

International Tobacco Evidence Network



<http://www.tobaccoevidence.net>

Purpose of the ITEN Project

- **To build research capacity in low- and middle-income countries**

by supporting a formal network of economists, epidemiologists, social scientists and other tobacco control experts

Why ITEN?

RESEARCH EVIDENCE GAP IN LOW- AND MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES

- Majority of the research done so far in the US and EU countries
 - established sources of research funding
 - history of data collection (USA laboratory)
 - know-how

ITEN Methodology

- ITEN can provide know-how on
 - policy relevant research on tobacco control issues
 - translating research results into most effective public policies
 - grand applications for research funds
 - communicating research results (gives support to tobacco control advocates)

ITEN Tools (1)

- **Internet-based information sharing**
<http://www.tobaccoevidence.net>
- **Cooperation with regional technical centres (South Africa, Mexico, Poland, South East Asia)**
- **Peer review function and dissemination vehicle for primary research**

ITEN Tools (2)

- **Promoting interdisciplinary research using peer-reviewed research protocols on priority topics**
- **Mentoring and technical support**
- **Developing research priority agenda**
- **Rapid Response research**

ITEN Projects

- **Trading Tobacco for Health Initiative**
 - region: **South East Asia** (Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia)
 - sponsored by **Rockefeller Foundation**
- **Seed grants to ITEN centers:**
 - South Africa** (effect of advertising ban)
 - Mexico** (analysis of household survey)

What Can ITEN Offer

- **Research capacity building and identifying research priorities**
- **Support research grant applications**
- **Disseminate research results**
- **Investigate the most effective tobacco control policies**
- **Help with translating research results into public policies**