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Emerging lessons from countries with tobacco endgame goals.

Findings from the INSPIRED (Network to Share Insights on Tobacco Endgames) project



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Background

- Growth in 'endgame' ideas in tobacco control
- Features:
 - over-arching radical goal
 - time-limited
 - rejection of BAU for 'endgame' approaches
- 6 countries adopted
 Government endgame
 goals

'Imagine things otherwise'



INSPIRED aims

- 1.Document and disseminate nature, progress and status of endgame goals
- 2.Share experiences, ideas and best practice

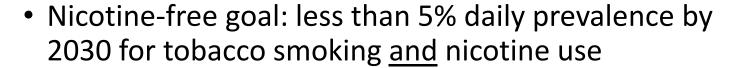


Methods

- 1.Select countries (Canada, Finland, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland and Sweden) and recruit key informants
- 2.Design & distribute a template to gather info
- 3.Information gathered by in-country team using template and key documents
- 4. Drafted summary report of:
- context/origins, current status and situation analysis of endgame goal in each country;
- synthesised key learnings across countries

Nature of endgame goals







 Goal for minimal smoking prevalence and tobacco availability by 2025



 Goal to achieve less than 5% smoking prevalence by 2025



 Goal to achieve 5% or less smoking prevalence by 2034



 Goal to achieve less than 5% smoking prevalence by 2025 (snus excluded)



 Goal to achieve less than 5% smoking prevalence by 2035

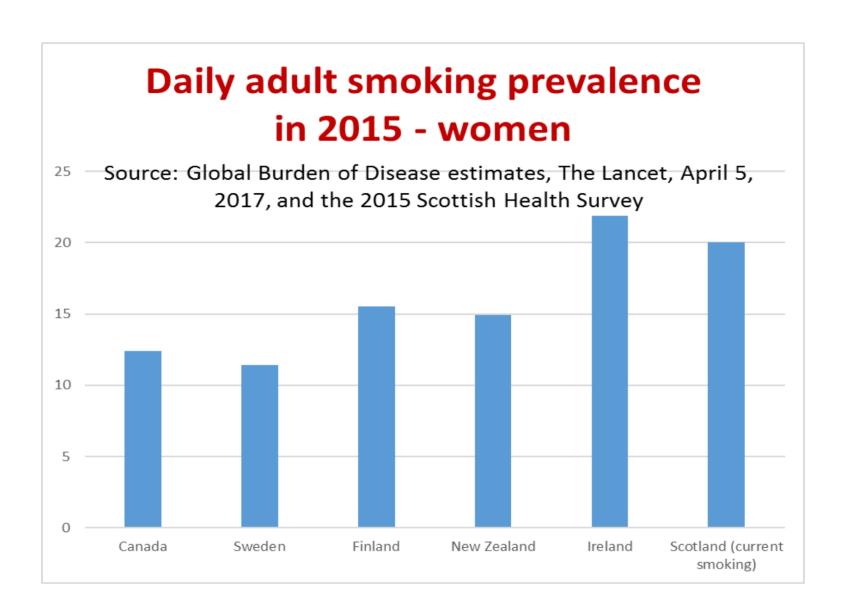
Contexts

All (or most) countries have:

- relatively low, declining smoking prevalence
- history of strong TC policy implementation
- equity concerns as a key driver in endgame strategies
- public support for strong action on smoking
- advocacy from influential political 'champions'
- strong NGO/civil society TC sector

But also, unique contextual features shaping nature of the endgame goal and approach

Progress towards endgame goals



Commonalities and differences in approach

Commonalities

- MPOWER interventions mostly in place
- No cutting-edge novel endgame interventions
- Strategy/action plan in all countries except NZ – variable extent and detail
- Equity focus in all countries

Differences

- Context important -> heterogeneity
- Very strong civil society engagement and partnership approach in Sweden, Ireland, Finland and Scotland
- Varying approaches to harm reduction

Government strategy/action plan

- Strategies in place in Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Sweden and Finland
- Mostly limited in specific measures and timelines, no bold measures
- Non-Government strategies only in New Zealand







Canada's Tobacco Strateav



Canada



Proposals for action by the working group Development of tobacco and

nicotine policy



Equity focus

- All the endgame countries have a stated focus on reducing disparities in smoking
- For example:
 - Scotland's and Ireland's strategies include a high priority on reducing socioeconomic/ethnic inequalities:
 - NZ includes ethnicity specific mid-term targets, strong Māori and Pacific leadership, Māori led national advocacy organization
- But inadequate progress at reducing disparities often highlighted

INSPIRED - Enablers

- Political support
- Government commitment with comprehensive strategy and timeframe
- Strong NGOs and NGO advocacy
- Cross-sector collaboration and structures
- Public support
- Interim targets, review mechanisms, evaluation and research

Enablers – cross-sectoral activities and strong NGO sector

- Strong cross-sectoral activities in several countries
- NGO sector often described as key strength

 Specific mechanisms for coordination and Govt integration with NGO sector often present (not

NZ)









Challenges and threats

- Competing political priorities
- Challenge of maintaining momentum with long term goals
- Level of resources and capacity to support interventions for endgame goals
- Persisting disparities in smoking prevalence
- Lack of unity in tobacco control community
- Tobacco industry tactics and interference

Conclusions

- Heterogeneity of contexts, goals and approaches (including Tobacco Harm Reduction)
- Marked similarities in enablers and challenges
- Ongoing disparities = key challenge
- ?? Need for intensification and consideration of bold endgame interventions
- Learning from INSPIRED countries important for evaluating effectiveness of approach and informing decision-making in other countries

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