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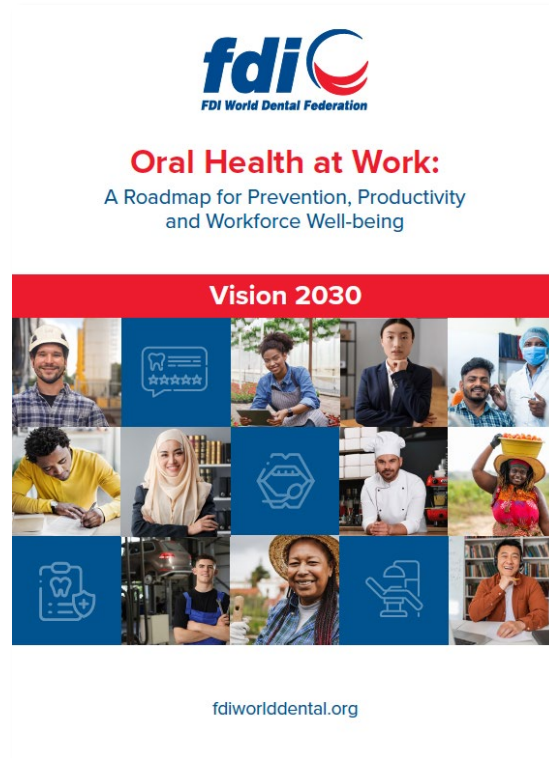


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Vision 2030 IMEG: impact from Sept 2025 to date



Vision 2030 mid-term survey analysis

Oral health at work

Knowledge sharing and strategic guidance

Vision 2030 mid-term survey analysis

Commitment is high. Delivery is uneven.

88 national dental associations across five regions, benchmarked against the 2021 baseline. Policy adoption has moved fast on almost every front — the systems meant to carry it have not kept pace.

70.7%



have a national oral health policy

up from 61.1% in 2021

82.4%



publicly funded oral care at primary level

service availability is no longer the barrier

79.7%



are moving away from dental amalgam

Minamata and EU rules are driving action

69.5%

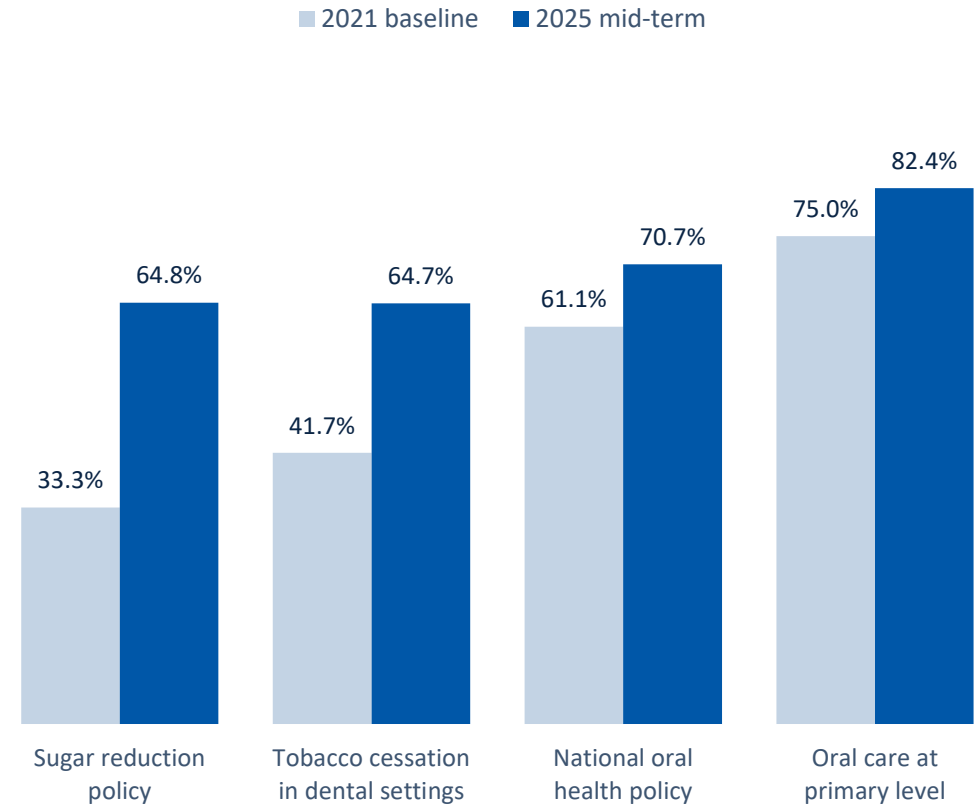


have a Chief Dental Officer or equivalent

leadership exists, mandate often does not

Movement since the 2021 baseline

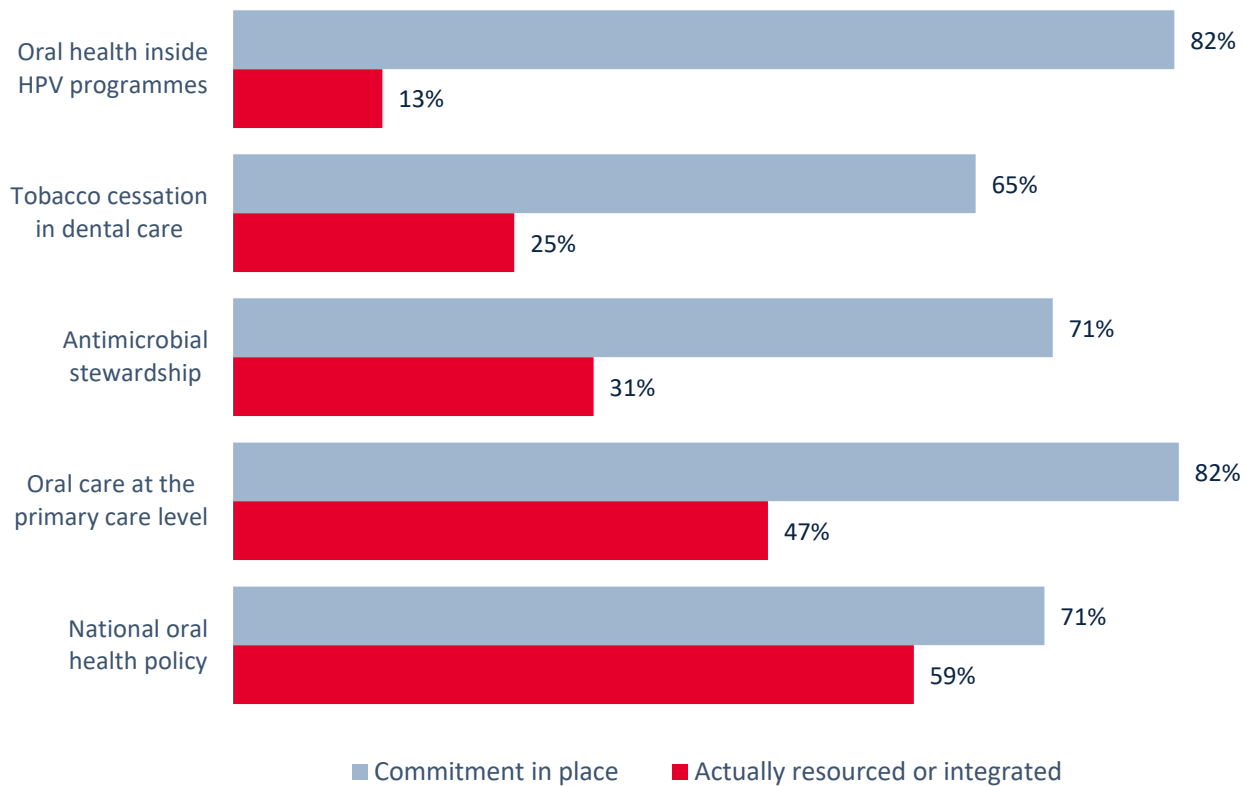
% of responding countries · 2021 baseline vs. 2025 mid-term



Source: FDI Vision 2030 Mid-Term Survey, 2025 (n=88) and 2021 baseline survey.

Declared on paper, thin in practice

For every commitment, the follow-through indicator sits well below it — the distance between the two bars is the implementation deficit.



FINANCING

Public schemes fund dentistry in only ~50%

of countries; 15.2% have no formal support at all. Coverage skews to selected groups, not populations.



EQUITY

~50% have a policy for displaced populations

Asia-Pacific just 27%. 34.7% do not know whether oral health is included at all.



DATA

47.9% have no electronic dental record

and only ~31% run a stand-alone oral health survey. Priorities are being set without evidence.



WORKFORCE

5.91 vs 0.44 dentists per 10,000

Europe against Africa. 68% of the workforce sits in urban areas — PHC integration still favours cities.

Vision 2030 and beyond: status

Vision 2030 mid-term survey

Results
analyzed and
discussed

Potential
themes
identified
considering
regional
specificities

IDJ
perspectives
paper draft
developed

Inform
Beyond 2030
FDI priorities
(*Council
approval*)

Oral Health at Work

79th World Health Assembly – FDI side event

Oral Health at Work:

A Roadmap for Prevention, Productivity and Workforce Well-being



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Oral Health at Work: Key report findings



Knowledge sharing & strategic guidance

Knowledge sharing



Advocacy sessions



**Towards sustainable dentistry:
global best practices for phasing
out dental amalgam by 2034**

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Integrating Oral Health into the Global NCD Prevention and Control Agenda

**Opportunities to Elevate Oral Health Within NCD's
Advocacy Activities**

Dr. Monika Arora

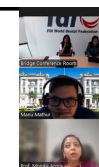
Executive Director: HRIDAY

Past President: NCD Alliance (2023-2025)

Vice President (Research and Health Promotion): Public Health Foundation of
India

Founding Governing Board Member- Healthy India Alliance (HIA)

Founding Chairperson: SEAR NCD Alliance



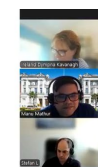
Project status, outcomes and
opportunities for collaboration

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Strategic focus areas: 2026 and beyond

Advocacy themes and opportunities 2026



V2030 mid-term survey
Perform analysis and future work framing.

UNHLM 2027
Develop unified advocacy messages.

Occupational oral health
Champion workplace initiatives to improve employees' occupational health.

Sustainable financing
Track discussions and opportunities to embed oral health.

Sugar strategy
Support implementation of FDI's sugar position.

Political commitments at UNHLM UHC 2019 and 2023

2019

Oral health explicitly recognized in the first UN Political Declaration on UHC.

[Resolution A/RES/74/2](#)

Para. 34: commitments to: “strengthen efforts to address eye health conditions and oral health.”

Why was this significant?

Oral health positioned within the UHC agenda, rather than treating dental/oral care as separate from general health coverage.

2023

Oral health reaffirmed and more firmly embedded within UHC.

[Resolution A/RES/78/4](#)

Para. 55 commits governments to strengthen efforts to address people's health needs as part of UHC, and paragraph 55(c) explicitly lists “oral health”

Why was this significant?

Builds on the 2019 commitments, further embedding oral health within comprehensive and integrated health services.

Oral health in UHC: key global policy milestones



UNHLM 2027: building FDI's key asks

Vision IMEG: actions to date

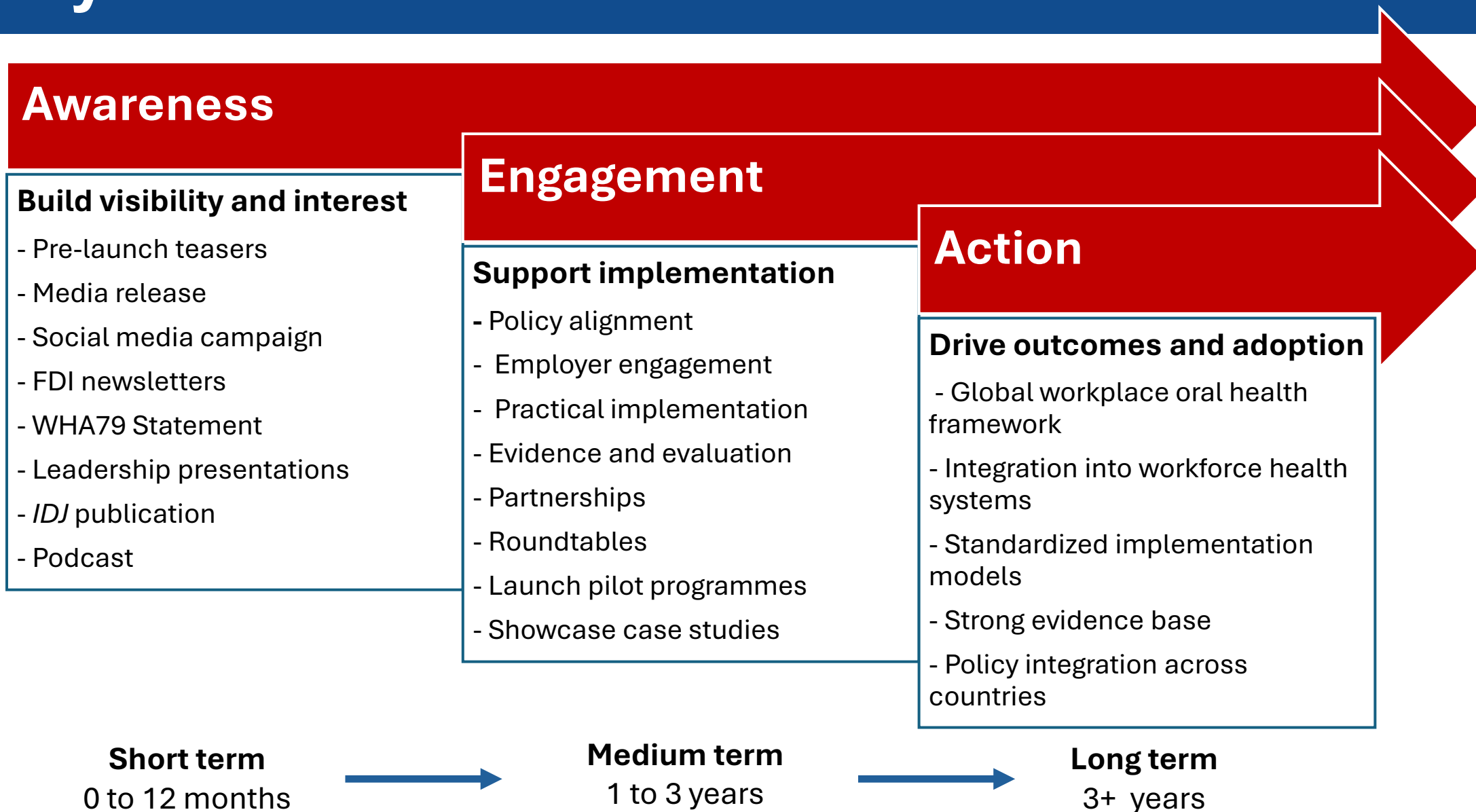
**2019 and 2023
PDs reviewed**

**Opportunities
to integrate
messaging and
potential
themes
outlined**

**Agreed that
inclusion of
concrete and
measurable
actions and
targets are key**

**Post-congress
workshop and
consultation
process to
finalize
messaging**

Oral Health at Work: Building momentum beyond the launch



Strategy discussions: topline approach

Measuring the impact of oral health at work and ROI

Literature review / desktop research

Develop a measurement framework with evidence-based interventions

Develop a toolkit and launch pilot projects

Measure impact and demonstrate ROI to support broader roll-out

Global advocacy updates

WHO 79th World Health Assembly and regional meetings

79th World Health Assembly: FDI statements

12.1 Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

12.5 Primary healthcare (constituency/ IADR)

12.3 Immunization agenda

12.9 Draft updated global action plan on antimicrobial resistance

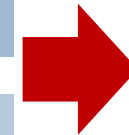
15.2 Well-being and health promotion

15.4 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition (joint/ IADR)

12.8 WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel (joint/ WHPA)

12.10 Harmonization of regulatory approaches, governance and standards for data, digital health and artificial intelligence in the health sector (joint/ WHPA)

20.1 Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 Initiative (constituency/ NCD Alliance)



Integration of essential oral health services into healthcare systems

Integration of oral and general person-centred healthcare

Collaboration between oral health professionals and a wide range of health workers

79th World Health Assembly: strategic side events



2026 HLM on HIV/AIDS

- **Multistakeholder hearing: 14 May 2026**
 - Integrate oral health into HIV and primary healthcare programmes.
 - Engage oral health professionals in governance.
 - Invest in inclusive, community-led approaches to care.
- **High-level meeting: 22–23 June 2026**
 - Review progress since 2021 and define new global commitments to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.
 - Integrated HIV, NCD and mental health services are increasingly recognised as central to the future of the HIV response.
 - Oral health implications
 - Recognition of the high rates of HPV co-infection among people living with HIV
 - Commit to the 95–95–95 targets by 2030: 95 per cent of people living with HIV know their HIV status

The Multi-Stakeholder Hearing as part of the preparatory process for the 2026 High-level meeting on HIV/AIDS

Panel 4: Community Leadership, Accountability and Inclusive Governance in a Changing HIV Response in the context of reduced funding and increased reliance on community systems to sustain the response

The International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research and the FDI World Dental Federation welcome the focus on community leadership and country ownership in sustaining the HIV response.

Oral diseases are common, visible, and often early indicators of HIV infection. Community-based oral health services provide a practical entry point and can support early detection, referral, and sustained engagement in HIV care, particularly for populations facing barriers to formal health systems.

The World Workshops on Oral Health in HIV and AIDS highlight the role of oral health professionals working alongside communities to expand access, build trust, and support prevention and education. Consistent with the WHO Global Oral Health Action Plan, strengthening community systems requires investments in inclusive governance, enhanced workforce capacity, and community-led data systems that drive accountability and responsive policies.

Within the Political Declaration, and on local and regional levels, we call on Member States to:

- Integrate oral health and related indicators into community-led HIV and primary health care programs
- Engage oral health professionals including, researchers in national HIV services planning, implementation and governance mechanisms

WHO Regional Committees (RC)

RC79 for South-East Asia (Sept 7-10, Dili) (Joint written statements with IADR)

- 8.1 Annual report on monitoring progress on UHC and health-related SDGs
- 9.3 Beginning of the Decade of Action for ending viral hepatitis, HIV and STIs as public health threats by 2030 in the South-East Asia Region
- 9.5 (a) Regional Action Plan and targets for prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (2013–2020)
(b) Monitoring progress and the acceleration plan for NCDs, including oral health and integrated eye care, in the South-East Asia Region

RC73 for the Eastern Mediterranean (Oct 13-15, Cairo)

- Advancing health financing for stronger financial protection in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: pathways to equity and resilience

RC76 for Europe (Oct 27-29, Copenhagen)

- Toward a strategy and action plan for tackling noncommunicable diseases and advancing well-being through health promotion in the WHO European Region 2027–2037
- Progress report: AIDS, viral hepatitis and STI; cervical cancer

RC77 for the Western Pacific (Oct 19-22, Manila)

- Tobacco control

Proposed WHA80 resolution: access to medicines for children living with NCDs

Strategic opportunity for 2027

- 3rd UN HLM on UHC: medicines account for over half of out-of-pocket health spending in three-quarters of countries
- 50th anniversary of the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines (EML) and 20th anniversary of the WHO EML for Children
- 3rd international dialogue on sustainable financing for NCDs and mental health

What is the resolution about?

- Integrating childhood NCDs into existing UHC, PHC and essential medicines and diagnostics policies
- Improved pathways to diagnosis, referrals, affordable medicines, age-appropriate products, continuity of care
- Strengthening procurement, forecasting, financial protection and secure, uninterrupted supply chains
- Mobilizing WHO support for evidence-based implementation, and data driven monitoring and coordination

Relevance for oral health

- Reinforcing implementation of resolution WHA74.5 on oral health (reference in the draft resolution)
- Supporting improved outcomes for childhood dental caries and oral cancers
- Enhancing access to fluoride and other essential dental medicines and preparations included in the WHO EML for Children

How can you support?

- Facilitate government engagement to secure Member State sponsorship for submission to the WHO Executive Board (October 2026)
- Raise awareness of the resolution with WHO technical teams and other stakeholders, and identify opportunities to align ongoing work with its objectives

Oral Health Observatory



Collect standardized global oral health data and assess the needs of patients and practitioners. By identifying key oral health trends, the project aims to inform and influence policymakers, driving investment and improving overall health outcomes.

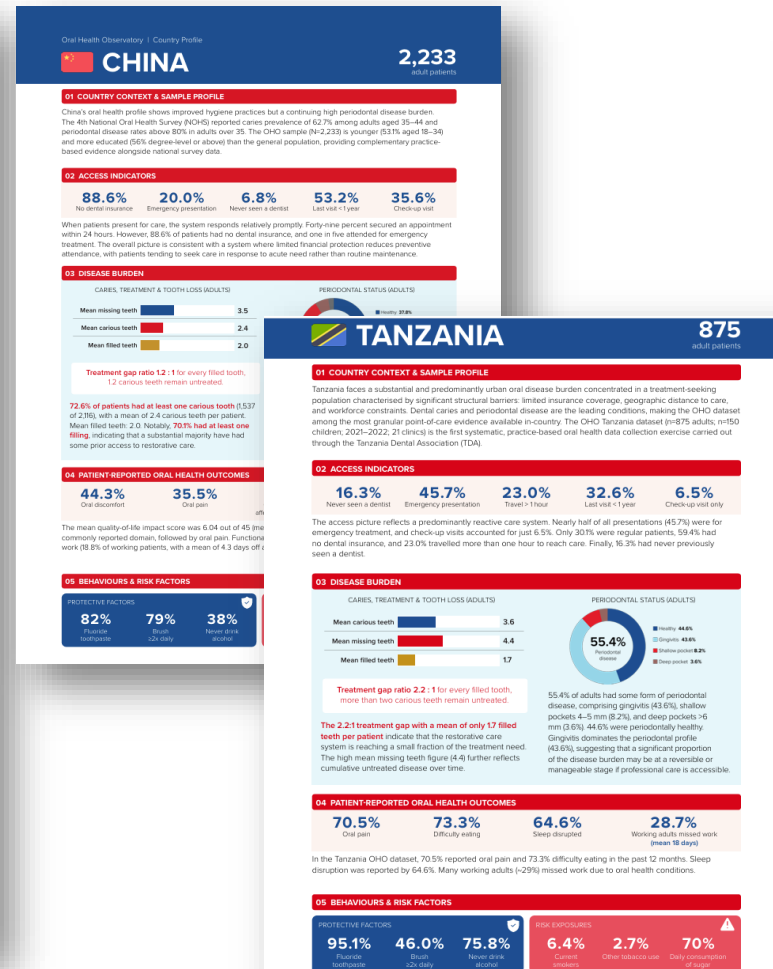


TEN YEARS OF ORAL HEALTH OBSERVATORY DATA

Evidence, Impact and the Road Ahead



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Global Coalition on Oral Health

About the co-leads



Dental professionals



>1 Million dentists through 187 national dental associations and specialist groups in 132 countries.

Industry actors



36 member organizations spanning across 5 continents. Members offer a broad portfolio of self-care Oral Health products.

Academia



Committed to advancing public oral health through research, education, innovation and community engagement.



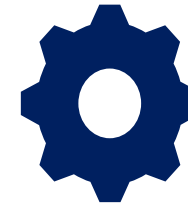
WHO Collaborating Centre for Oral Health Inequalities and Public Health.

Advocacy workstream: Impact goal



Oral health is prioritized within universal health coverage (UHC) and non-communicable disease (NCD) agendas, accelerating implementation of the WHO Global Oral Health Action Plan (GOHAP) and improving oral health outcomes.

Priorities and next steps



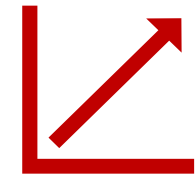
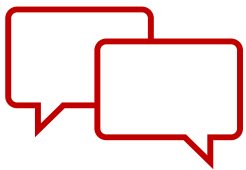
**Co-create a workplan
with input from the other
workstream members**

**Be clear on the mandate
and target audiences**

**Map advocacy
opportunities (e.g. UHC
2027, WHO regionals...)**

**Leverage existing
tools
and resources**

**Develop joint
advocacy position for
workstream leads and
coalition members**



**Ensure continuous cross
workstream and between
workstream dialogue and
alignment to streamline
efforts**

**Integrate Member State
commitments, champion
those developing oral health
UHC roadmaps, and
promote knowledge sharing**

**Prioritize community
engagement and lived
experience**

**Ensure workstream is
ambitious but focused,
selecting a few high-impact
measurable deliverables**

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