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FDI & IADR Statement

FDI World Dental Federation representing over one million dentists and the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research, representing over 10,000 researchers welcome the new GPW14 outcome indicator – “proportion of population entitled to essential oral health interventions as part of the health benefit packages of the largest government health financing schemes”. The draft GPW14 reiterates the need for a paradigm shift that emphasizes prevention and continuum of care. Therefore, we urge the WHO to set a more comprehensive agenda by re-instating the following proposed outcome indicators:

- proportion of countries that implement policy measures aimed at reducing free sugars intake
- prevalence of the main oral diseases and conditions, and
- number of dentists per 10,000 population

Re-instating these indicators will set an inclusive and strategic approach in the planning, prioritization, and evaluation of WHO’s work specific to the prevention and control of NCDs.

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