

SMOKELESS TOBACCO USE TRENDS ON TEENAGE GIRLS IN BATUKARANG VILLAGE KARO REGENCY

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ABSTRACT

According to the data Ministry of Health Republic of Indonesia, 2010, smoking in young people increased sharply. However, data about users of smokeless tobacco has been almost no recorded and lost on the public health experts in terms of habits of chewing tobacco users show an increasing trend has even become a habit or culture in some ethnic groups in Indonesia, especially among tribal girls ethnic Karo. Smokeless tobacco user among women is already started at the age adolescent. This research is descriptive study with the aim to describe the tendency of smokeless tobacco use on young girls in the village of Batukarang 2015. The population of young women who smokeless tobacco user aged 10-19 years as many as 650 peoples, samples taken as many as 100 peoples. The sampling technique used was purposive sampling. The results showed that the age of majority respondents began chewing tobacco at age 7 years as much as 28%, and 34% smokeless tobacco user started 5 – 6 years old. The length of time (duration) smokeless tobacco using every once in a majority of 15-30 minutes as much as 73% and the majority felt not stand when not chew tobacco as much as 54%. Frequency/week smokeless tobacco majority of 6-9 times/week by 50%, and frequency/day, the majority 3-5 times/day as much as 51%. The driving factors for the majority of calls to friends smokeless tobacco and 39% comes from the parent stock as much as 71%.

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