

WHO's Global Oral Health Agenda and Action Plan for 2030

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The World Health Assembly approved a Resolution on oral health in 2021, which affirms that oral health should be firmly embedded within the NCD agenda and that oral health-care interventions should be included in universal health coverage programs. This resolution on oral health requested WHO to translate the Global Strategy on Oral Health A75/10 Add.1 into an action plan for public oral health by 2023, including a framework for tracking progress with clear measurable targets of oral health to be achieved by 2030.

WHO's Global Oral Health Status Report (GOHSR) provides the comprehensive picture of oral disease burden and highlights challenges and opportunities to accelerate progress towards universal coverage for oral health. The GOHSR is part of WHO's series of data reports and an important milestone in the larger process of mobilizing political action and resources for oral health. The GOHSR will serve as a reference for policymakers and provide orientation for a wide range of stakeholders across different sectors; and guide the advocacy process towards better prioritization of oral health in global, regional, and national contexts. In this lecture, we evaluate our progress based on our accomplishments and investigate additional approaches that can ensure that everyone has access to the services they need for oral diseases that are preventable and treatable. There is no health without oral health.