Preventing non-communicable diseases through tobacco control research in low- and middle-income countries

Our portfolio

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) has been supporting international tobacco control research since 1994.

Building on earlier work, we have provided over CA$7 million in support of more than 35 projects in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East since 2010.

Building evidence for tobacco control

Current projects

- **Opening access to economic data to prevent tobacco-and alcohol-related diseases in Africa** (2015-16, University of Cape Town)
- **Tobacco control research scholarships in Africa** (2014-17, Makerere University)
- **Empowering health care decision-makers to achieve regional needs for tobacco control in Latin America** (2015-17, Instituto de Efectividad Clínica Y Sanitaria Asociación Civil)
- **Tax solutions for optimal reduction of tobacco use in West Africa** (2015-17, Consortium pour la Recherche Économique et Sociale)
Building the evidence for tobacco control: Projects active from 2010 onwards

- Health care costs attributable to tobacco in Cambodia (2014–16, Cambodia, Ministry of Health, National Center for Health Promotion)
- Tobacco taxation, smuggling and street tobacco vendors in Eritrea (2014–15, Eritrea, Makerere University)
- Trade-related challenges to tobacco control in South East Asia (2014–15, Smoke Free Southeast Asia Foundation)
- Expanding fiscal policies for global and national tobacco control (2011–14, HealthBridge Foundation of Canada; Public Health Foundation of India, South Centre; Interamerican Heart Foundation)
- Impact of tobacco tax increases in seven Latin American countries (2012–14, Instituto de Efectividad Clínica Y Sanitaria Asociación Civil [IECS])
- Barriers and opportunities to access international resources for tobacco control in Bolivia (2013–14, Bolivia, Acción Internacional por la Salud)
- The impact of prices and taxes on the use of tobacco products: The case of Argentina, Bolivia, and Chile (2012–14, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez)
- Impact of tobacco tax and price policies on tobacco use in China (2013–14, China, University of International Business and Economics)
- Raising tobacco taxes in selected countries of Central America (2012–14, Interamerican Heart Foundation)
- Tobacco taxes and tobacco control policies in Brazil, Mexico, and Uruguay (2013–14, Brazil, Associação de Controle do Tabagismo, Promoção da Saúde e dos Direitos Humanos; Fundación Interamericana del Corazón, Mexico, Asociación Civil)
- Regional tobacco control research initiative: Latin America and the Caribbean (2008–13, Interamerican Heart Foundation, Inc.; Centro de Investigación Para la Epidemia del Tabaquismo; Instituto de Ciencia y Tecnología Regional; Midwifery and Nursing Research Society of T&T, Asociación Una Voz Contra el Cancer)
- Bamboo production: Livelihood diversification for smallholder tobacco farmers in South Nyanza, Kenya (2010–13, Kenya, South Eastern University College)
- Options for diversification in tobacco farming and related activities, India (2012–13, India, Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research)
- Tobacco control research, dissemination, and networking in Lebanon (2010–13, Lebanon, American University of Beirut)
- Taxation of tobacco products in West Africa (2012–13, Senegal, Consortium pour la Recherche Économique et Sociale)
- Impact of tobacco taxes and price increases in Ukraine, Russia, and Belarus (2012–2013, Alcohol and Drug Information Center)
- Assessment of tobacco control measures and smuggling on demand in Panama (2012–13, Panama, Instituto Conmemorativo Gorgas de Estudios de la Salud)
- Health costs attributable to smoking in Vietnam (2010–12, Vietnam, HealthBridge Foundation of Canada)
- Evaluation of an integrated intervention to stop tobacco use among suspected tuberculosis patients, Pakistan (2009–12, Pakistan, Association for Social Development, University of Leeds)
- Evaluation of tobacco control policies in Bangladesh (2009–12, Bangladesh, University of Waterloo; University of Dhaka)