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## “Translating” school-based health promotion from high income to low income countries: Project MYTRI

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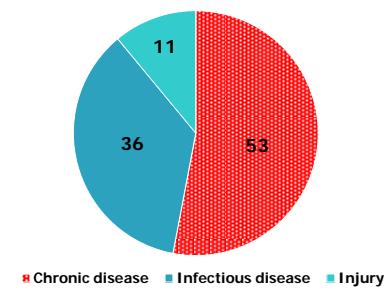
### Project MYTRI



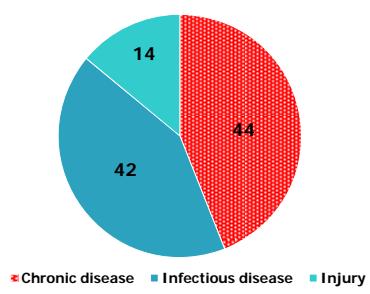
- ▶ **Funding** (2002–07)
  - Fogarty International Center
  - National Institutes of Health
- ▶ **Partners**
  - Dell Center (USA)
  - HRIDAY (Delhi, India)
  - TNVHA (Chennai, India)
- ▶ **Specific Aims**
  - To reduce tobacco use
  - To build capacity
  - To activate community

## Chronic disease in India

Deaths in India  
(all ages, 2005)

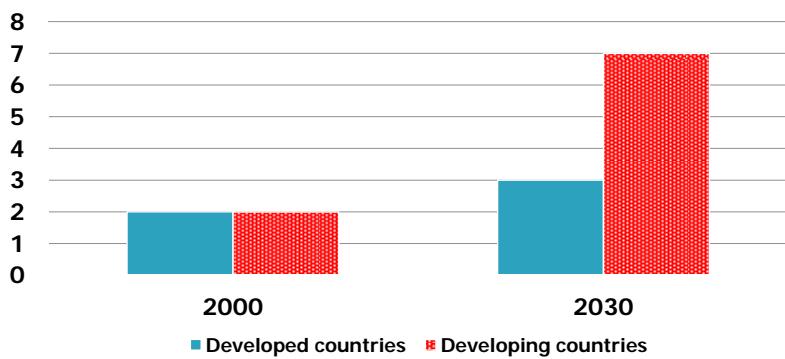


Life years lost in India  
(all ages, 2005)



SOURCE: Reddy, Shah, Varghese, & Ramadoss (2005)

Past and future deaths due to tobacco  
(worldwide, 2000–2030, in millions)



SOURCE: Mackay and Erickson (2002)

## “Translation” process

1. Develop a conceptual model
2. Ensure this model is appropriate
3. Develop intervention strategies
4. Implement intervention strategies
5. Evaluate intervention strategies

SOURCE: Perry, Stigler, Arora, Reddy (2006)

### 1. Develop conceptual model

- ▶ Address intra-personal risk factors
  - Increase **knowledge** about consequences of tobacco
  - Change values, **meanings**, beliefs about tobacco use
  - Increase **skills** to identify/resist social influences to use
- ▶ Address social-environmental risk factors
  - Promote tobacco-free **norms** in schools and homes
  - Increase exposure to tobacco-free **role models**
  - Provide **opportunities** to learn about/influence policy
- ▶ Use multiple component school-based intervention

SOURCE: Perry, Stigler, Arora, Reddy (2006)

## 2. Ensure model is appropriate



### Focus group discussions

Delhi, 2002 (n=435 students)

SOURCE: Mishra, Arora, Stigler, Perry, Reddy (2005)

## 2. Ensure model is appropriate



### Pilot testing school posters

Delhi, 2003

### 3. Develop intervention strategies



- Classroom activities
- School posters
- Parent postcards
- Peer-led health activism



SOURCE: Perry, Stigler, Arora, Reddy (2006)

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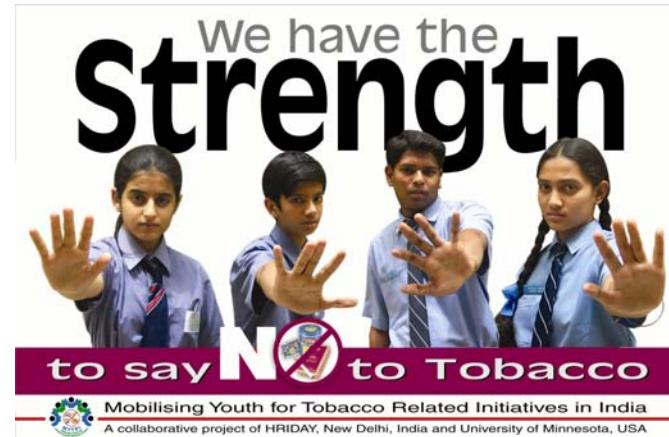
### Classroom activities



## School posters



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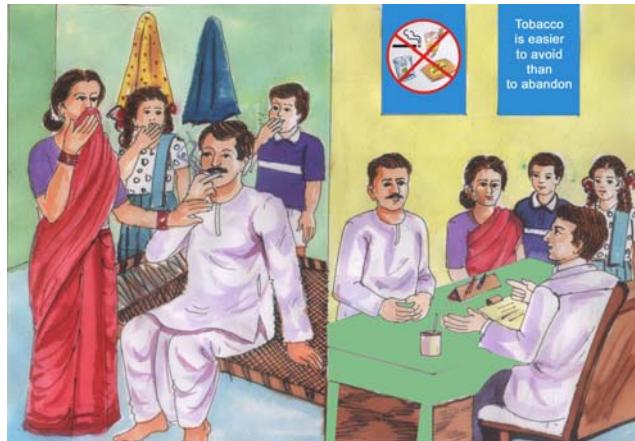
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## Parent postcards



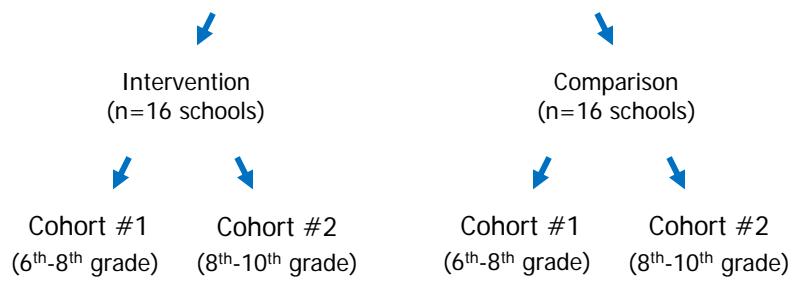
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## 4. Implement intervention

Total n=32 schools (n~15,000 students)

Delhi (n=16) and Chennai (n=16)  
Private (n=16) and Government (n=16)  
Co-ed (n=24), Boys only (n=4), Girls only (n=4)



## 5. Evaluate intervention

- ▶ Process evaluation
  - Implemented with fidelity
- ▶ Outcome evaluation
  - Intermediate outcomes
    - Improved intra-personal factors
    - Improved social-environmental factors
  - Behavioral outcomes
    - Reduced cigarette and bidi smoking
    - Did not reduce smokeless tobacco use

SOURCE: Stigler, Perry, Arora, Reddy (2008)

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## 5. Evaluate intervention

- ▶ Mediating mechanisms
  - Consistent mediators
    - Reasons to use tobacco
    - Reasons not to use tobacco
    - Advocacy skills efficacy (\*)
    - Social normative beliefs
    - Knowledge of health effects (\*)
  - Inconsistent mediators
    - Perceived prevalence (chewing)
    - Perceived prevalence (smoking)

SOURCE: Stigler, Smolenski, Arora, Reddy, Perry (2011)

## Conclusions

- ▶ “Translation” can be efficient
- ▶ “Translation” is feasible
- ▶ “Translation” can be effective
- ▶ BUT you must truly “translate” ...
  - Craft strong, bi-national team
  - Do your homework (focus groups, etc)
  - Be responsive during “translation”