Tobacco Prevalence in the PAHO Region
Findings from the Global Tobacco Survey
(GYTS - 1999-2006)

- In many parts of the world, no significant differences by gender in:
  - current cigarette smoking
  - current use of tobacco products other than cigarettes
  - susceptibility of never smokers to initiate smoking

- No significant differences between current cigarette smoking and current other tobacco use.

* Presented in Warren CW, Jones NR, Eriksen MP, Asma S. Patterns of Global Tobacco Use Among Young People And Implications For Future Chronic Disease Burden In Adults. Lancet 2006;S0140-6736(06)68192-0.
Goal for tobacco control

- The ultimate goal for tobacco control is reduce tobacco prevalence to 0
- How close is your country to 0?
Ever Smoked Cigarettes
By WHO Region
(GYTS, 1999-2005)
Ever Smoked Cigarettes
Within PAHO
(GYTS, 1999-2005)

[Boy] Boys
[Girl] Girls
Ever Smoked Cigarettes
Within Caribbean
(GYTS, 1999-2005)
Currently Smoked Cigarettes
By WHO Region
(GYTS, 1999-2005)
Currently Smoked Cigarettes
Within PAHO
(GYTS, 1999-2005)
Currently Smoked Cigarettes
Within Caribbean
(GYTS, 1999-2005)
Currently Used Other Tobacco Products
By WHO Region
(GYTS, 1999-2005)
Currently Used Other Tobacco Products
Within PAHO
(GYTS, 1999-2005)
Currently Used Other Tobacco Products
Within Caribbean
(GYTS, 1999-2005)
Susceptible to Initiating Cigarette Smoking
By WHO Region
(GYTS, 1999-2005)
Susceptible to Initiating Cigarette Smoking
Within PAHO
(GYTS, 1999-2005)
Susceptible to Initiating Cigarette Smoking
Within Caribbean
(GYTS, 1999-2005)
Current Cigarette Smoking vs Susceptible to Initiate

Within Caribbean

(GYTS, 1999-2005)
Comprehensive Tobacco Control

- Cessation
- Smoke-free environments
- Price and accessibility
- Media and advertising
- School based interventions
Desire to Quit
Within Caribbean
(GYTS, 1999-2005)