 2006 (27.6). These findings highlight the need for new strategies to strengthen preventive measures to reduce the incidence of smoking among the younger age groups.

As majority of the smokers are smoking manufactured cigarettes, the current strategies to reduce smoking such as pictorial warnings, and other legislative measures should be strengthened.

Current smokeless tobacco use among males is 26.0% and among females 5.3%. The prevalence of smokeless tobacco (daily users of smokeless tobacco) among males is higher (18.9%) than females (4.1%). Prevalence of smoking and smokeless tobacco use among males is 35.3%. This indicate that the there is still a high prevalence of smokeless tobacco usage in our country, warranting more attention towards prevention and control activities focusing on smokeless tobacco use.

Nearly half of the current smokers have tried to stop smoking which highlights the need for properly functioning island-wide tobacco cessation services giving more options to them. It is important to start tobacco cessation facilities including 24 hour tobacco cessation hotline.

Only 35% of the current smokers have been advised by a doctor to stop smoking which is inadequate, and should be intervened. Therefore, it will be useful to have regular training programmes for medical professionals in the country on advising the patients on tobacco cessation and brief interventions.

Around 25% of the male and 22% of females were exposed to second-hand smoke at home, while 36% of males and 11% of females were exposed to second-hand smoke at their work places highlighting the need to strengthen the implementation and enforcement of smoke-free policies.

Hazardous drinking of alcohol in excess of the recommended daily limit is damaging to health. Prevalence of current alcohol use among males has increased in comparison to the prevalence observed in 2008 (34.8% in 2015 and 26.0% in 2008). This is an alarming issue and brings out the need to evaluate the current strategies and policies in view of implementing an accelerated programme while giving more attention to implement "Best Buys". It is estimated that 16.8% of males adults had indulged in binge drinking (six or more drinks on a single occasion at least once during a month) compared to only 0.1% of the females. This highlights the need to tailor the current programs to address these critical issues

Intake of fruits and vegetables plays a protective role in the prevention of cancers, heart diseases and many other diseases. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends a minimum of five daily servings of fruits and/or vegetables. The survey has estimated that while mean number of days of fruit consumption is 4 and vegetable consumption is 7 in the adults; however only 27.5% of the adults (26.9% of males and 28% of females) consume recommended levels of five or more portions of fruits and or vegetables per week. Although this shows improvement in practices (from the last STEP survey in 2008: males 18.6%, females 16.7%, and adults 17.6%), the amounts consumed is still below the recommended levels. This finding warrants for interventions which would not only improve health literacy, but also economic policy reforms geared towards improving availability and affordability of such food items, and also improving the buying power of the population.

Nearly 53% of the population admits to adding salt while cooking rice, 72.5% adding salt while cooking, 21.8% adding salt before or when eating. These practices show a trend in excessive usage of salt in food. Approximately 27% of the population always or often eat processed food high in salt. Furthermore, 61% of the males and 73% of the females knew that consuming too much of sodium could cause serious problems. The identified gap between their knowledge on slat consumption and actual practices of salt consumption should be addressed through properly designed awareness programmes. Findings related to dietary habits indicate the need to carry out appropriate and culturally- tailored programmes to promote healthy diet in the community.

The benefits of physical activity include prevention of heart diseases and diabetes, reduction in obesity, blood pressure and cholesterol, and improvement in mental health conditions. The survey revealed that 22.5% of the males and 38.4% of the females do not meet the minimum WHO recommendations activity (≥150 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity per week, or equivalent), which calls for more awareness programmes on healthy lifestyle, and improve facilities and incentives for engaging in physical activities.

Pattern of lifestyle advice received by the adults from health care providers reflects the current practice where advices on cessation of smoking, consumption of fruits or vegetables are given irrespective of the age of the recipient, while advices on salt and fat reduction from diet is given to older population where the risk of NCD is perceived to be high.

Nutritional problems in both spectrums of overweight and underweight are visible in the population. Of the males, 21% were overweight and 3.5% were obese where as 25.9% of females were overweight and 8.4% of females were obese which shall be given due attention. Meanwhile, 15.3% (16.5% males and 14.1% females) of the population being underweight reveals the fact that under nutrition is still a problem in the country.

The metabolic risk factors for NCDs are raised blood pressure, obesity, raised cholesterol and blood sugar. They will lead to a growing burden of NCDs. The 2014-15 survey estimated that 30.7% of the adults had never gotten their blood pressure measured by a doctor or a health person. In addition, 21.0% of the adults with raised blood pressure (>140/ 90 mmHg) were not on any medication for hypertension, which is higher than the prevalence in 2008 (16.1%). Taken together these two findings highlight the importance of popularizing already established healthy lifestyle centres, where individuals could get their blood pressure measured, and get health advices free of charge at the grass-root level. Nearly one fourth (26%) of the adults having either raised blood pressure or being on medication for hypertension warrants immediate attention on more focused prevention and control programmes.

Moreover, around half of the adults (50.9%) have never had their blood sugar measured, and around 70% of them never having their cholesterol measured also favour the implementation of a mass awareness programme throughout the country. However, it should be also noted that only 3.8% of the adults has impaired fasting glycaemia, while only 7.7% has raised bold sugar or were currently on treatment for diabetes.

Nearly one fourths of the adults (23.6%) were either had raised total cholesterol (\geq 190 mg/dl) or were currently on medication for raised cholesterol, indicating the need for more comprehensive, nation-wide interventions to prevent and control intermediate risk factors for NCD.

Approximately 9% of the adults were estimated to have cardiovascular risk \geq 30% or with existing CVD. This highlights the need to identify the groups at risk in the community, and to plan and implement intervention early, in order to prevent pre-mature deaths. Out of the respondents who were having a CVD risk of \geq 30% or with existing CVD, only half (55.6%) are receiving drug therapy and counselling to prevent heart attack and stroke which is highly unsatisfactory.

Exposure to a single risk factor as well as combination of more risk factors can substantially increase the risk of developing multiple NCDs. More than 90% of the Sri Lankan adults were estimated to have at least one of these risk factors (73.5% with 1-2 risk factors, and 18.3% with 3-5 risk factors), with similar prevalence in males and females. This situation should be intervened with timely implemented policies, and strategies at the national level.

NCDs will potentially emerge as a the biggest public health challenge in Sri Lanka due to the high prevalence of NCD risk factors, and the already existing gap between prevalence and treatment. However, if greater investments in NCD prevention and services are made through the right policies and public health measures, the imminent NCD epidemic could be controlled.

Health systems should be made more responsible for treatment and health-seeking behaviour. Both private and public health systems should be involved in integrating NCD services to promote as well as managing NCD patients. This requires the involvement of all government institutions as well as private sector, civil society, faith-based organizations, academia and community to have a comprehensive and multi-sectoral approach for preventing and controlling NCDs in Sri Lanka.

This National Survey was a dire need of the health sector in Sri Lanka as it gives an assessment for on-going efforts to control and prevent key risk factors for major non Communicable Diseases. Hence, the results of this survey will be a very useful tool for planning and implementation of relevant programmes in Sri Lanka.

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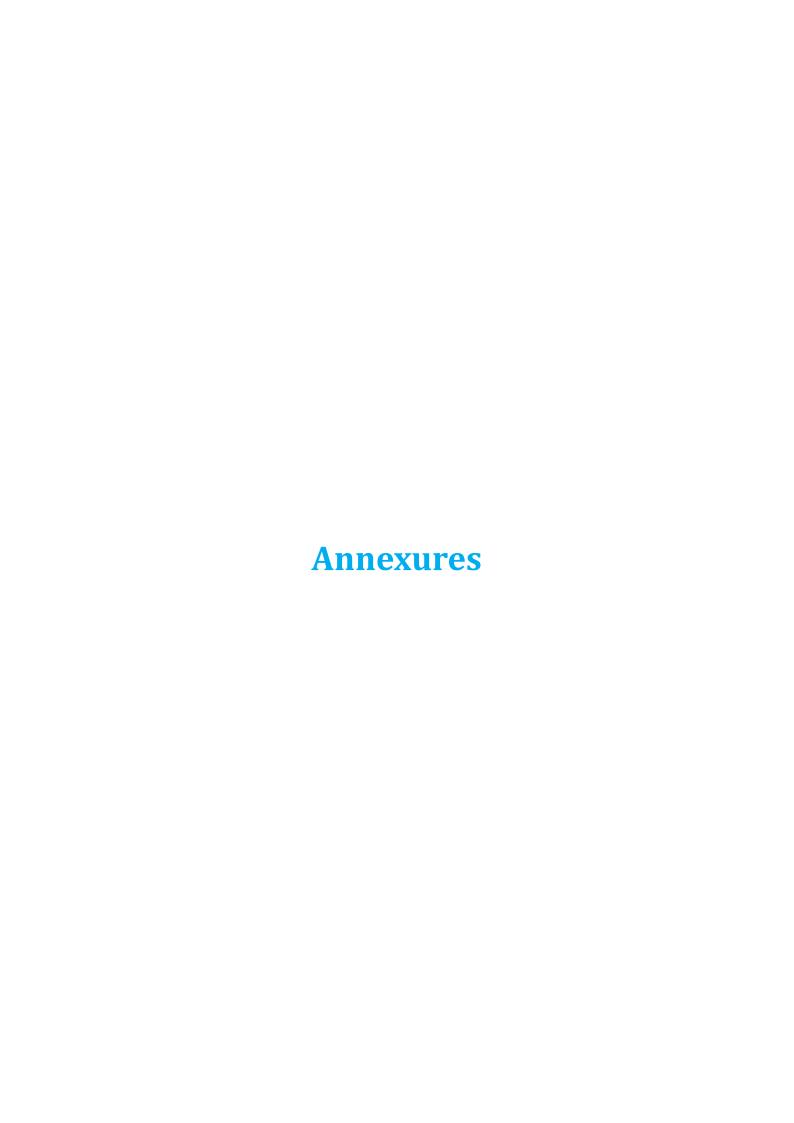
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Annexure I: Data Tables

1.Tobacco Use

1.1: Smoked tobacco consumption

		Consumption									
		Percentage of o	urrent smoke	ers smoking each of	the followir	ng products					
Men											
Age Group (years)	n	% Manuf. cigs.	95% CI	% Hand-rolled cigs.	95% CI	% Pipes of tobacco	95% CI				
18-29	67	97.4	93.8-100.0	5.7	0.1-11.3	0.0	0.0-0.0				
30-44	235	87.1	82.7-91.5	4.0	1.3-6.6	0.0	0.0-0.0				
45-59	235	71.9	65.4-78.3	5.8	1.8-9.7	0.9	0.0-2.0				
60-69	111	65.1	55.3-75.0	11.8	4.8-18.7	1.2	0.0-3.5				
18-69	648	83.0	79.7-86.2	5.8	3.4-8.1	0.4	0.0-0.8				
	n	% Cigars,*	95% CI	% Shisha	95% CI	% Other	95% CI				
18-29	67	1.0	0.0-2.8	9.9	1.4-18.4	3.5	0.0-7.5				
30-44	235	2.7	0.3-5.1	21.8	16.0-27.7	1.7	0.0-3.9				
45-59	235	7.0	3.2-10.8	41.0	33.6-48.4	1.8	0.3-3.4				
60-69	111	14.7	7.0-22.4	39.2	29.4-49.1	1.1	0.0-3.3				
18-69	648	4.8	2.8-6.9	26.2	22.1-30.3	2.2	0.8-3.5				

				Women			
Age Group (years)	n	% Manuf. cigs.	95% CI	% Hand-rolled cigs.	95% CI	% Pipes of tobacco	95% CI
18-29	0	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-
30-44	0	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-
45-59	4	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-
60-69	0	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-
18-69	4	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-
	n	% Cigars,*	95% CI	% Shisha	95% CI	% Other	95% CI
18-29	0	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-
30-44	0	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-
45-59	4	0.0	-	19.3	19.1-19.5	80.7	80.5-80.9
60-69	0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0-0.0	0.0	-
18-69	4	0.0	-	19.3	19.1-19.5	80.7	80.5-80.9

^{*}cigars, cheroots, cigarillos

				Both sexes			
Age Group (years)	n	% Manuf. cigs.	95% CI	% Hand-rolled cigs.	95% CI	% Pipes of tobacco	95% CI
18-29	67	97.4	93.8-100.0	5.7	0.1-11.3	0.0	0.0-0.0
30-44	235	87.1	82.7-91.5	4.0	1.3-6.6	0.0	0.0-0.0
45-59	239	70.9	64.5-77.3	5.7	1.8-9.6	0.8	0.0-2.0
60-69	111	65.1	55.3-75.0	11.8	4.8-18.7	1.2	0.0-3.5
18-69	652	82.6	79.4-85.9	5.8	3.4-8.1	0.4	0.0-0.8
	n	% Cigars,*	95% CI	% Shisha	95% CI	% Other	95% CI
18-29	67	1.0	0.0-2.8	9.9	1.4-18.4	3.5	0.0-7.5
30-44	235	2.7	0.3-5.1	21.8	16.0-27.7	1.7	0.0-3.9
45-59	239	6.9	3.2-10.7	40.7	33.3-48.1	2.9	0.8-5.0
60-69	111	14.7	7.0-22.4	39.2	29.4-49.1	1.1	0.0-3.3
18-69	652	4.8	2.7-6.9	26.2	22.1-30.3	2.5	1.0-3.9

1.2: Status of smokeless tobacco use

1.2: Status	or smok	celess toba	acco use										
	Smokeless tobacco use												
Men													
Age	n		Curi	ent user		Non user							
Group (years)		% Daily	95% CI	% Non-daily	95% CI	% Past user	95% CI	% Never used	95% CI				
18-29	294	7.4	4.4-10.4	9.1	5.5-12.8	6.2	3.4-9.0	77.2	71.9-82.6				
30-44	676	21.3	17.7-25.0	7.6	5.5-9.8	5.3	3.5-7.1	65.7	61.4-70.1				
45-59	689	25.4	21.6-29.3	5.4	3.5-7.3	5.0	3.1-6.8	64.2	60.1-68.4				
60-69	365	34.6	29.0-40.2	2.7	0.6-4.8	7.2	4.4-10.0	55.5	49.7-61.3				
18-69	2024	18.9	16.7-21.2	7.1	5.5-8.6	5.7	4.5-7.0	68.3	65.4-71.2				
	Women												
Age n Current user Non user													
Group (years)		% Daily	95% CI	% Non-daily	95% CI	% Past user	95% CI	% Never used	95% CI				
18-29	504	0.5	0.0-1.3	0.4	0.0-1.0	0.6	0.0-1.2	98.5	97.3-99.6				
30-44	1143	2.4	1.3-3.5	1.2	0.5-1.9	0.8	0.1-1.5	95.6	94.1-97.0				
45-59	1002	7.7	5.7-9.7	2.3	1.3-3.3	2.2	1.2-3.1	87.8	85.3-90.4				
60-69	502	10.7	7.3-14.1	0.7	0.0-1.4	2.1	0.7-3.5	86.5	82.8-90.2				
18-69	3151	4.1	3.3-5.0	1.2	0.8-1.6	1.3	0.8-1.7	93.4	92.3-94.5				
				Both S	exes								
Age	n		Curr	ent user			No	n user					
Group (years)		% Daily	95% CI	% Non-daily	95% CI	% Past user	95% CI	% Never used	95% CI				
18-29	798	4.1	2.5-5.7	5.0	3.0-6.9	3.5	2.0-5.1	87.4	84.4-90.3				
30-44	1819	12.1	10.1-14.0	4.5	3.3-5.7	3.1	2.1-4.1	80.3	77.9-82.8				
45-59	1691	16.4	14.1-18.7	3.8	2.7-4.9	3.5	2.5-4.6	76.3	73.6-79.0				
60-69	867	22.7	19.4-26.1	1.7	0.6-2.8	4.7	3.0-6.3	70.9	67.3-74.5				
18-69	5175	11.7	10.4-12.9	4.2	3.3-5.0	3.5	2.8-4.2	80.6	78.9-82.3				

2. Diet

2.1: Controlling salt intake

2.1. Contro	Limit consumption of processed foods										
Age		Men			Women			Both Sex	(es		
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI	n	%	95% CI		
18-29	293	20.5	14.4-26.7	504	19.1	14.3-23.8	797	19.8	15.5-24.2		
30-44	676	21.1	17.0-25.2	1143	25.3	21.6-29.1	1819	23.2	19.9-26.4		
45-59	686	24.5	20.2-28.8	1002	26.1	22.0-30.1	1688	25.3	21.7-28.9		
60-69	364	20.3	15.2-25.5	502	28.2	23.0-33.3	866	24.2	20.0-28.4		
18-69	2019	21.7	18.2-25.1	3151	23.8	20.7-26.9	5170	22.7	19.8-25.7		
		l	ook at the sa	alt or sodi	um content	on food lab	els				
18-29	293	4.6	1.2-8.0	504	6.1	3.7-8.5	797	5.3	3.1-7.5		
30-44	676	5.3	3.2-7.4	1143	7.1	5.0-9.2	1819	6.2	4.5-7.9		
45-59	686	6.0	3.9-8.1	1002	6.5	4.4-8.6	1688	6.3	4.5-8.0		
60-69	364	4.3	2.1-6.6	502	5.3	2.5-8.1	866	4.8	3.0-6.7		
18-69	2019	5.1	3.4-6.8	3151	6.4	4.9-8.0	5170	5.8	4.4-7.2		
			Buy lo	ow salt/so	dium alter	natives					
18-29	293	3.5	0.3-6.7	504	2.8	1.2-4.4	797	3.1	1.3-5.0		
30-44	676	2.0	0.9-3.1	1143	4.5	3.0-6.0	1819	3.2	2.1-4.3		
45-59	686	2.4	1.1-3.7	1002	4.2	2.5-6.0	1688	3.3	2.0-4.7		
60-69	364	1.3	0.2-2.3	502	2.5	1.0-4.0	866	1.9	0.9-2.8		
18-69	2019	2.5	1.2-3.9	3151	3.6	2.5-4.7	5170	3.1	2.1-4.1		
			Avoid eating								
18-29	293	12.4	7.5-17.3	504	13.4	9.6-17.2	797	12.9	9.6-16.1		
30-44	676	13.3	9.9-16.7	1143	17.3	13.9-20.6	1819	15.2	12.6-17.9		
45-59	686	15.5	11.9-19.1	1002	19.7	16.0-23.5	1688	17.7	14.5-20.8		
60-69	364	14.5	10.3-18.7	502	17.9	13.6-22.2	866	16.2	12.7-19.7		
18-69	2019	13.7	11.0-16.3	3151	16.7	14.0-19.5	5170	15.2	12.8-17.5		
				•	ng salt into						
18-29	293	15.1	10.4-19.8	504	17.6	13.7-21.4	797	16.3	13.1-19.4		
30-44	676	14.4	11.3-17.4	1143	22.9	19.8-26.0	1819	18.5	16.1-20.9		
45-59	686	16.4	13.0-19.8	1002	23.5	20.0-26.9	1688	20.0	17.4-22.6		
60-69	364	21.0	15.9-26.1	502	21.5	17.2-25.9	866	21.3	17.7-24.8		
18-69	2019	15.8	13.4-18.3	3151	21.2	19.0-23.4	5170	18.5	16.5-20.4		

3. Physical Activity

3.1: Domain-specific physical activity- mean

3.1. Dollia	Mean minutes of work-related physical activity on average per day											
Age		Men			Womer	1		Both Sexes				
Group (years)	n	Mean minutes	95% CI	n	Mean minutes	95% CI	n	Mean minutes	95% CI			
18-29	289	128.1	106.1-150.2	503	53.3	43.1-63.5	792	92.2	78.9-105.4			
30-44	660	169.1	151.8-186.5	1133	100.2	88.7-111.7	1793	135.1	123.7-146.5			
45-59	675	180.2	162.6-197.9	989	97.5	86.9-108.1	1664	137.8	126.7-148.9			
60-69	361	132.7	112.5-152.8	496	70.7	59.4-82.1	857	101.9	89.4-114.4			
18-69	1985	153.7	141.6-165.8	3121	80.8	73.2-88.4	5106	117.7	109.4-126.0			
		Mean min	utes of transp	ort-relate	ed physical a	activity on av	erage p	er day				
18-29	289	33.3	23.1-43.4	503	17.4	13.9-20.9	792	25.7	19.9-31.4			
30-44	660	31.0	24.4-37.7	1133	19.7	16.1-23.3	1793	25.4	21.5-29.4			
45-59	675	42.6	35.4-49.9	989	27.3	22.0-32.5	1664	34.8	29.8-39.7			
60-69	361	43.4	33.9-53.0	496	19.7	15.7-23.8	857	31.7	26.1-37.3			
18-69	1985	36.1	30.7-41.4	3121	21.0	18.5-23.5	5106	28.6	25.3-32.0			
		Mean min	utes of recreat	ion-relat	ed physical	activity on av	erage p	er day				
18-29	289	26.3	20.3-32.3	503	3.4	1.7-5.2	792	15.3	12.0-18.7			
30-44	660	7.9	5.3-10.5	1133	2.3	1.2-3.4	1793	5.2	3.6-6.7			
45-59	675	2.4	1.4-3.3	989	1.5	0.6-2.4	1664	1.9	1.2-2.6			
60-69	361	4.4	1.5-7.3	496	2.2	0.0-4.8	857	3.3	1.3-5.3			
18-69	1985	12.6	10.1-15.0	3121	2.4	1.7-3.2	5106	7.6	6.2-8.9			

3.2: Composition of total physical activity

Composition of total physical activity												
Age Group				Men								
(years)	n	% Activity from work	95% CI	% Activity for transport	95% CI	% Activity during leisure time	95% CI					
18-29	251	53.3	48.0-58.6	25.4	20.8-29.9	21.3	17.2-25.5					
30-44	564	69.4	65.7-73.1	22.4	19.3-25.5	8.2	6.0-10.4					
45-59	569	72.1	69.0-75.3	24.2	21.3-27.0	3.7	2.3-5.1					
60-69	289	61.8	56.6-67.0	34.3	29.4-39.2	3.9	1.4-6.4					
18-69	1673	63.7	61.0-66.3	25.1	22.9-27.3	11.2	9.4-13.1					
			Wo	men								
18-29	375	49.9	44.2-55.5	43.3	37.8-48.9	6.8	4.1-9.6					
30-44	906	64.4	60.7-68.2	32.5	28.8-36.2	3.0	1.8-4.3					
45-59	775	63.8	60.0-67.6	33.8	30.1-37.6	2.4	1.2-3.5					
60-69	349	60.6	55.0-66.2	37.3	31.7-42.9	2.1	0.5-3.8					
18-69	2405	59.2	56.1-62.3	36.8	33.8-39.9	4.0	2.8-5.2					
			Both	sexes								
18-29	626	51.8	47.7-55.8	33.4	29.6-37.3	14.8	12.1-17.5					
30-44	1470	67.0	64.2-69.9	27.2	24.7-29.8	5.7	4.4-7.1					
45-59	1344	68.0	65.4-70.6	29.0	26.5-31.5	3.0	2.1-4.0					
60-69	638	61.2	57.2-65.3	35.7	31.7-39.6	3.1	1.4-4.7					
18-69	4078	61.5	59.3-63.8	30.6	28.6-32.7	7.8	6.6-9.1					

3.3: Sedentary activities

Minutes spent in sedentary activities on average per day											
Men											
Age Group (years)	n	Mean minutes	95% CI	Median minutes	Inter-quartile range						
18-29	293	252.2	224.8-279.7	180.0	120.0-360.0						
30-44	676	197.4	182.7-212.0	150.0	120.0-240.0						
45-59	686	197.3	181.1-213.5	150.0	90.0-240.0						
60-69	364	211.5	190.7-232.2	180.0	120.0-240.0						
18-69 2019 217.9 204.1-231.7 180.0 120.0-300.0											
		Wor	nen								
18-29	504	261.1	240.0-282.1	240.0	120.0-360.0						
30-44	1143	185.2	173.9-196.5	175.0	90.0-240.0						
45-59	1001	187.6	176.6-198.6	180.0	120.0-240.0						
60-69	502	216.7	198.3-235.1	180.0	120.0-300.0						
18-69	3150	214.1	202.9-225.4	180.0	120.0-300.0						
		Both :	sexes								
18-29	797	256.5	236.7-276.3	180.0	120.0-360.0						
30-44	1810	191.4	180.9-202.0	150.0	120.0-240.0						
45-59	1687	192.4	181.7-203.0	150.0	120.0-240.0						
60-69	866	214.1	198.2-230.0	180.0	120.0-270.0						
18-69	5169	216.1	205.0-227.1	180.0	120.0-300.0						

4. History of Raised Blood Pressure

4.1: Blood pressure measurement and diagnosis

	Blood pressure measurement and diagnosis											
Men												
Age Group (years)	n	% Never measured	95% CI	% mesured, not diagnosed	95% CI	% found high, but not within past 12 months	95% CI	% found high within past 12 months	95% CI			
18-29	293	53.7	47.4-59.9	45.5	39.3-51.8	0.7	0.0-1.8	0.1	0.0-0.4			
30-44	675	39.1	34.7-43.6	55.3	50.9-59.8	2.7	1.5-3.9	2.8	1.6-4.1			
45-59	686	25.4	21.6-29.3	58.3	53.9-62.8	3.8	2.2-5.4	12.5	9.6-15.3			
60-69	364	17.1	12.7-21.5	57.7	51.9-63.5	6.6	3.7-9.4	18.6	14.3-23.0			
18-69	2018	38.4	35.2-41.6	52.9	49.8-56.1	2.7	1.9-3.4	6.0	5.0-7.0			
				Wo	men							
18-29	504	39.0	33.8-44.2	57.2	51.9-62.4	3.1	1.4-4.9	0.7	0.0-1.4			
30-44	1142	17.2	14.1-20.3	71.9	68.5-75.3	5.9	4.4-7.3	5.0	3.6-6.3			
45-59	1000	14.5	11.6-17.4	59.6	55.9-63.3	7.6	5.6-9.5	18.3	15.5-21.1			
60-69	502	9.6	6.4-12.9	47.6	42.5-52.6	9.2	6.1-12.4	33.5	29.0-38.1			
18-69	3148	22.8	20.3-25.3	61.1	58.5-63.6	5.8	4.8-6.8	10.3	9.2-11.5			
				Both	sexes							
18-29	797	46.7	42.2-51.1	51.1	46.8-55.4	1.8	0.8-2.8	0.4	0.0-0.8			
30-44	1817	28.4	25.3-31.6	63.4	60.3-66.6	4.2	3.3-5.2	3.9	3.0-4.8			
45-59	1686	19.8	17.1-22.6	59.0	55.9-62.1	5.7	4.5-7.0	15.4	13.4-17.5			
60-69	866	13.4	10.5-16.3	52.7	48.5-56.8	7.9	5.7-10.1	26.0	22.6-29.4			
18-69	5166	30.7	28.3-33.1	56.9	54.6-59.3	4.2	3.6-4.8	8.1	7.3-8.9			

4.2: Blood pressure advice by a traditional healer

Seen a traditional healer among those previously diagnosed											
Age	Men				Women			Both Sexes			
Group (years)	n	% seen trad. healer	95% CI	n	% seen trad. healer	95% CI	n	% seen trad. healer	95% CI		
18-29	3	0.0	0.0-0.0	16	0.0	0.0-0.0	19	0.0	0.0-0.0		
30-44	43	2.2	0.0-6.5	123	2.9	0.0-6.2	166	2.6	0.0-5.2		
45-59	105	7.8	2.4-13.3	248	5.8	2.6-9.0	353	6.6	3.5-9.6		
60-69	91	10.7	3.9-17.4	213	5.6	2.1-9.1	304	7.5	4.2-10.8		
18-69	242	7.4	4.0-10.8	600	4.7	2.8-6.6	842	5.7	3.9-7.5		
Currently	taking	herbal or tradi	tional reme	dy for	raised blood pr	essure am	ong the	se previously d	iagnosed		
18-29	3	0.0	0.0-0.0	16	0.0	0.0-0.0	19	0.0	0.0-0.0		
30-44	43	4.5	0.0-10.6	123	3.7	0.1-7.4	166	4.0	0.8-7.2		
45-59	105	7.6	2.2-13.1	248	2.2	0.1-4.2	353	4.2	1.7-6.7		
60-69	91	7.0	1.0-13.0	213	2.9	0.3-5.5	304	4.4	1.7-7.2		
18-69	242	6.6	3.3-9.9	600	2.5	1.2-3.9	842	4.0	2.5-5.5		

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5. History of Diabetes

5.1: Diabetes advice by a traditional healer

	Seen a traditional healer for diabetes among those previously diagnosed											
Age					Women			Both Sexes				
Group (years)	n	% seen trad. healer	95% CI	n	% seen trad. healer	95% CI	n	% seen trad. healer	95% CI			
18-29	5	0.0	0.0-0.0	7	16.2	0.0-45.2	12	6.3	0.0-18.5			
30-44	45	10.2	0.5-20.0	77	9.0	2.2-15.8	122	9.6	3.7-15.5			
45-59	104	9.4	3.9-14.8	161	8.1	3.4-12.9	265	8.7	5.1-12.4			
60-69	62	19.9	8.3-31.4	129	6.1	1.5-10.7	191	11.7	6.1-17.2			
18-69	216	11.1	6.7-15.5	374	8.1	4.1-12.1	590	9.5	6.6-12.5			
Cur	rently ta	king herbal or	traditional	treatme	ent for diabete	s among th	ose prev	viously diagno	sed			
18-29	5	22.1	0.0-60.4	7	16.2	0.0-45.2	12	19.8	0.0-46.3			
30-44	45	11.0	1.5-20.5	77	9.4	2.8-16.0	122	10.2	4.4-16.0			
45-59	104	12.8	6.0-19.5	161	7.8	2.8-12.7	265	10.2	6.0-14.4			
60-69	62	12.9	3.6-22.1	129	11.3	4.7-17.8	191	11.9	6.5-17.3			
18-69	216	13.1	7.7-18.4	374	9.5	5.2-13.8	590	11.2	7.6-14.9			

6. History of raised Cholesterol

6.1: History of raised cholesterol

History of Raised Cholesterol														
Age		Men												
Group (years)	n	% Never measured	95% CI	% measured, found not high	95% CI	% found high, but not within past 12 months	95% CI	% found high within past 12 months	95% CI					
18-29	293	87.5	83.2-91.9	11.7	7.5-15.9	0.7	0.0-1.4	0.1	0.0-0.3					
30-44	675	72.9	69.0-76.8	19.8	16.4-23.3	2.3	1.2-3.4	5.0	3.2-6.8					
45-59	686	62.6	58.2-67.0	25.1	21.3-28.9	3.7	2.2-5.2	8.6	6.2-10.9					
60-69	364	56.6	50.6-62.6	27.6	22.3-33.0	5.9	3.1-8.7	9.8	6.2-13.5					
18-69	2018	73.6	71.0-76.3	19.2	16.9-21.5	2.5	1.8-3.1	4.7	3.8-5.6					
					Women									
18-29	504	87.1	83.7-90.5	11.9	8.6-15.2	0.4	0.0-0.9	0.6	0.0-1.5					
30-44	1142	70.9	67.7-74.1	22.0	19.1-24.9	2.4	1.4-3.3	4.8	3.4-6.2					
45-59	1000	52.9	49.1-56.7	27.6	24.1-31.0	3.9	2.6-5.1	15.7	13.0-18.3					
60-69	502	45.3	40.0-50.6	32.3	27.5-37.1	6.4	4.0-8.8	16.0	12.4-19.6					
18-69	3148	68.5	66.2-70.8	21.3	19.3-23.3	2.6	2.0-3.1	7.6	6.5-8.7					
				ı	Both sexes									
18-29	797	87.3	84.5-90.2	11.8	9.0-14.6	0.5	0.1-1.0	0.4	0.0-0.8					
30-44	1817	71.9	69.2-74.6	20.9	18.5-23.3	2.3	1.6-3.1	4.9	3.7-6.0					
45-59	1686	57.6	54.4-60.9	26.4	23.6-29.2	3.8	2.8-4.8	12.2	10.4-14.0					
60-69	866	51.0	46.7-55.3	30.0	26.2-33.7	6.1	4.3-8.0	12.9	10.4-15.4					
18-69	5166	71.1	69.1-73.1	20.2	18.5-21.9	2.5	2.1-3.0	6.1	5.4-6.8					

6.2: Cholesterol advice by a traditional healer

Seen a traditional healer for raised cholesterol among those previously diagnosed											
Age					Women			Both Sexes			
Group (years)	n	% seen trad. healer	95% CI	n	% seen trad. healer	95% CI	n	% seen trad. healer	95% CI		
18-29	4	0.0	0.0-0.0	4	34.8	0.0-87.2	8	19.1	0.0-51.9		
30-44	50	10.0	1.3-18.7	77	10.6	3.2-17.9	127	10.3	4.5-16.0		
45-59	81	9.8	3.3-16.3	194	8.3	4.2-12.5	275	8.9	5.2-12.6		
60-69	56	7.5	0.2-14.9	125	4.5	0.7-8.3	181	5.8	2.1-9.5		
18-69	191	9.0	4.7-13.2	400	8.7	5.1-12.4	591	8.8	6.0-11.6		
Currentl	y takin	g herbal or tra	ditional tre	atment	for raised chol	esterol amo	ng thos	e previously di	agnosed		
18-29	4	0.0	0.0-0.0	4	0.0	0.0-0.0	8	0.0	0.0-0.0		
30-44	50	5.5	0.0-12.1	77	7.9	1.8-14.0	127	6.7	2.1-11.2		
45-59	81	6.2	1.3-11.1	194	10.0	5.2-14.8	275	8.6	4.9-12.2		
60-69	56	6.1	0.0-12.9	125	7.9	2.5-13.3	181	7.1	2.9-11.3		
18-69	191	5.7	2.4-9.1	400	8.7	5.7-11.8	591	7.5	5.2-9.8		

7. Physical Measurements

7.1: Mean heart rate

Mean heart rate (beats per minute)											
Age Group	Men			Women			Both Sexes				
(years)	n	mean	95% CI	n	mean	95% CI	n	mean	95% CI		
18-29	272	72.6	71.3-73.9	484	80.6	79.5-81.7	756	76.4	75.5-77.3		
30-44	636	73.2	72.3-74.1	1106	78.5	77.7-79.2	1742	75.8	75.2-76.4		
45-59	656	73.1	72.1-74.1	965	76.8	76.1-77.6	1621	75.0	74.3-75.7		
60-69	345	72.5	71.0-73.9	480	77.8	76.8-78.8	825	75.1	74.2-76.0		
18-69	1909	72.9	72.2-73.5	3035	78.6	78.1-79.2	4944	75.7	75.3-76.2		

7.2: Mean height

Mean height (cm)										
Age Group		Men		Women						
(years)	N	Mean	95% CI	n	Mean	95% CI				
18-29	260	167.5	166.4-168.5	447	155.0	154.2-155.7				
30-44	625	165.8	165.1-166.5	1040	153.6	153.1-154.0				
45-59	644	163.4	162.8-164.0	946	151.1	150.6-151.6				
60-69	337	162.5	161.7-163.2	466	149.7	149.0-150.4				
18-69	1866	165.4	164.9-165.9	2899	152.9	152.5-153.3				

7.3: Mean weight

Mean weight (kg)										
Age Group		Men		Women						
(years)	n	Mean	95% CI	n	Mean	95% CI				
18-29	261	60.5	58.9-62.0	448	51.4	50.3-52.6				
30-44	625	63.5	62.3-64.7	1042	57.1	56.3-58.0				
45-59	643	61.4	60.2-62.7	943	56.1	55.3-57.0				
60-69	338	58.3	56.7-59.8	467	53.0	51.8-54.2				
18-69	1867	61.4	60.6-62.2	2900	54.6	54.0-55.2				

7.4: Mean BMI

Mean BMI (kg/m2)											
Age	Men			Women			Both Sexes				
Group (years)	n	Mean	95% CI	n	Mean	95% CI	n	Mean	95% CI		
18-29	257	21.7	21.2-22.1	438	21.5	21.1-21.9	695	21.6	21.2-21.9		
30-44	625	23.1	22.7-23.4	1034	24.3	23.9-24.6	1659	23.6	23.4-23.9		
45-59	640	22.8	22.5-23.2	938	24.7	24.4-25.1	1578	23.8	23.5-24.0		
60-69	337	22.1	21.5-22.6	462	23.7	23.2-24.3	799	22.9	22.5-23.3		
18-69	1859	22.4	22.2-22.7	2872	23.5	23.2-23.7	4731	22.9	22.7-23.1		

8. Biochemical measurements

8.1: Total cholesterol measurements

Total Cholesterol (mg/dl)									
Age		Men			Women			Both S	exes
group	n	Mean	95% CI	n	Mean	95% CI	n	Mean	95% CI
18-29	235	137.0	131.3-142.7	432	147.1	141.9-152.3	667	141.8	137.8-145.8
30-44	583	150.9	146.4-155.5	1018	155.2	151.7-158.8	1601	153.0	149.7-156.4
45-59	603	153.6	149.1-158.0	909	167.5	163.0-172.1	1512	160.7	157.1-164.3
60-69	321	151.7	145.7-157.7	446	172.4	166.6-178.2	767	162.0	157.5-166.5
18-69	1742	146.8	143.6-150.0	2805	157.8	154.7-160.9	4547	152.2	149.5-154.9

Annexure II: STEPS Instrument



WHO STEPS Instrument

for Chronic Disease Risk Factor Surveillance Sri Lanka

Survey Information

Location and Date	Response	Code
Cluster ID		l1
Name of the PHM Area		12
Interviewer ID		13
Date of completion of the instrument	dd mm year	14

Consent, Interview Language and Name	Response			Code	
Consent has been read and obtained	Yes No	1 2	If NO, END	15	
Interview Language	English Sinhalese Tamil			16	
Name of the participant				17	
Address and a landmark				18 19	
Additional Information that may be helpful					
Contact phone number where possible				l10	

Step 1 Demographic Information

CORE: Demographic Information				
Question	Response	Code		
Sex	Male 1	C1		
Sex	Female 2	C1		
What is your date of birth?		00		
Don't Know 77 77 7777	dd mm year	C2		
How old are you?	Years	C3		
In total, how many years have you spent at school and in full-time study (excluding pre-school)?	Years L_L_J	C4		

Step 1 Behavioural Measurements

CORE: Tobacco Use			
Now I am going to ask you some questions about toba	acco use.	D	0.4.
Question		Response	Code
Do you currently smoke any tobacco products, such as cigarettes, cigars, Beedee, pipes? (USE SHOWCARD)	Yes No	1 2 If No, go to T10	T1
Do you currently smoke tobacco products daily?	Yes	1	
This question is only for current smokers of tobacco products.	No	2	T2
How old were you when you first started smoking?	Age (years)		T3
For current smokers only.	Don't know 77	If Known, go to T6a/T6aw	13
Who introduced you to smoking?	School Friends 1 Work place colleagues 2 Relations 3 Self 4 Can't remember 5		T4
Do you remember how long ago it was?	In Years	If Known, go to T6a/T6aw	T5a
(RECORD ONLY 1, NOT ALL 3) Don't know 77	OR in Months	If Known, go to T6a/T6aw	T5b
	OR in Weeks		T5c
		DAILY↓ WEEKLY↓	
	Manufactured cigarettes		T6a/T6aw
On average, how many of the following products do you smoke each day/week?		If T6a/T6aw answered go T7	
(IF LESS THAN DAILY, RECORD WEEKLY)	Hand-rolled cigarettes		T6b/T6bw
(RECORD FOR EACH TYPE, USE SHOWCARD)	Pipes full of tobacco		T6c/T6cw
Don't Know 7777 For current smokers only.	Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos		T6d/T6dw
Tor current smokers only.	Manufactured Beedee		T6e/T6ew
	Other	If Other, go to T6other, else go to T8	T6f/T6fw
	Other (please specify):		T6other/ T6otherw
	Packets 1		
Usually, do you buy cigarettes in packets or separately?	Separately 2		T7
During the past 12 months, have you tried to stop	Yes	1	
smoking? For current smokers only.	No	2	T8

During any visit to a doctor or other health worker in the	Yes No	1 2	If T2=Yes, go to T14; if T2=No, go to T11 If T2=Yes, go to T14; if T2=No, go to T11	
past 12 months, were you advised to quit smoking tobacco? For current smokers only.	No visit during the past 12 months	3	If T2=Yes, go to T14; if T2=No, go to T11	Т9
In the past, did you ever smoke any tobacco products?	Yes	1		T40
(USE SHOWCARD) cross check	No	2	If No, go to T14	T10
In the past, did you ever smoke daily?	Yes	1	If T1=Yes, go to T14, else go to T12	T11
	No	2	If T1=Yes, go to T14, else go to T12	

Question	Re	esponse	Code
How old were you when you stopped smoking?	Age (years) Don't Know 77	└─┴── If Known, go to T14	T12
How long ago did you stop smoking?	Years ago	If Known, go to T14	T13a
(RECORD ONLY 1, NOT ALL 3) Don't Know 77	OR Months ago	If Known, go to T14	T13b
	OR Weeks ago		T13c
Do you currently use any smokeless tobacco products	Yes	1	
such as [chewing tobacco, betel with tobacco, babul, snuff]? (USE SHOWCARD)	No	2 If No, go to T17	T14
Do you currently use smokeless tobacco products daily?	Yes	1	T15
For current users of smokeless tobacco products only.	No	2 If No, go to T16aw	113
		DAILY↓ WEEKLY↓	T
	Chewing tobacco with betel		T16a/ T16aw
On average, how many times a day/week do you use (IF LESS THAN DAILY, RECORD WEEKLY)	Snuff, by nose		T16b/ T16bw
(RECORD FOR EACH TYPE, USE SHOWCARD) Don't Know 7777	Chewing tobacco		T16c/ T16cw
For current users of smokeless tobacco only.	Babul		T16d/ T16dw
	Other	If Other, go to T16other, if T15=No, go to T18, else go to T19	T16e/ T16ew
	Other (please specify):		T16other/ T16otherw
	Yes	1	
In the past , did you ever use smokeless tobacco products such as <i>[chewing tobacco, betel with tobacco, babul, snuff]</i> ?	No	2 If No, go to T19	T17

In the past , did you ever use smokeless tobacco products [such as chewing tobacco, betel with tobacco, babul, snuff] daily?	Yes No	2	T18
During the past 30 days, did someone smoke in your home?	Yes	1	
	No	2	T19
During the past 30 days, did someone smoke in closed	Yes	1	
areas in your workplace (in the building, in a work area or a specific office)?	No	2	
a specific office):	Don't work in a closed area		T20
		3	

CORE: Alcohol Consumption			
Question	Res	ponse	Code
Have you ever consumed any alcohol such as arrack, kasippu, oddy, beer, spirits or wine	Yes 1 No 2		A1
USE SHOWCARD OR SHOW EXAMPLES)		If No, go to D 1 ##################################	
lave you consumed any alcohol within the past 12 months?	Yes No	1 If Yes, go to A4 2	A2

	Daily	1	
Ouring the past 12 months, how frequently have you had at east one standard alcoholic drink?	5-6 days per week	2	
READ RESPONSES, USE SHOWCARD)	3-4 days per week	3	A 4
	1-2 days per week	4	A4
	1-3 days per month	5	
	Less than once a month	6	
lave you consumed any alcohol within the past 30 days?	Yes	1	٨۶
	No	2 If No, go to D1 ###################################	A5
	•	Daily	
		5-6 days per week	
Ouring the past 30 days, on how many occasions did you have tt least one standard alcoholic drink?		3-4 days per week	A6
		1-2 days per week	
		1-3 days per month	
Ouring the past 30 days, when you drank alcohol, how many standard drinks on average did you have during one drinking occasion? USE SHOWCARD)	Number Don't know 77		A7
Ouring the past 30 days, what was the largest number of tandard drinks you had on a single occasion, counting all types f alcoholic drinks together?	Largest number Don't Know 77		A8
ouring the past 30 days, how many times did you have ix or more standard drinks in a single drinking occasion?	Number of times Don't Know 77		A9
	Monday		A10a
luring each of the most 7 days have many attended district	Tuesday		A10b
ouring each of the past 7 days , how many standard drinks did ou have each day? USE SHOWCARD)	Wednesday		A10c
on't Know 77	Thursday		A10d
	Friday		A10e
	Saturday		A10f
	Sunday		A10g

Have you stopped drinking due to health reasons, such as a negative impact on your health or on the advice of your doctor or other health worker?

This question is for those participants that did not drink during the past 12 months, but that have drunk in their lifetime.

Yes	1 If Yes, go to A16	A3
No	2 If No, go to A16	AU

CORE: Alcohol Consumption, continued

I have just asked you about your consumption of alcohol during the past 7 days. The questions were about alcohol in general, while the next questions refer to your consumption of homebrewed alcohol, alcohol brought over the border/from another country, any alcohol not intended for drinking or other untaxed alcohol. Please only think about these types of alcohol when answering the next questions.

During the past 7 days, did you consume any homebrewed alcohol, any alcohol brought over the border/from another country, any alcohol not intended for drinking or other untaxed alcohol? [AMEND ACCORDING TO LOCAL CONTEXT] (USE SHOWCARD)	Yes	1 2 If No, go to D1 ###################################	A11
	Homebrewed spirits, e.g. moonshine		A12a
On average, how many standard drinks of the following did	Homebrewed beer or wine, e.g. beer, palm or fruit wine		A12b
you consume during the past 7 days?	Alcohol brought over the border/from another country		A12c
[INSERT COUNTRY-SPECIFIC EXAMPLES] (USE SHOWCARD) Don't Know 77	Alcohol not intended for drinking, e.g. alcohol-based medicines, perfumes, after shaves		A12d
	Other untaxed alcohol in the country		A12e

CORE: Diet		
Question	Response	Code
In a typical week, on how many days do you eat fruit? (USE SHOWCARD)	Number of days Don't Know 77	D1
	If Zero days, go to D4	
How many servings of fruit do you eat on one of those days? (USE SHOWCARD)	Number of servings Don't Know 77	D2
During the past 30 days on how many days did you eat fruits ?	Daily 1 5-6 days per week 2 3-4 days per week 3 1-2 days per week 4 1-3 days per month 5	D3

In a typical week, on how many days do you eat vegetables? (USE SHOWCARD)	Number of days Don't Know 77		D4
How many servings of vegetables do you eat on one of those days? (USE SHOWCARD)	Number of servings Don't know 77	If Zero days, go to D6	D5
EXPANDED: Diet			•
What type of oil or fat is most often used for meal preparation in your household? (USE SHOWCARD) (SELECT ONLY ONE)	Other	Soya 1 Vegetable (palm) 2 Sunflower 3 Gingerly 4 Olive oil 5 Corn oil 6 Coconut oil 7 Ghee 8 Butter 9 Margarine 10 Other 11 If Other, go to D6 other None in particular 12 None used 13 Don't know 77	D6 D6other
On average, how many meals per week do you eat that were not prepared at a home? By meal, I mean breakfast, lunch and dinner.	Number Don't know 77		D7

Dietary Salt

Dietary salt			
Question	Response	е	Code
How often do you add salt when you cook rice?	Always	1	
	Often	2	
	Sometimes	3	DS1
	Rarely	4	וסטו
	Never	5	
	Don't know	77	
	Always	1	
How often do you add salt or a salty sauce such as soya sauce to your food right before you eat it or as you are eating it?	Often	2	
sauce to your food right before you eat it or as you are eating it:	Sometimes	3	DS2
	Rarely	4	
(USE SHOWCARD)	Never	5	
	Don't know	77	
	Always Often	1 2	
	Sometimes	3	
How often is salt, salty seasoning added in cooking or preparing foods in your household?	Rarely	4	DS3
proparing roods in your nouscrioid:	Never	5	
	Don't know	77	
	Always	1	
	Often	2	
How often do you eat processed food high in salt?	Sometimes	3	
***	Rarely	4	DS4
(USE SHOWCARD)	Never	5	
,	5 "		
	Don't know	77	
On average for how many people do you cook in a typical day?			DS5
	Salt crystals (1kg) No. of packets		
How many salt packets do you consume in a month?	Salt powder(400g) No. of packets		DS6
	Don't know 77		
	Far too much	1	
	Too much	2	
	Just the right amount	3	
How much salt or salty sauce do you think you consume?	Too little	4	DS7
	Far too little	5	
	Don't know	77	
	Very important	1	
	Somewhat important	2	
How important to you is lowering the salt in your diet?	Not at all important	3	DS8
	Don't know	77	
	Yes	1	
Do you think that too much salt or salty sauce in your diet could cause a health problem ?	No	2	DS9
Cause a nealth problem?	Don't know	77	

Dietary salt, Continued			
Question	Response		Code
Do you do anything of the following on a regular basis to contr (RECORD FOR EACH)	rol your salt intake?		
Limit consumption of processed foods	Yes	1	DS10a
Limit consumption of processed foods	No	2	DOTO
Lock at the colt or codi, we content on food labels	Yes	1	DS10b
Look at the salt or sodium content on food labels	No	2	DO 100
Net to put celt into vice	Yes	1	DS10c
Not to put salt into rice	No	2	DO 100
Lies anises of her than self rules a seeling	Yes	1	DS10d
Use spices other than salt when cooking	No	2	DOTOG
Augid action foods was and autoids of a house	Yes	1	DS10e
Avoid eating foods prepared outside of a home	No	2	DOTOG
Do other things enseifically to central your celt intoke	Yes	1 If Yes, go to S7other	DS10f
Do other things specifically to control your salt intake	No	2	50101
Other (please specify)			DS10other

CORE: Physical Activity		
Question	Response	Code
Work		
Does your work involve vigorous-intensity activity that causes large increases in breathing or heart rate like [carrying or lifting heavy loads, digging or construction work] for at least 10 minutes continuously? (USE SHOWCARD)	Yes 1 No 2 If No, go to P 4	P1
In a typical week, on how many days do you do vigorous-intensity activities as part of your work?	Number of days	P2
How much time do you spend doing vigorous-intensity activities at work on a typical day?	Hours : minutes hrs mins	P3 (a-b)
Does your work involve moderate-intensity activity, that causes small increases in breathing or heart rate such as brisk walking [or carrying light loads] for at least 10 minutes continuously? (USE SHOWCARD)	Yes 1 No 2 If No, go to P 7	P4
In a typical week, on how many days do you do moderate-intensity activities as part of your work?	Number of days	P5
How much time do you spend doing moderate-intensity activities at work on a typical day?	Hours : minutes hrs mins	P6 (a-b)
Travel to and from places		•
The next questions exclude the physical activities at work th Now I would like to ask you about the usual way you travel tworship. [Insert other examples if needed]	at you have already mentioned. o and from places. For example to work, for shopping, to market, to p	lace of
Do you walk or use a bicycle (pedal cycle) for at least 10 minutes continuously to get to and from places?	Yes 1 No 2 If No, go to P 10	P7
In a typical week, on how many days do you walk or bicycle for at least 10 minutes continuously to get to and from places?	Number of days	P8
How much time do you spend walking or bicycling for travel on a typical day?	Hours : minutes	P9 (a-b)
CORE: Physical Activity, Continued		1
Question	Response	Code
Recreational activities		
The next questions exclude the work and transport activities Now I would like to ask you about sports, fitness and recrea		T
Do you do any vigorous-intensity sports, fitness or recreational (leisure) activities that cause large increases in breathing or heart rate like [running or football] for at least 10 minutes continuously? [INSERT EXAMPLES] (USE SHOWCARD)	Yes 1 No 2 If No, go to P 13	P10

In a typical week, on how many days do you do vigorous-intensity sports, fitness or recreational (leisure) activities?	Number of days	P11
How much time do you spend doing vigorous-intensity sports, fitness or recreational activities on a typical day?	Hours : minutes LLL : LLL hrs mins	P12 (a-b)
Do you do any moderate-intensity sports, fitness or recreational (leisure) activities that cause a small increase in breathing or heart rate such as brisk walking, [cycling, swimming, and volleyball] for at least 10 minutes continuously? (USE SHOWCARD)	Yes 1 No 2 If No, go to P16	P13
In a typical week, on how many days do you do moderate-intensity sports, fitness or recreational (leisure) activities?	Number of days	P14
How much time do you spend doing moderate-intensity sports, fitness or recreational (leisure) activities on a typical day?	Hours : minutes L : L hrs mins	P15 (a-b)
EXPANDED: Physical Activity		
Sedentary behaviour		
	It home, getting to and from places, or with friends including time spent, playing cards or watching television, but do not include time spent sle	
How much time do you usually spend sitting or reclining on a typical day?	Hours : minutes hrs mins	P16 (a-b)
How many hours of sleep do you get per day, in a typical week?	Hours	P17

Health Care

Health Care			
Health Care Coverage			
Please provide information about your current health inst	urance coverage.		
Do you currently have health insurance?	Yes No	1 2 # No, go to HC3	HC1
	Current income of any household members	Yes 1 No 2	HC2a
	Savings (e. g. bank account)	Yes 1 No 2	HC2b
	Payment or reimbursement from a health insurance plan	Yes 1 No 2	HC2c
During the past 12 months, which of the following financial sources did you use to pay for any health expenditures	Sold items (e. g. furniture, animals, jewellery)	Yes 1 No 2	HC2d
such as medicines, consultations, treatment, hospitalization or patient care?	Family members or friends from outside the household	Yes 1 No 2	HC2e
	Borrowed from someone other than a friend or family	Yes 1 No 2	HC2f
	Other	Yes 1 If Other, go to HC3other No 2	HC2g
	Other (please specify):		HC2 other
Health Care Utilization			
Please think about your visits to any health center and th	e treatments you received there	which were related to an NCD you ma	y have.
Have you ever had or do you currently have a non- communicable disease (NCD) such as cardiovascular disease including heart disease and stroke, cancer, chronic respiratory disease, or diabetes?	Yes No	1 2 If No, go to [next section]	НС3
Have you ever visited any health care facility due to an NCD you have? Please exclude any hospitalization.	Yes No	1 2 If No, go to HC10	HC4
How much time did you spend traveling the last time you visited a health care facility (taking both ways into account)?	Days : hours : minutes	days hrs mins	HC5
Don't know 77:77:77		- Inc Initio	
How long was the waiting time before your appointment started when you last visited a health care facility?	Hours : minutes	L: L	HC6
Don't know 77:77		hrs mins	
During the past 30 days , have you visited any health care facility due to an NCD you have? Please exclude any hospitalization.		1 2 If No, go to HC11	HC7

Health Care, continued			
	Health Center		HCa
During the past 30 days , how many times have you visited a	Public Hospital		HC8b
health care facility due to an NCD you have?	Private Hospital		HC8c
(RECORD FOR EACH)	Doctor's Office		HC8d
[INSERT COUNTRY-SPECIFIC CATEGORIES] Don't know 77	Other	If Other, go to HC8other	HC8e
	Other (please specify):		HC8other
	Health care provider's fees	[Rupees]	НС9а
During the past 30 days , taking all your visits to a health care	Medicines	[Rupees]	HC9b
facility due to an NCD into account, how much did you pay yourself for these visits in total?	Tests	[Rupees]	HC9c
(RECORD FOR EACH OR PUT TOTAL AMOUNT)	Transport	[Rupees]	HC9d
Don't know 77777	Other	[Rupees]	HC9e
	OR Total Amount	[Rupees]	HC9f
During the past 30 days, how much did you pay yourself for health care not related to any visit of a health care facility or hospital, such as routine medication? Don't know 77777	Amount	LIII [Rupees]	HC10
During the past 12 months , have you been hospitalized due to an NCD?	Yes No	1 2 If No, go to H1	HC11
During the past 12 months , how many days have you been hospitalized due to an NCD? Don't know 777	Number of days		HC12

CORE: History of Raised Blood Pressure			
Question	Response	Code	
Have you ever had your blood pressure measured by a doctor or other health worker?	Yes 1 No 2 If No, go to H6	H1	
Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health worker that you have raised blood pressure or hypertension?	Yes 1 No 2 If No, go to H6	H2a	
Have you been told in the past 12 months?	Yes 1 No 2	H2b	
In the past two weeks, have you taken any drugs (medication) for raised blood pressure prescribed by a doctor or other health worker?	Yes 1 No 2	H3	
Have you ever seen a traditional healer for raised blood pressure or hypertension?	Yes 1 No 2	H4	
Are you currently taking any herbal or traditional remedy for your raised blood pressure?	Yes 1 No 2	H5	

CORE: History of Diabetes			
Question	Response	Code	
Have you ever had your blood sugar measured by a doctor or other health worker?	Yes 1 No 2 If No, go to H13	H6	
Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health worker that you have raised blood sugar or diabetes?	Yes 1 No 2 If No, go to H13	Н7а	
Have you been told in the past 12 months?	Yes 1 No 2	H7b	
In the past two weeks, have you taken any drugs (medication) for diabetes prescribed by a doctor or other health worker?	Yes 1 No 2	Н8	
Are you currently taking insulin for diabetes prescribed by a doctor or other health worker?	Yes 1 No 2	H9	
Have you ever seen a traditional healer for diabetes or raised blood sugar?	Yes 1 No 2	H10	
Are you currently taking any herbal or traditional remedy for your diabetes?	Yes 1 No 2	H11	
Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health worker that you have Gestational Diabetes?	Yes 1 No 2	H12	

CORE: History of Raised Total Cholesterol			
Questions	Response	Code	
Have you ever had your cholesterol (fat levels in your blood) measured by a doctor or other health worker?	Yes 1 No 2 <i>If No, go to H18</i>	H13	
Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health worker that you have raised cholesterol?	Yes 1 No 2 If No, go to H18	H14a	
Have you been told in the past 12 months?	Yes 1 No 2	H14b	
In the past two weeks, have you taken any oral treatment (medication) for raised total cholesterol prescribed by a doctor or other health worker?	Yes 1 No 2	H15	
Have you ever seen a traditional healer for raised cholesterol?	Yes 1 No 2	H16	
Are you currently taking any herbal or traditional remedy for your raised cholesterol?	Yes 1 No 2	H17	

CORE: History of Cardiovascular Diseases		
Question	Response	Code
Have you ever had a heart attack or chest pain from heart disease (angina)?	Yes 1 No 2	H18
Have you ever had a stroke (Cerebrovascular accident or incident)?	Yes 1 No 2	H19
Are you currently taking aspirin regularly to prevent or treat heart disease? "Regularly" means on a daily or almost daily basis.	Yes 1 No 2	H20
Are you currently taking statins (Lovostatin/Simvastatin/Atorvastatin or any other statin) regularly to prevent or treat heart disease? "Regularly" means on a daily or almost daily basis.	Yes 1 No 2	H21

CORE: Lifestyle Advice				
Questions	Res	oon	se	Code
During the past three years, has a doctor or other health worker at (RECORD FOR EACH)	dvised you to do any of the following?			
Do not smoke or chew tobacco	Yes	1		H22a
DO HOL SHIOVE OF CHEM TODACCO	No	2		TIZZa
Reduce celt in your diet	Yes 1		H22b	
Reduce salt in your diet	No	2		11220
	Yes	1		11000
Eat at least five servings of fruit and/or vegetables each day	No	2		H22c
	Yes	1		11004
Reduce fat in your diet	No	2		H22d
	Yes	1		1100-
Start or do more physical activity	No	2		H22e
	Yes	1	If C1=1 go to M1	Hoot
Maintain a healthy body weight or lose weight	No	2	If C1=1 go to M1	H22f

CORE (for women only): Cervical Cancer Screening				
Question	Response	Code		
	Yes 1			
Have you ever had a screening test for cervical cancer, using any of these methods (VIA, Pap, HPV)?	No 2	CX1		
	Don't know 77			

Step 2 Physical Measurements

CORE: Blood Pressure			
Interviewer ID			M1
Device ID for blood pressure			M2
Cuff size used	Small Medium Large	1 2 3	M3
Dooding 1	Systolic (mmHg)		M4a
Reading 1	Diastolic (mmHg)		M4b
Reading 2	Systolic (mmHg)		М5а
	Diastolic (mmHg)		M5b
Deading 2	Systolic (mmHg)		M6a
Reading 3	Diastolic (mmHg)		M6b
During the past two weeks, have you been treated for raised blood pressure with drugs (medication) prescribed by a doctor or other health worker?		1 2	M7
CORE: Height and Weight			
Question	Respo	onse	Code
For women: Are you pregnant?		1 If Yes, go to M 16 2	M8
Interviewer ID			M9
Device IDs for height and weight	Height		M10a
	Weight		M10b
Height	in Centimetres (cm)	<u>ш</u> .ш	M11
Weight If too large for scale 666.6	in Kilograms (kg)	<u> Ш</u> .Ш	M12
CORE: Waist			
Device ID for waist			M13
Waist circumference	in Centimetres (cm)		M14

Biochemical Measurements Step 3 **CORE: Blood Glucose** Question Response Code Yes 1 During the past 12 hours have you had anything to eat or drink, В1 other than water? 2 No B2 Technician ID B3 Device ID ــــا : لــــــ B4 Time of day blood specimen taken (24 hour clock) Hours: minutes hrs mins mmol/l Fasting blood glucose **B**5 [CHOOSE ACCORDINGLY: MMOL/L OR MG/DL] mg/dl Today, have you taken insulin or other drugs (medication) that Yes B6 have been prescribed by a doctor or other health worker for 2 No raised blood glucose? **CORE: Blood Lipids** B7 Device ID لــــــا mmol/l لللا اللا Total cholesterol B8 [CHOOSE ACCORDINGLY: MMOL/L OR MG/DL] mg/dl During the past two weeks, have you been treated for raised Yes 1 **B9** cholesterol with drugs (medication) prescribed by a doctor or No 2 other health worker?



Annexure III: Factsheet on NCD Risk Factors

FACTSHEET Sri Lanka











Non Communicable Diseases Risk Factors: STEPS Survey Sri Lanka 2014







The STEPS survey of noncommunicable disease (NCD)

risk factors in Sri Lanka was carried out from July 2014-May 2015. Sri Lanka carried out Step 1, Step 2 and Step was collected in Step 1.

Physical measurements such as height, weight and blood pressure

were collected in Step 2. population-based Socio demographic and Biochemical measurebehavioural information ments were collected to 18-69. assess salt intake, blood A multi-stage stratified glucose and cholesterol levels in Step 3.

The survey was a

survey of adults aged

cluster sampling design was used to produce representative data for that age range in

Sri Lanka.

A total of 5188 adults participated in the survey. The overall response rate was 72%.

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Results for adults aged 18-69 years

Both Sexes

15.0%

10.2%

15.8%

11.7%

25.8%

20.7

82.9%

3.7

Males

29.4%

19.9%

26.0%

19.0%

47.7%

20.5

3.7

82.4%

Females

0.1%

0.1%

5.3%

4.1%

5.3%

46.2

0.0%

0.0



→ Step 1: Tobacco Use

•	Percentage who currently smoke tobacco
•	Percentage who currently smoke tobacco daily

Percentage who currently use smokeless tobacco Percentage who currently use smokeless tobacco daily Percentage who currently use tobacco in any any form (smoked

and/ or smokeless) For those who smoke tobacco daily

 Average age started smoking (years) Percentage of daily smokers smoking manufactured cigarettes Mean number of manufactured cigarettes smoked per day

(by smokers of manufactured cigarettes)



→ Step 1: Alcohol Consumption

•	Percentage who are lifetime abstainers	67.9%	40.2%	96.4%
•	Percentage who are past 12 month abstainers	5.8%	9.7%	1.8%
•	Percentage who currently drink (drank alcohol in the past 30 days)	17.9%	34.8%	0.5%
•	Percentage who engage in heavy episodic drinking (6 or more drinks on	8.6%	16.8%	0.1%
	any occasion in the past 30 days)			



→ Step 1: Diet

•	Mean number of days fruit consumed in a typical week	3.6	3.5	3.8
•	Mean number of servings of fruit consumed on average per day	1.3	1.3	1.3
•	Mean number of days vegetables consumed in a typical week	6.6	6.5	6.6
•	Mean number of servings of vegetables consumed on average per day	3.0	3.0	3.1
•	Percentage who ate less than 5 servings of fruit and/or vegetables on average per day	72.5%	73.1%	72.0%
•	Percentage who always or often add salt or salty sauce to their food before eating or as they are eating	21.8%	21.8%	21.8%
•	Percentage who always or often eat processed foods high in salt	26.6%	28.3%	24.8%

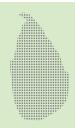


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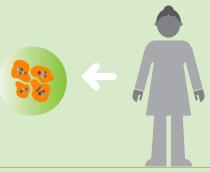
30.4%	22.5%	38.4%
77.1	124.3	42.8
73.6%	58.3%	89.2%
	77.1	77.1 124.3



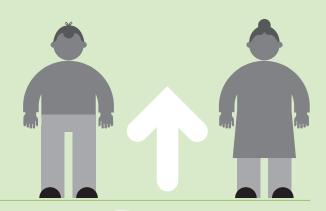
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25% of women aged 30-49 years who have ever had a screening test for CERVICAL CANCER



25% OVERWEIGHT 34%



Mean BLOOD PRESSURE

126.8 (mmHg) 80.5 (mmHg)

Systolic

123.4 (mmHg)

Diastolic 8



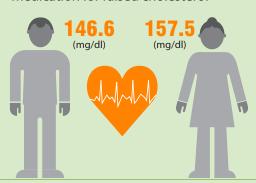


21% having HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE were not on medicaiton





Mean total BLOOD CHOLESTEROL, including those currently on medication for raised cholesterol



% with raised fasting fasting BLOOD SUGAR

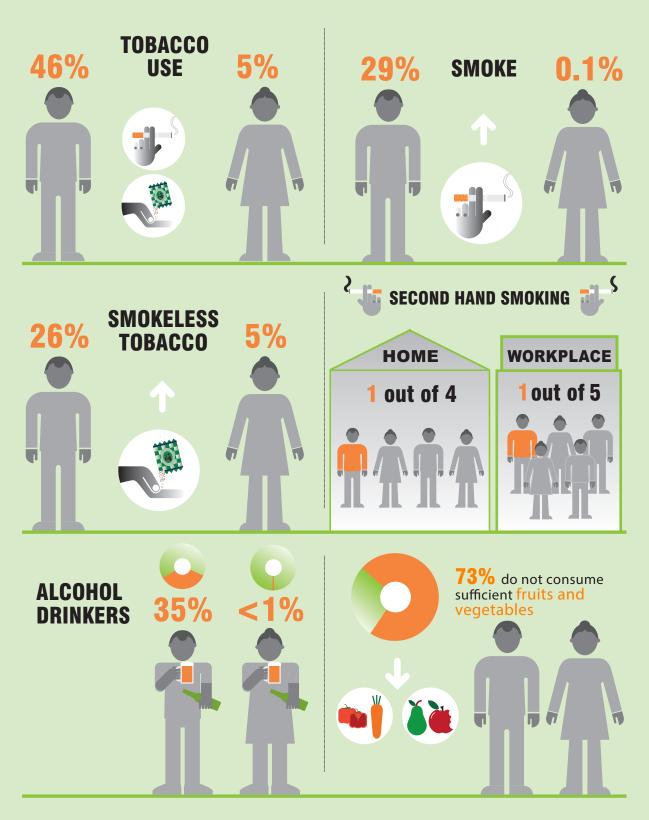






Sri Lanka





Annexure IV: Tabacco Factsheet

Tobacco Factsheet











Sri Lanka STEPS Survey 2015







The WHO STEPwise approach to surveillance (STEPS) is a simple, standardized method for collecting, analysing and disseminating data on noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and risk factors. Data are collected on the established risk factors and NCD conditions that determine the major NCD burden, including tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol, unhealthy diet,

insufficient physical activity, overweight and obesity, raised blood pressure, raised blood glucose, and abnormal blood lipids. Data from STEPS surveys can be used by countries to help monitor progress in meeting the global voluntary targets related to specific risk factors such as tobacco, alcohol, diet and physical inactivity. The tobacco indicators from STEPS can be

used to evaluate and monitor existing tobacco-control policies and programs.*

The STEPS survey on NCD risk factors in Sri Lanka was carried out from July 2014 to May 2015. The STEPS survey in Sri Lanka was a population-based survey of adults aged 18-69 years. A multi stage cluster sampling design was used to produce representative data for that age

range in Sri Lanka. Survey information was collected electronically using handheld devices. The survey was implemented by the Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine. A total of 5188 adults participated in the Sri Lanka STEPS survey. The overall response rate was 72%. A repeat survey is planned for 2018 if funds permit.

Highlights



→ Tobacco Use

- 45.7% of men, 5.3 % of women, and 25.8 % overall were current users of tobacco, in any form.
- 29.4% of men, 0.1% of women, and 15.0% overall were current smokers of tobacco.
- 26.0 % of men, 5.3 % of women, and 15.8 % overall were current users of smokeless tobacco.



→ Cessation

- 1 in 2 current smokers tried to stop smoking in the last 12 months.
- 3 in 10 current smokers were advised by a health care provider to stop smoking in the last 12 months.



→ Secondhand smoke

- 1 in 4 adults were exposed to tobacco smoke at the workplace.
- 1 in 4 adults were exposed to tobacco smoke at home.



→ Media

- 9 in 10 adults noticed anti-cigarette smoking information on the television.
- 1 in 2 adults noticed anti-cigarette smoking information on the radio.
- 3 in 10 current smokers thought about quitting because of warning labels on cigarette packages.
- 1 in 10 adults noticed cigarette marketing in stores where cigarettes are sold.
- 3 in 100 adults noticed any form of cigarette promotions.



→ Economics

Average monthly expenditure on manufactured cigarettes was 2695.00 Sri Lankan Rupees.

Data presented in this fact sheet relate only to select tobacco indicators. Additional information on tobacco or other NCD risk factors from the survey is available from sources listed below.

For additional information, please contact:

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*Tobacco questions are drawn from the Tobacco Questions for Surveys(TQS)

http://www.who.int/tobacco/oublications/surveillance/tos/en

	Overall	Males	Females
	%	%	%
Results for adults aged 18-69 years	(95% CI)	(95% CI)	(95% CI)



Current tobacco users (smoked and/or smokeless)1			
Current tobacco users	25.8 (24.1-27.6)	45.7 (42.7-48.6)	5.3 (4.3-6.3)
Current daily tobacco users	20.0 (18.5-21.5)	35.3 (32.6-38.0)	4.1 (3.3-5.0)
Current tobacco smokers			
Current tobacco smokers	15.0 (13.6-16.4)	29.4 (26.8-31.9)	**
Current cigarette smokers ²	15.7 (13.7-17.6)	24.5 (22.0-27.1)	**
Current daily tobacco smokers	10.2 (9.1-11.3)	19.9 (17.8-22.0)	**
Current daily cigarette smokers	7.9 (6.9-9.0)	12.4 (11.1-13.7)	**
Average age started tobacco smoking (years)	20.6 (20.1-21.1)	20.5 (20.0-20.9)	**
Average number of cigarettes smoked per day (among smokers)	daily cigarette 5.1 (4.3-5.9)	5.1 (4.3-5.9)	**
Current smokeless tobacco users			
Current smokeless tobacco users	15.8 (14.3-17.4)	26.0 (23.3-28.8)	5.3 (4.3-6.3)
Current daily smokeless tobacco users	11.7 (10.4-12.9)	18.9 (16.7-21.2)	4.1 (3.3-5.0)
Current non-users (smoked and/or smokeless) ¹			
Former tobacco users ³	6.7 (5.7-7.7)	12.0 (10.2-13.8)	1.3 (0.8-1.7)
Former tobacco smokers ⁴	8.5 (7.4-9.6)	16.7 (14.6-18.7)	0.0 (0.0-0.1)
Never users	67.4 (65.6-69.3)	42.3 (39.3-45.4)	93.4 (92.2-94.



•	Adults exposed to second-hand smoke at home*	23.5 (21.5-25.5)	25.2 (22.5-28.0)	21.6 (19.3-23.9)
•	Adults exposed to second-hand smoke in the closed areas in their	24.1 (21.4-26.8)	36.1 (32.2-39.9)	11.1 (8.7-13.6)
	workplace*			



→ Tobacco Cessation

•	Current smokers who tried to stop smoking in past 12 months	51.8 (46.9-56.7)	51.8 (46.9- 56.8)	**
•	Current smokers advised by a health care provider to stop smoking in	35.0 (30.0-40.1)	35.2 (30.1-40.2)	**
	past 12 months ⁵			



→ Health Warnings

Current smokers who thought about quitting because of a warning label*	54.6 (48.6-60.5)	54.5 (48.5-60.4)	**
 Adults who noticed anti-cigarette smoking information on the television* 	86.3 (84.1-88.4)	87.7 (85.2-90.2)	84.7 (82.3-87.2)
 Adults who noticed anti-cigarette smoking information on the radio* 	49.8 (46.4-53.3)	51.4 (47.4-55.4)	48.2 (44.3-52.0)
 Adults who noticed anti-cigarette smoking information in newspapers or magazines* 	64.4 (61.2-67.6)	67.8 (64.1-71.4)	60.7 (57.1-64.4)



→ Tobacco Advertisement and Promotion

•	Adults who noticed cigarette marketing in stores where cigarettes are sold*	11.5 (9.5-13.4)	14.7 (11.9-17.5)	7.9 (6.1-9.6)
•	Adults who noticed any cigarette promotions*	2.8 (2.0- 3.6)	4.4 (3.0- 5.8)	0.9 (0.5-1.4)



→ Economics		Local Currency LKR
Average amount spent on 20 manufactur	3	572.4
 Average monthly expenditure on manufacture 	tured cigarettes	2695.0
 Cost of 100 packs of manufactured cigar Gross Domestic Product (GDP) 2014⁶ 		11.5%

1 Current use refers to daily and less than daily use. 2 Includes manufactured cigarettes and hand-rolled cigarettes. Adapted for other products as per country situation. 3 Current non-users. 4 Current non-smokers. 5 Among those who visited a health care provider in past 12 months. 6 http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NYGDPPCAPCD, 2014 * During the past 30 days. † Promotions include free cigarette sample, cigarettes at sale prices, coupons for cigarettes, free gifts upon purchase of cigarettes, clothing or other items with cigarette brand name or logo and cigarette promotions in mail. Adults refer to persons age 18-69 years. Data have been weighted to be nationally representative of all men and women age 18-69 years. ** The sample size "n" is less 50. Technical assistance for the survey was provided by the World Health Organization (WHO). This document has been produced with a partial grant from the CDC Foundation, with financial support from the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use, a program of Bloomberg Philanthropies. The contents of this document are the sole responsibility of the authors and can under no circumstances be regarded to reflect the positions of the CDC Foundation.



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WHO STEPS

Chronic Disease Risk Factor Surveillance

TOBACCO POLICY DATA BOOK

Tobacco Policy

Anti-cigarette information

Description: Percentage of all respondents who noticed information in newspapers or magazines, television or radio about the dangers of smoking or that encourages quitting during the past 30 days

Instrument questions:

- During the past 30 days, have you noticed information about the dangers of smoking cigarettes or that encourages quitting through the following media?
 - Newspapers or magazines

Notice	d informa	ation in n	ewspapers o	r m	agazines a	about da	ngers of smo	king	g or that e	encourag	es quitting
Age		Men				Wome	n			Both Se	xes
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI
25-34	274	67.0	60.4-73.5		450	64.9	59.3-70.6		724	66.0	61.1-71.0
35-44	630	69.3	64.8-73.9		1025	61.4	56.8-66.0		1655	65.5	61.8-69.3
45-54	622	66.8	62.0-71.7		853	57.2	52.3-62.0		1475	62.0	58.0-66.0
55-64	325	68.4	62.5-74.3		410	54.2	48.1-60.3		735	61.6	57.0-66.3
25-64	1851	67.8	64.1-71.4		2738	60.7	57.1-64.4		4589	64.4	61.2-67.6

	Noticed	informa	tion on televi	sion	about d	angers of	f smoking or	that	encoura	ages quit	tin
Age		Men	1			Wome	en			Both S	Sex
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI		n	%	
25-34	289	89.5	85.1-94.0		491	84.7	80.8-88.7		780	87.2	
35-44	657	87.1	83.9-90.3		1093	85.4	82.3-88.5		1750	86.3	
45-54	654	86.6	83.5-89.7		919	85.6	82.4-88.7		1573	86.1	
55-64	350	86.2	81.8-90.5		453	80.5	76.1-84.9		803	83.4	
25-64	1950	87.7	85.2-90.2		2956	84.7	82.3-87.2		4906	86.3	

	Noticed	informa	tion on the r		
Age	Men				
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI		
25-34	271	48.3	41.4-55.3		
35-44	615	53.0	47.9-58.2		
45-54	604	52.0	46.8-57.2		
55-64	320	55.9	49.2-62.6		
25-64	1810	51.4	47.4-55.4		

Analysis Information:

- Questions used: TP1a-c
- Epi Info program name: TPdanger (unweighted); TPdangerWT (weighted)

Cigarette advertising

Description: Percentage of all respondents who noticed advertisements or signs promoting cigarettes in stores where cigarettes are sold during the past 30 days.

Instrument questions:

• During the past 30 days, have you noticed any advertisements or signs promoting cigarettes in stores where cigarettes are sold?

		Not	ciced advertise	eme	ents or sig	ns pror	noting cigar	ette	es in stores			
Age		Me	n			Wome	n		Both Sexes			
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI	
25-34	282	12.7	7.6-17.9		443	7.6	4.9-10.3		725	10.4	7.1-13.6	
35-44	647	17.6	13.7-21.6		1027	9.1	6.5-11.6		1674	13.6	10.9-16.2	
45-54	633	14.9	10.9-18.9		876	7.5	5.1-9.9		1509	11.2	8.6-13.8	
55-64	341	12.6	8.5-16.7		418	6.3	3.3-9.3		759	9.6	6.8-12.4	
25-64	1903	14.7	11.9-17.5		2764	7.9	6.1-9.6		4667	11.5	9.5-13.4	

Analysis Information:

- Questions used: TP2
- Epi Info program name: TPcigads (unweighted); TPcigadsWT (weighted)

Instrument questions:

• During the past 30 days, have you noticed any of the following types of cigarette promotions?

	Noticed free samples of cigarettes														
Age		Men				Womer	า		Both Sexes						
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI				
25-34	270	2.4	0.0-5.1		404	0.5	0.0-1.1		674	1.6	0.0-3.2				
35-44	613	3.1	1.4-4.7		917	1.0	0.3-1.7		1530	2.1	1.1-3.1				
45-54	606	3.9	1.8-5.9		784	1.0	0.3-1.8		1390	2.5	1.3-3.7				
55-64	320	1.7	0.2-3.2		384	0.6	0.0-1.7		704	1.2	0.2-2.2				
25-64	1809	2.9	1.5-4.3		2489	0.8	0.4-1.2		4298	1.9	1.1-2.8				

	Noticed sale prices on cigarettes														
Age		Men				Womer	า		Both Sexes						
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI				
25-34	267	2.0	0.0-4.0		406	0.2	0.0-0.6		673	1.2	0.0-2.3				
35-44	606	3.7	1.9-5.5		917	1.1	0.3-2.0		1523	2.5	1.4-3.6				
45-54	601	3.7	1.9-5.5		776	1.0	0.2-1.7		1377	2.4	1.3-3.4				
55-64	318	2.0	0.2-3.7		384	1.1	0.0-2.5		702	1.6	0.4-2.7				
25-64	1792	2.9	1.8-4.0		2483	0.8	0.3-1.2		4275	1.9	1.3-2.6				

	Noticed coupons for cigarettes														
Age	Men					Women	1			Both Sex	es				
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI				
25-34	265	0.0	0.0-0.0		401	0.0	0.0-0.0		666	0.0	0.0-0.0				
35-44	604	1.0	0.1-1.8		901	0.2	0.0-0.5		1505	0.6	0.1-1.1				
45-54	597	1.3	0.3-2.2		770	0.2	0.0-0.5		1367	0.7	0.2-1.3				
55-64	317	0.4	0.0-1.2		377	0.0	0.0-0.0		694	0.2	0.0-0.7				
25-64	1783	0.6	0.3-1.0		2449	0.1	0.0-0.2		4232	0.4	0.2-0.6				

	Noticed free gifts or special discount offers on other products when buying cigarettes												
Age		Men				Women			Both Sexes				
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI		
25-34	260	0.5	0.0-1.4		398	0.0	0.0-0.0		658	0.3	0.0-0.8		
35-44	599	8.0	0.0-1.6		899	0.3	0.0-0.7		1498	0.6	0.1-1.0		
45-54	596	1.4	0.3-2.5		769	0.3	0.0-0.7		1365	0.9	0.3-1.5		
55-64	316	0.3	0.0-0.8		376	0.1	0.0-0.4		692	0.2	0.0-0.5		
25-64	1771	0.8	0.3-1.3		2442	0.2	0.0-0.3		4213	0.5	0.2-0.8		

Noticed clothing or other items with a cigarette brand name or logo												
Age		Men		Women					Both Sexes			
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% C	
25-34	267	5.0	1.9-8.2		408	1.3	0.0-2.6		675	3.4	1.4-5.	
35-44	610	4.1	2.0-6.3		923	2.6	1.0-4.3		1533	3.4	1.9-5.0	
45-54	604	4.0	1.8-6.2		782	1.8	0.4-3.1		1386	2.9	1.5-4.	
55-64	315	1.4	0.1-2.6		376	2.1	0.1-4.0		691	1.7	0.6-2.	
25-64	1796	4.1	2.6-5.7		2489	1.9	1.0-2.8		4285	3.1	2.0-4.2	

	Noticed cigarette promotions in the mail												
Age	Men					Women	1		Both Sexes				
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI		
25-34	253	0.0	0.0-0.0		378	0.0	0.0-0.0		631	0.0	0.0-0.0		
35-44	561	0.6	0.0-1.3		840	0.4	0.0-0.9		1401	0.5	0.0-0.9		
45-54	532	0.6	0.0-1.4		708	0.1	0.0-0.4		1240	0.4	0.0-0.8		
55-64	291	0.0	0.0-0.0		352	0.0	0.0-0.0		643	0.0	0.0-0.0		
25-64	1637	0.3	0.0-0.6		2278	0.1	0.0-0.3		3915	0.2	0.1-0.4		

Analysis Information:

- Questions used: TP3a-TP3f
- Epi Info program name: TPcigpromos (unweighted); TPcigpromosWT (weighted)

warnings

Cigarette package health Description: Percentage of current smokers who noticed health warnings on cigarette packages during the past 30 days.

Instrument questions:

• During the past 30 days, did you notice any health warnings on cigarette packages?

Current smokers who noticed health warnings on cigarette packages											
Age		Men				Wome	en			Both Sex	es
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI
25-34	64	83.7	75.2-92.2		0	-	-		64	83.7	75.2-92.2
35-44	205	78.4	72.4-84.4		0	-	-		205	78.4	72.4-84.4
45-54	195	77.9	71.5-84.2		3	67.6	67.6-67.6		198	77.8	71.5-84.1
55-64	95	73.1	63.3-82.8		0	-	-		95	73.1	63.3-82.8
25-64	559	79.3	75.2-83.3		3	67.6	67.6-67.6		562	79.2	75.2-83.3

Analysis Information:

- Questions used: TP4
- Epi Info program name: TPwarnings (unweighted); TPwarningsWT (weighted)

Quitting

Description: Percentage of current smokers who noticed health warnings on cigarette packages during the past 30 days that thought about quitting due to the health warnings they saw.

Instrument questions:

- During the past 30 days, did you notice any health warnings on cigarette packages?
- During the past 30 days, have warning labels on cigarette packages led you to think about quitting?

(Current smokers who saw health warnings on cigarette packages that thought of quitting												
Age		Men				Women			Both Sexes				
Group (years)	n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI		
25-34	50	52.5	38.8-66.1		0	-	-		50	52.5	38.8-66.1		
35-44	152	49.6	40.7-58.5		0	-	-		152	49.6	40.7-58.5		
45-54	145	62.4	54.0-70.9		1	100	-		146	62.8	54.4-71.1		
55-64	66	54.6	41.6-67.6		0	-	-		66	54.6	41.6-67.6		
25-64	413	54.5	48.5-60.4		1	100	-		414	54.6	48.6-60.5		

Analysis Information:

• Questions used: TP4, TP5

• Epi Info program name: TPquitting (unweighted); TPquittingWT (weighted)

Cigarette costs

Description: Average price paid for 20 manufactured cigarettes, based on the last manufactured cigarette purchase.

Instrument questions:

- The last time you bought manufactured cigarettes for yourself, how many cigarettes did you buy in total?
- In total, how much money did you pay for this purchase?

	Average price paid for 20 manufactured cigarettes												
Age Group	Men				Women					Both Sexes			
(years)	n	Mean LKR	95% CI	CI n Mean 95% CI LKR			n	Mean LKR	95% CI				
25-34	64	604.3	564.0-644.6		0	-	-		64	604.3	564.0-644.6		
35-44	207	610.1	520.4-699.9		0	-	-		207	610.1	520.4-699.9		
45-54	184	936.3	233.9-1638.7		2	38.7	33.2-44.2		186	933.3	233.2-1633.4		
55-64	86	490.4	439.5-541.3		0	-	-		86	490.4	439.5-541.3		
25-64	541	683.0	472.3-893.8		2	38.7	33.2-44.2		543	682.5	471.9-893.0		

Analysis Information:

• Questions used: TP6, TP7

• Epi Info program name: TPcost (unweighted); TPcostWT (weighted)







