CONSUMPTION
Tobacco use is rising in Bangladesh.
• Approximately 52% of all adults (age 30+) use some form of tobacco (male 62%; female 41%).
• About 50% of males and 3% of females (age 30+) smoke, and 22% of males and 39% of females (age 30+) use smokeless tobacco.
• Among youth (age 13-15), 2% currently smoke cigarettes (boys 3%; girls 1%).
• 6% of youth (age 13-15) currently use tobacco products other than cigarettes (boys 8%; girls 4%).
• Bidis, cheaper handmade cigarettes, are popular among the poor in Bangladesh and account for 75% by volume of the cigarettes sold.

HEALTH CONSEQUENCES
Tobacco use is deadly. Smoking kills up to half of all life time users.
• Over 57,000 people die in Bangladesh each year from tobacco-related diseases.
• 16% of all deaths among people age 30 years and above are attributable to tobacco use.
• There are about 1.2 million cases of tobacco-attributable illness in Bangladesh each year.
• 42% of youth (age 13-15) are exposed to secondhand smoke in public places and 35% of youth are exposed to secondhand smoke at home.
• Children under 5 living in a smoking household are more likely to be severely malnourished than children who live in smoke-free homes.

COSTS TO SOCIETY
Tobacco exacts a high cost on society.
• Indirect costs of tobacco is estimated at $652.86 million USD (loss of income from death or disability due to tobacco-related illnesses).
• Lost economic opportunities in highly populated, developing countries are severe because half of all tobacco-related deaths occur during the prime productive years (age 30-69).
• Healthcare costs associated with tobacco-related illnesses amount to 10% of monthly household expenditures.
• On a monthly basis, 5% of household expenditures are spent on tobacco products, money that is not used for food, health and education needs.
• 30% of deforestation in Bangladesh is related to tobacco manufacturing.
• Smoking also results in costs associated with fire damage and other related costs and damage to the environment from the manufacturing and packaging of tobacco products.

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