Key learnings from the GPHP follow-up survey on periodontal health

Conducted by FDI between February and May 2019, the survey asked FDI National Dental Associations (NDAs) the same 19 questions developed in 2017 on periodontal health relating to 1) national health policies 2) health information systems 3) education and workforces and 4) Prevention and promotion efforts by NDAs. In addition, the 2019 survey asked about NDAs’ awareness of GPHP assets.

Increase in global awareness

Over 2/3 of NDAs promoted periodontal health through national awareness campaigns

Increase in periodontal screenings

Inclusion of periodontal screening in routine dental check-ups increased by over 15% in two years despite not being mandatory in more than half of the countries surveyed

Increase in prevention policies

Prevention through national policies increased from 50% to 59%, with tobacco, sugar and alcohol being the first factors addressed

Dentists’ awareness on the rise

40% of dentists who responded judged their awareness to be high and 12% very high