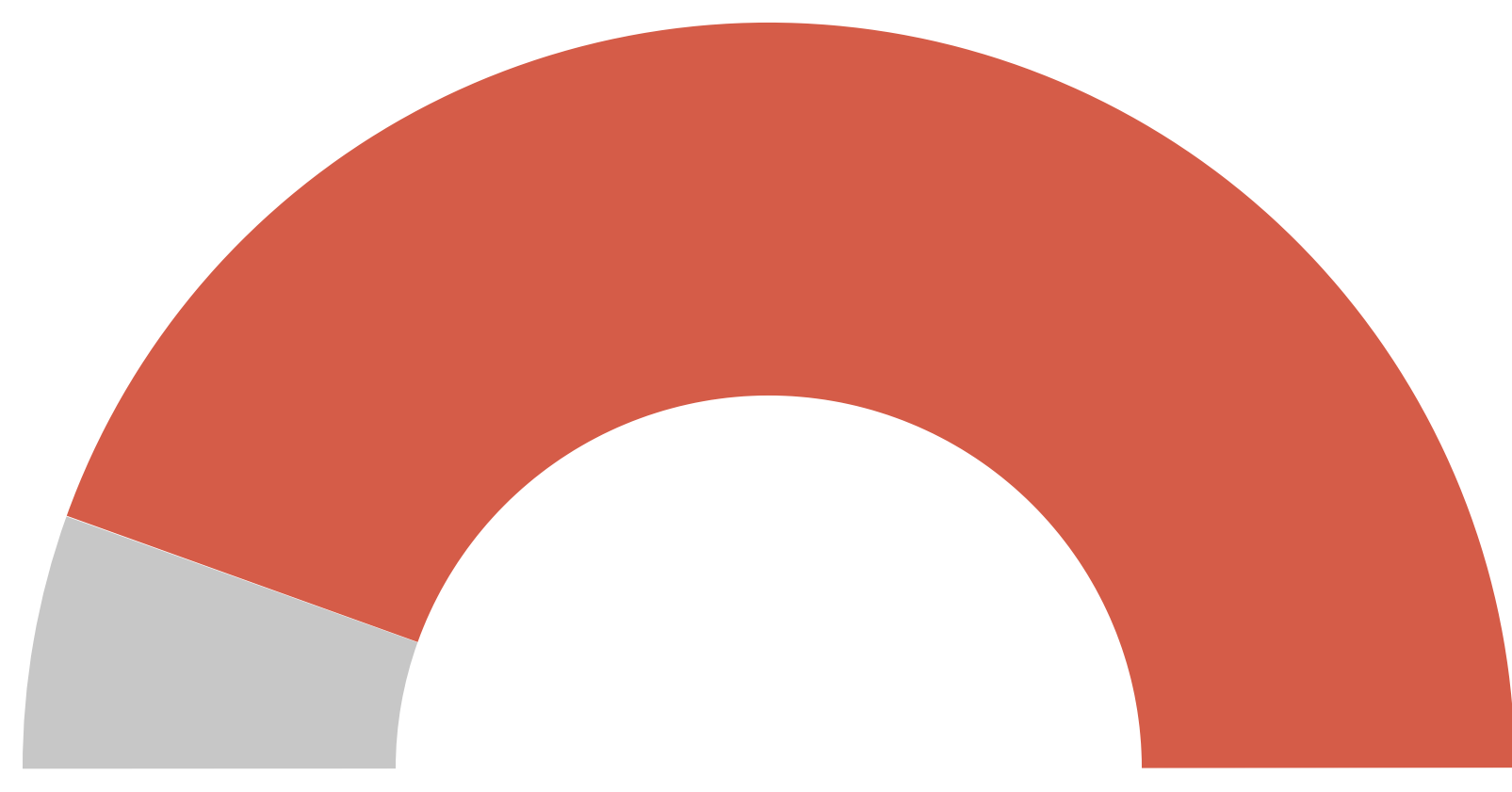


SMOKING: A GLOBAL BURDEN



According to a study conducted by Lancet, smoking killed 8 million people in 2019. However, that did not stop the habit from getting picked up by the younger population.

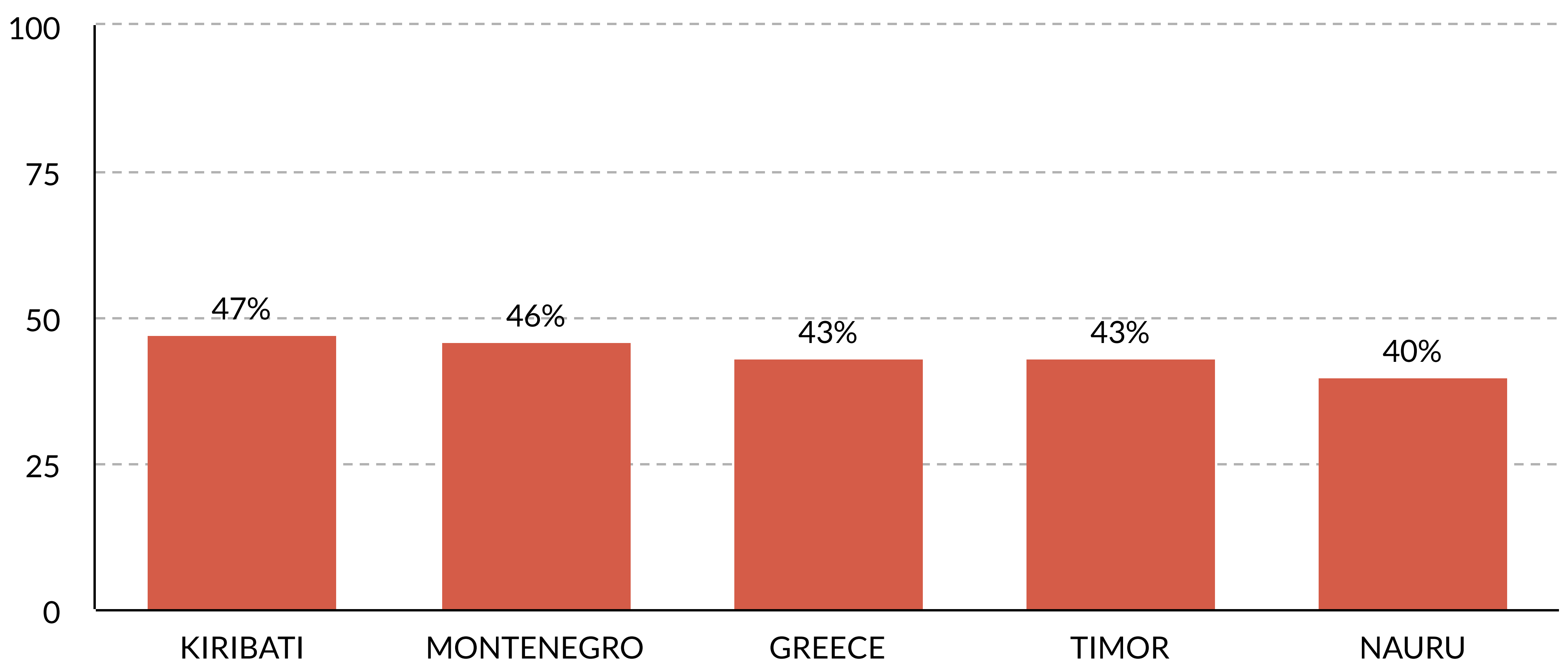


89%

The percentage of young smokers who are addicted by the age of 25

WHICH COUNTRIES HAVE THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF SMOKERS?

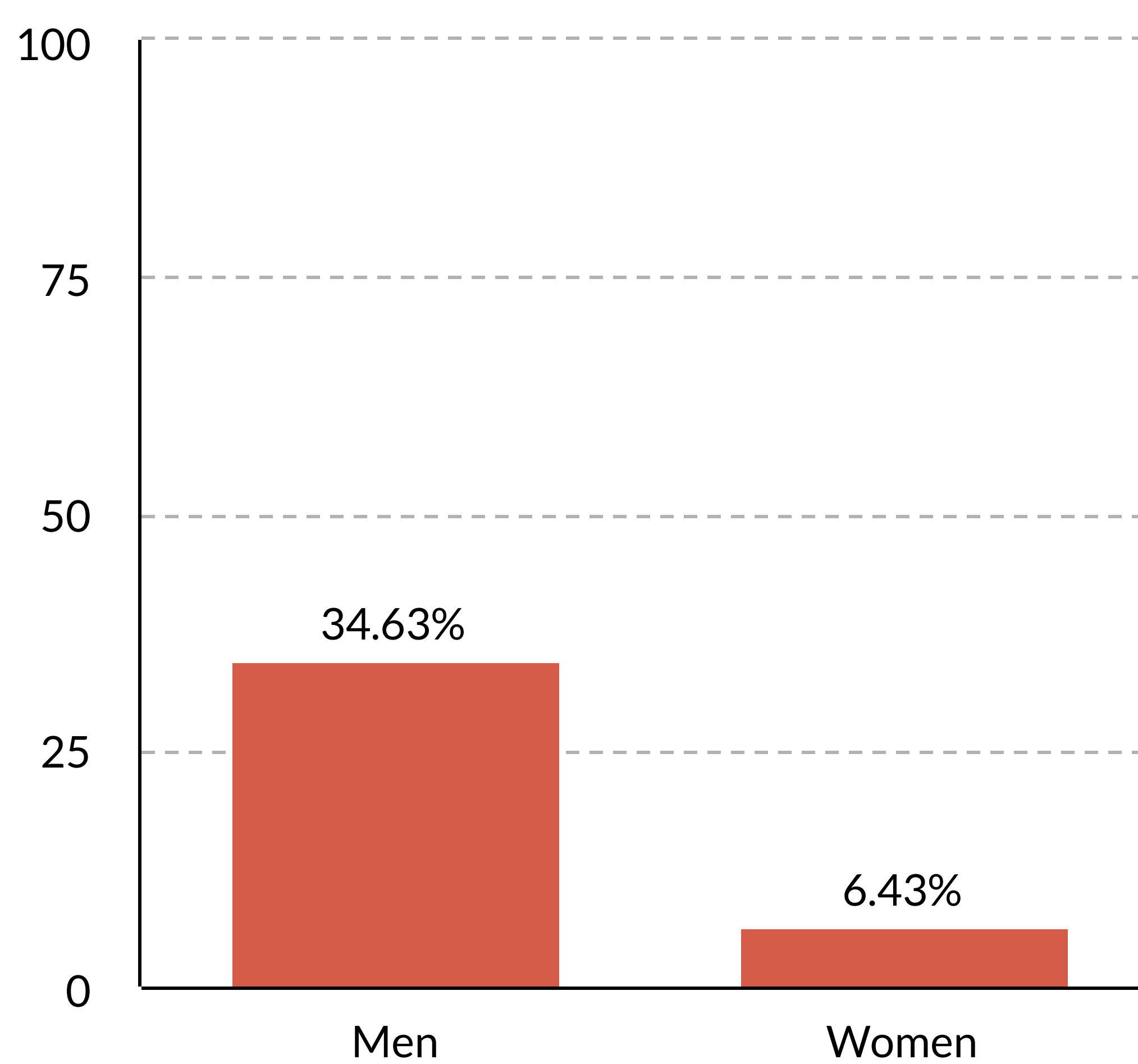
There are five countries where more than 40% of the population smokes.



In contrast, in some countries like Ethiopia, Peru, Ghana and Honduras, less than 5% of the population smokes.

SMOKING AND THE GENDER DIFFERENCES

While more than a third of the global male population smokes, the number of female smokers is remarkably low, with just above 6% of women identifying themselves as smokers.



The World Health Organization estimates that more than 8 million people die due to tobacco use each year, 7 million of which are the result of direct tobacco use. About 1.2 million non-smokers lose their lives because they are exposed to second-hand smoke. Smoking increases your chances of stroke, coronary disease, respiratory disease and several types of cancers.

“The best time to quit smoking was the day you started, the second-best time to quit is today.”

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