

## MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE SURVEY

In the framework of a project on "Informal Sector Survey" implemented by the Ministry of Statistics, State Register and Analysis of the Republic of Armenia in cooperation with the International Labor Organisation and with financial support of UNDP, a labor force sample survey was conducted in urban areas of Armenia. At the same time, the sample frame household members of above 16 years of age were surveyed in the subject on tobacco consumption, variety and related costs. The parallel implementation of labor force survey and tobacco consumption survey in the same household sample frame did not only economize on the project funds, but also enabled acquisition of data on the scale of tobacco consumption, consumers' sex and age composition, education level family status and occupational status.

The tobacco consumption survey was based on the last section "Additional Questions on Smoking" of the questionnaire on "Labor Force Sample Survey" (designed by the working team of the "Informal Sector Survey" project and endorsed by the International Labor Organisation). The questions in the mentioned section were formulated the following way:

### *E. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ON SMOKING*

<b>3/89.</b>	Do you smoke?
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1. Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ E. 90.	2. No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ F. 93.
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<b>3/90.</b>	If yes, please mention what type of cigarettes do you smoke?
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1. Local filter cigarettes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ E. 91.
2. Local cigarettes without filter	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ E. 91.
3. Foreign filter cigarettes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ E. 91.
4. Foreign cigarettes without filter	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ E. 91.
5. Cigars	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ E. 92.
6. Pipe	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ E. 92.

<b>E.91.</b>	If you smoke cigarettes, please indicate your average daily consumption
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1. Insignificant	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ E. 92.
2. Half ( 0.5 ) pack	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ E. 92.
3. One ( 1. ) pack	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ E. 92.
4. One and half ( 1.5 ) packs	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ E. 92.
5. Two and more ( 2. ) packs	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ E. 92.

**E.92. What is your average daily spending on cigarettes?**

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**→ F. 93.**

The objective of the survey was to

- a) assess the number of smokers in the country, determine their demographic and health profile,
- b) assess the scale of tobacco consumption per one smoker and in the country as a whole (i.e. assess and measure the scale of tobacco consumption)
- c) assess the scale of unaccounted tobacco turnover in the country through estimation of the current tobacco resources (production, export, import) vs. real scale of consumption.

At the same time, it should be mentioned that such a large-scale tobacco consumption survey was an endeavor to come up with a serious analysis of the number of smokers and the tobacco market in Armenia. In this context, the findings of the survey have a value added and as such can be used for a variety of other purposes.