

BANGLADESH

Timeline of Tobacco Control Policies and ITC Surveys (BD)

2005 Tobacco Control Law

- Smoking banned in educational, health care, & public transport facilities
- Ban on tobacco advertising, promotion, and sponsorship & automatic vending machines
- Text WLS to be on 30% of the front and back of cigarette packages

Jun 2004
• FTC ratification

2006

- Pictorial WLS cover 30% of both sides of pack
- Cigarette price slabs raised, increasing the supplementary duty (SD) in the upper 3 tiers

2007

- National Strategic Plan of Action for Tobacco Control adopted
- Cigarette price slabs for SD raised (tax unchanged)

2008

- SD on bidi raised to 20% from 17.5%
- Cigarette price slabs for SD raised (tax unchanged)
- 15% VAT on zarda & gul

2009

- Cigarette price slabs for SD raised (tax unchanged)
- SD of 10% imposed on zarda and gul

2010

- Cig price slabs for SD raised
- SD on filtered bidi raised from 20% to 25%
- SD on chewing tobacco raised to 20%
- 10% export duty on raw tobacco imposed
- Cigs, bidis, zarda, & gul required to pay corporate taxes

2011

- Cig price slabs for SD raised
- Tobacco Tax Policy Cell formed at National Board of Revenue
- Export duty on raw tobacco decreased from 10% to 5%

2012

- Cig price slabs for SD raised
- SD on chewing tobacco raised to 30%
- Gul, zarda, & khoyni considered tobacco products
- Fine of Tk100,000 for airing tobacco advertisements

2013

- Cigarette price slabs for SD raised (taxes unchanged)
- Tariff value and price of bidi raised (taxes unchanged)

Mar 2015

- Total ban on smoking to include all public places. Fine raised from Tk50 to Tk300. Tk500 for management of public places failing to enforce laws
- Anti-tobacco messages required if tobacco use is shown in a movie
- Ban on point-of-sale
- Ban on use of descriptors
- Ban on sale of tobacco to minors
- Smokeless tobacco is now part of the definition of tobacco
- Restrictions on CSR activities

Jul 2017

- Pictorial health warnings required to be placed on the upper part of the principle display area

2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

WHO Study
2004-2005

Wave 1

Jan-May 2009
Smokers = 1,925
Bidi Users = 279
Smokeless Tobacco Users = 599
Dual Cigarette Bidi Users = 213
Mixed Tobacco Users = 694
Non-Users = 2,061

Wave 2

Mar-Jun 2010
Smokers = 1,971
Bidi Users = 255
Smokeless Tobacco Users = 593
Dual Cigarette Bidi Users = 204
Mixed Tobacco Users = 552
Quitters = 154
Non-Users = 2,066

Wave 3

Nov 2011-Jun 2012
Smokers = 1,723
Bidi Users = 267
Smokeless Tobacco Users = 781
Dual Cigarette Bidi Users = 207
Mixed Tobacco Users = 297
Quitters = 242
Non-Users = 2,005

Wave 4

Oct 2014-Apr 2015
Smokers = 1,287
Bidi Users = 196
Smokeless Tobacco Users = 610
Dual Cigarette Bidi Users = 144
Mixed Tobacco Users = 253
Quitters = 321
Non-Users = 1,431



Survey Mode: Face-to-Face (F2F)

Respondent Types: Cigarette Smokers, Bidi Smokers, Dual (Cigarette + Bidi) Smokers, Mixed (Smoke + Smokeless) Tobacco Users, Smokeless Tobacco Users, and Non-Users

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