Information session on oral health for Member States

The WHA74.5 Resolution on oral health: the way forward

Thursday 31 March 2022 from 15:00-16:30 CET
Agenda

1 (15:05) Welcome address  
   Dr Minghui Ren, ADG UCN, WHO

2 (15:15) The WHA74.5 Resolution on oral health: the way forward  
   Dr Bente Mikkelsen, Director, NCD Department, WHO

3 (15:45) Moderated discussion with Member States

4 (16:25) Wrap up and end of session  
   Guy Fones, Head, GCM/NCD, WHO
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Dr Tedros: “Oral Health has been overlooked for too long in the global health agenda. 14 years after the last consideration of oral health by EB60, today’s resolution provides a welcome opportunity to address the public health challenges posed by the burden of oral diseases to reposition oral health as part of the global health agenda in the context of UHC.”
Mandate & timeline of the implementation

“Requests the Director-General to develop ① by 2022 a draft global strategy, in consultation with Member States, on tackling oral diseases aligned with the GAP for the prevention and control of NCDs 2013-2030 and pillars 1 and 3 of WHO’s 13GPW ② to translate this global strategy, by 2023, into an action plan for public oral health, including a framework for tracking progress with clear measurable targets to be achieved by 2030, and ③ technical guidance on environmentally friendly and less-invasive dentistry to support countries with their implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, including supporting preventative programmes, ④ to update technical guidance to ensure safe and uninterrupted dental services, including under circumstances of health emergencies, ⑤ ‘best buys’ interventions on oral health, as part of an updated Appendix 3 of the WHO Global action plan on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and integrated into the WHO UHC Intervention Compendium; ⑥ to include noma in the planned WHO 2023 review process to consider the classification of additional diseases within the road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021-2030.”
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... including Oral Health Country Profile
Oral diseases affect 3.5 billion people

Untreated dental caries and gum disease are widespread.
The burden of Oral Diseases

Oral health conditions also include cancers of the lip and mouth, noma and orofacial clefts.
Impact of COVID-19 on the oral healthcare services

136 countries reported that NCD services were disrupted – June-October 2021, WHO but only 107 countries have included NCDs in national COVID-19 Plans. Those countries who have done so, have prioritized NCD services including oral healthcare services

https://www.youtube.com/c/who
The burden of oral diseases compared with other NCDs

Number of Cases of Oral Diseases compared with other NCDs, GBD 2019
Treatment for oral health conditions is expensive and usually not part of UHC

Oral diseases are the 3rd most expensive disease group in terms of treatment costs 90 billion in 2015 for EU

Oral care treatment is costly, averaging 20% of out-of-pocket health expenditure in most high-income countries (OECD, 2017)
People are affected over their life course, from early childhood to adolescence, adulthood and later life.
The number of cases of oral diseases continues to increase

Number of Cases of Oral Diseases from 1990 to 2019 by WHO region, GBD 2019
Oral diseases share modifiable risk factors common to the 4 leading NCDs
How to respond to the urgent and enormous oral health needs of the population?
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Mandate & timeline of the implementation

- **2021**: Resolution on Oral Health
- **2022**: Global Oral Health strategy
- **2023**: Global Oral Health Action Plan that includes...
- **2024**: Monitoring framework to track progress with measurable targets
  - Best Buys on oral health
  - Minamata Convention
  - Noma inclusion into NTD

Yearly reporting

As part of the annual consolidated omnibus report on NCDs
The draft global strategy on oral health

1. Oral Health Governance. Improve political and resource commitment to oral health, strengthen leadership and create win-win partnerships within and outside of the health sector

2. Oral Health Promotion and Oral Disease Prevention. Enable all people to achieve the best possible oral health, and address the social and commercial determinants and risk factors of oral diseases

3. Health Workforce. Develop innovative workforce models and revise and expand competency-based education to respond to population oral health needs

4. Oral Health Care. Integrate essential oral health care and ensure related financial protection and essential supplies in primary health care

5. Oral Health Information Systems. Enhance surveillance and information systems to provide timely and relevant feedback on oral health to decision-makers for evidence-based policy-making

6. Oral Health Research Agendas. Create and continuously update context and needs-specific research focused on public health aspects of oral health
Outline & key elements of the draft global strategy on oral health

BACKGROUND

GLOBAL OVERVIEW OF ORAL HEALTH

VISION and GOAL

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

ROLE OF WHO, MEMBER STATES, AND PARTNERS

Vision

The vision of this strategy is **universal health coverage for oral health for all individuals and communities by 2030**, enabling them to enjoy the highest attainable state of oral health and contributing to healthy and productive lives.

Goal

The goal of the strategy is to guide Member States to (a) develop ambitious national responses to promote oral health; (b) reduce oral diseases, other oral conditions and oral health inequalities; (c) strengthen efforts to address oral diseases and conditions as part of universal health coverage; and (d) consider the development of targets and indicators, based on national and subnational contexts, building on the guidance to be provided by the WHO global action plan on oral health, to prioritize efforts and assess the progress made by 2030.
Key steps for the development of the Global Oral Health Action Plan

**TORs DEVELOPMENT**
- Develop the ToRs for the development of the monitoring framework on oral health
- Agreement with MoH Thailand and McGill University

**PHASE 1: Conceptual model of the monitoring framework and indicators**
- Critical review of M&E Framework
- Scoping review to identify indicators
- Conduct a consensus building process with a panel of international experts from all WHO regions & Regional Offices

**PHASE 2: Consensus-building process**
A two-round Delphi consensus process to carry out to agree on the most appropriate indicators based on the results of the previous meetings (long list of Indicators)

**PHASE 3: Global oral health consultation**
- Global Oral health survey based on a pre-completed questionnaire and the new set of indicators identified
- Feedback on an advanced version of the monitoring framework

**PHASE 4: Development of the global action plan on oral health**
- Analysis and integration of the results in the draft Global Oral Health Action Plan
- Web-based consultation with Member States and non-state Actors

**SUBMISSION TO EB152/WHA76**
- July – September 2021
- October 2021 – January 2022
- February - March 2022
- April - May 2022
- May - September 2022
- January 2023
Oral health cost-effective interventions in the Appendix 3 of the WHO GAP-NCD and the UHC Compendium

October 2021 - Expert Committee of the @WHO #Essentialmedicines recommends establishment new section in both EMLs for #dentalpreparations. A great step forward for improving awareness & affordability of effective prod & non-invasive prevent & treat for the most common disease in human beings
The process of integration of noma into the NTD list

Member State(s) should submit request of any inclusion of additional NTDs into WHO’s list to their Department of Control of NTDs through relevant WHO Country and Regional Office(s).

The request should be accompanied by a dossier that contains a compendium of evidence to demonstrate how the disease(s) meet the following criteria:

1. Disproportionately affect populations living in poverty; and cause important morbidity and mortality – including stigma and discrimination - in such populations, justifying a global response
2. Primarily affects populations living in tropical and sub-tropical areas
3. Amenable to broad control, elimination or eradication by applying one or more of the five public health strategies adopted by the Department for Control of NTDs
4. Neglected by research – i.e., resource allocation is not commensurate with the magnitude of the problem - when it comes to developing new diagnostics, medicines and other control tools

- Save-The-Date: Friday 9 May 2022, Stakeholders Meeting on noma

Reference: WHO NTD Strategic Technical Advisory Group Meeting (2016) https://www.who.int/neglected_diseases/diseases/Adoption_additional_NTDs.pdf?ua=1
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WHO Oral Health Programme work plan (2022-2023)

**LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION ROLE**
- WHO Global Oral Health Status Report
- Best Buys & UHC Oral Health Benefit Package - EMLs
- Global Oral Health Strategy 2022 & Global Oral Health Action Plan 2023
- Inclusion of noma in the list of NTDs and way forward
- Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Oral Health

**TECHNICAL PRODUCTS**
- Minamata Convention - Alternatives to Dental Amalgam
- BeHe@lthy-BeMobile mOralHealth Programme
- Capacity Building Programme in Public Health for Chief Dental Officers
- Global Meeting of Chief Dental Officers – Commitment for the implementation of the GAP-OH

**COUNTRY SUPPORT**

Implementation of the WHA 74.5 Resolution on Oral Health

- Multi-stakeholder coalition on oral health
NCD Department - Strategic Technical Advisory Group Architecture

**Purpose:** Advise the WHO Secretariat on strategic, programmatic and technical issues (leadership, TPs and county support) that will strengthen the implementation of the Global Oral Health Action Plan in countries as part of NCD and UHC agendas towards 2030.

**TAG on Oral Health**
- 12 Members (December 2022)

**TAG on NCD research and innovation**

**STAG on the prevention and control of NCDs**

**TAG on Diabetes**

**STAG on Disability**
Minamata Convention on Mercury - Alternatives to Dental Amalgam

Prevention and treatment of dental caries with mercury-free products and minimal intervention

WHO oral health briefing note series

https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/352480

Report of the informal global WHO consultation with policymakers in dental public health, 2021

Monitoring country progress in phasing down the use of dental amalgam

https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/348985
Advocacy for a digital oral health that leaves no one behind - mOralHealth Programme

1. The mOralHealth literacy module aims to improve the oral health literacy of individuals and communities as well as raise awareness of and advocacy for oral health priorities among policy-makers, decision-makers, the media and civil society organizations (CSOs).

2. The mOralHealth training module encourages using mobile technologies for e-learning approaches to enhance the knowledge and skills of general health professionals as well as expand awareness of priority oral health interventions for oral health professionals.

3. The mOralHealth early detection module provides information on the potential of early detection by using remote diagnostics tools to improve timely treatment and facilitate access to and improve quality of health care services.

4. The mOralHealth surveillance module informs about the use of mobile technologies in the context of oral health surveillance and collection of epidemiological data as well as monitoring of quality patient care and service delivery.
WHO Global Leadership Course for Chief Dental Officer and Public Oral Health Professionals

The overall objective
- To build the capacity and capability of CDOs and public oral health professionals to contribute to the implementation of the global oral health strategy and its action plan.

The specific objective
- To develop the hybrid leadership training course, online and in-person, at the WHO Academy by the combination of public health know-how, practical exercises to consolidate new skills, networking opportunities, and experience sharing between countries.

Expected outcomes:
- Establish virtual community of practice among CDOs and public oral health professionals
- Strengthen capacity of CDOs and public oral health professionals to develop ambitious national responses to reduce oral health inequalities and to address oral diseases and conditions as part of UHC
Multi-stakeholder coalition on oral health for WHO to provide support to countries towards 2030

- Starting point for new political commitment towards the implementation and monitoring of the Global Oral Health Action Plan
- Global Meeting of Chief Dental Officers
- Effective operationalization of the global oral health action at a country level will require strong technical support from WHO and other stakeholders
- This can only be achieved with the support of Member States and other partners through collaboration:
  - WHO Collaborating Centres
  - UN Agencies
  - Non-state actors
  - Philanthropic Foundations.
- Deliberative, strategic and coordinated effort as a united coalition
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Thank You!

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https://www.who.int/health-topics/oral-health#tab=tab_1