Part I - simplified version-A

Current situation of tobacco use and tobacco control in the country
Brainstorming

- What is the prevalence of tobacco use in your country?
- What are the current tobacco control efforts in your country?
Different countries are at different stages in the tobacco epidemic

- There are more than one million smokers in the world. Nearly 80% of them live in low- and middle-income countries.

Tobacco is growing fastest in developing countries

Tobacco use is rising among younger females

The prevalence of tobacco use, tobacco-related deaths and tobacco control efforts in the country

To be added for each specific country based on:

- The WHO tobacco control country profiles

- WHO global report on mortality attributable to tobacco
Part I - simplified version-B

The Parties' obligations under the WHO FCTC to support tobacco users to quit.
WHO FCTC
- The powerful tool to reverse tobacco epidemic

- First global health treaty negotiated under auspices of WHO – adopted in 2003, entered into force on 27 Feb 2005

- 176 parties, covering about 90% of the world population
Core demand reduction provisions in the WHO FCTC

At the population level:
- Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco (Article 6) and smuggling control (Article 15)
- Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke (Article 8)
- Packaging and labeling of tobacco products (Article 11, 12)
- Ban of tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship (Article 13)
- Monitoring and evaluation (Articles 20, 21)

At the individual level:
- Tobacco dependence reduction and cessation (Article 14)
Article 14 of the WHO FCTC

“Each Parties…shall take effective measures to promote cessation of tobacco use and adequate treatment for tobacco dependence…”
Guidelines for implementation of Article 14 of the WHO FCTC

When and where adopted

- The Conference of Parties to the WHO FCTC adopted the Article 14 guidelines at its fourth sessions (Punta del Este, Uruguay, 15–20 November 2010)

Purpose

- To assist Parties in meeting their obligations under Article 14 of the WHO FCTC
**MPOWER package - a tool to assist countries with WHO FCTC demand reduction measures**

- **Monitor** tobacco use and prevention policies → Article 20
- **Protect** people from tobacco smoke → Article 8
- **Offer** help to quit tobacco use → Article 14
- **Warn** about the dangers of tobacco → Articles 11 & 12
- **Enforce** bans on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship → Article 13
- **Raise** taxes on tobacco → Article 6
WHO's Vision

- Only a comprehensive tobacco control strategy can reverse the global tobacco epidemic

- Treatment for tobacco dependence should be a key component of this comprehensive tobacco control policy
Implementing population-level tobacco control policies can motivate tobacco users to quit and create demand for tobacco dependence treatment

- In England, introduction of smokefree legislation resulted in 20% increase in demand for Stop Smoking Services
- In the United States of America, federal tobacco tax increase resulted in a 2-3-fold increase in calls to the quit line
- In Canada, introduction of graphic warning labels made 67% of smokers want to quit.

On the other hand, helping tobacco users quit can support the implementation of these tobacco control policies.
Part I - simplified version-C

What a country can do to support tobacco users to quit, and how?
What does a country need to do to support tobacco users to quit?

The WHO FCTC Article 14 guidelines recommend that:

- **All Parties should aim to develop a comprehensive system to provide a range of interventions:**
  - **Population-level approaches**
    - Mass communication and education campaign
    - Brief advice integrated into all health-care systems
    - Quit lines
  - **Intensive individual approaches**
    - Specialized tobacco dependence treatment
  - **Medications**
  - **Novel approaches and media**
    - Cellphone text messaging
How does a country develop their treatment system?

The WHO FCTC Article 14 guidelines recommend that:

- Parties should use a stepwise approach to developing their treatment system and start by integrating brief advice into primary care, in this way a country can develop their treatment system as rapidly as possible and at as low a cost as possible because brief advice integrated into primary care has the potential to:
  - Reach > 80% of all tobacco users per year;
  - Trigger 40% of case to make a quit attempt;
  - Help 2-3% of those receiving brief advice quit successfully;
  - Form a promising referral source and create demand for more intensive tobacco cessation services.

A stepwise approach to developing cessation support

- Establish system components
- Address the issue in health-care workers
- Integrate brief advice into existing health systems

Increase the likelihood of quit attempts succeeding

Prompt quit attempts
Part I - simplified version-D

Prioritizing tobacco dependence treatment in primary care
Treating tobacco dependence: one of the best things that a health system can do to improve health for all

At individual level

- Helping smokers quit at age 60, 50, 40, or 30 years gained, respectively about 3, 6, 9, or 10 years of life expectancy

At population level

- Supporting current tobacco users to quit synergistically with other tobacco control measures can bring about immediate changes in prevalence rates and tobacco-related death and disease

The potential impact of supporting current tobacco users to quit on health gains in the short to medium term

If adult consumption were to decrease by 50% by the year 2020, approximately 180 million tobacco-related deaths could be avoided.

## Treating tobacco dependence: more cost-effective than many other common reimbursed disease prevention interventions

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Source: Great Britain Parliament House of Commons Health Committee. 2007
Part I - simplified version-E

The need to strengthen health systems to promote brief tobacco interventions in primary care
In general, < 50% of primary care providers routinely ask and advise all patients to quit

- **Developed countries**: Overall, only 36% of health professionals in 12 European countries reported always advising patients to quit smoking.

- **Developing countries**: Primary care providers performance in 5As delivery is likely to be even lower
  - only 12.9% of the patients were asked for tobacco use, 11.9% of tobacco users reported being advised against tobacco use during the current visit in South African primary care.

In general, < 50% of primary care providers routinely ask and advise all patients to quit

- Current level of provision – Smokers advised to quit by a health care provider in the past 12 months

Source: Global Adult Tobacco Survey 2008-2010

Part I: Training for policy makers: Developing and implementing health systems policy to improve the delivery of brief tobacco interventions (simplified version)
The main reasons for poor performance of brief tobacco interventions

- Health care providers lack of knowledge and training on treatment of tobacco dependence.
- Lack of integration of tobacco dependence treatment into health systems to enable primary care providers to routinely treat tobacco users.
Primary care setting is an ideal place to identify and treat tobacco users

- The success of a service is measured by its:
  - **Reach** (number of people who receive the service/intervention)
  - **Effectiveness** (percentage of people who change their behavior as a result of the service/intervention) and
  - **Cost** per person to deliver.

- Primary care setting is a less costly setting to reach the majority tobacco users in many countries.
Primary care setting is an ideal place to identify and treat tobacco users

- Reach
  - Primary care staff have a long and close contact with the community and are well accepted by local people
  - It is the primary source of health care can reach the majority population in many countries
    - Brazil - 70% of population receives free health care from public system
    - Cuba - national health care programme addresses needs of over 95% of the population
    - Fiji - 70-80% of population has access to health services
    - Thailand - universal coverage scheme provides health care for most of its 64 million people.
  - It appears to reach the poor far better than other types of health programs and the poor smoke the most
Primary care setting is an ideal place to identify and treat tobacco users

- **Delivery Cost**
  - Primary care setting is less costly setting as primary care approach emphasizes providing as much care as possible at the first point of contact through integrated service delivery models.
  - Brief tobacco intervention/brief advice is an opportunistic intervention, usually during the course of a routine practice.
  - There are various opportunities and entry points exist for integrating brief tobacco interventions into primary care:
    - DOTS strategy, programmes dealing with CVD, COPD, Diabetes, Maternal and Child Health.
Therefore, we need to

- Strengthen our health systems and make the whole health system function well in order to respond adequately to such opportunities in primary care.

- Ensure that tobacco users at least receive brief tobacco interventions in primary care!
Part I - simplified version-F

WHO Health System Framework: a tool for strengthening health systems
WHO Health System Framework
-Six building blocks of a health system

THE WHO HEALTH SYSTEM FRAMEWORK

SYSTEM BUILDING BLOCKS

- SERVICE DELIVERY
- HEALTH WORKFORCE
- INFORMATION
- MEDICAL PRODUCTS, VACCINES & TECHNOLOGIES
- FINANCING
- LEADERSHIP / GOVERNANCE

OVERALL GOALS / OUTCOMES

- ACCESS
- COVERAGE

- IMPROVED HEALTH (LEVEL AND EQUITY)
- RESPONSIVENESS
- SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL RISK PROTECTION
- IMPROVED EFFICIENCY

Part I: Training for policy makers: Developing and implementing health systems policy to improve the delivery of brief tobacco interventions (simplified version)
WHO Health System Framework: a useful tool for strengthening health systems to improve the performance of brief tobacco interventions delivery

- **WHO health systems strengthening defined as:**
  - Improving six health system building blocks and managing their interactions in ways that achieve more equitable and sustained improvements across health services and health outcomes.

- **WHO Health System Framework can be a useful tool for strengthening health systems to deliver brief tobacco interventions in primary care:**
  - Locate, describe and classify health system constraints;
  - Identify where and why interventions are needed;
  - Predict the effects of health system strengthening intervention on its results.
# Six building blocks: the content areas of health systems strengthening interventions

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<td>• Form policy on including tobacco use in all existing medical records, data on health services&lt;br&gt;• Developing standardized tools and instruments for recording tobacco use</td>
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<td>• Develop national policy, guidelines and regulations on treatment of tobacco dependence&lt;br&gt;• Monitor the quality and safety of cessation tools</td>
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<td>• Form national health financing policy&lt;br&gt;• Use effective mechanisms to ensure adequate funding for treatment of tobacco dependence</td>
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System-level interventions are effective

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| Financing             | • Financial benefits extended to health-care providers can significantly increase the use of behavioural interventions for smoking cessation.  
                          • Full financial interventions directed at smokers (covering all the costs of treatment), when compared to no financial interventions, could increase the proportion quitting, quit attempts and utilization of pharmacotherapy by smokers. |
| Leadership and governance |                                       |

Thank you for your attention