

WHO's role in assisting African nations implement the Children's Amendment

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Global Strategy and Action Plan on Oral Health 2023-2030 (GOHAP)



One Vision

Universal Health Coverage for oral health
for all individuals and communities by 2030

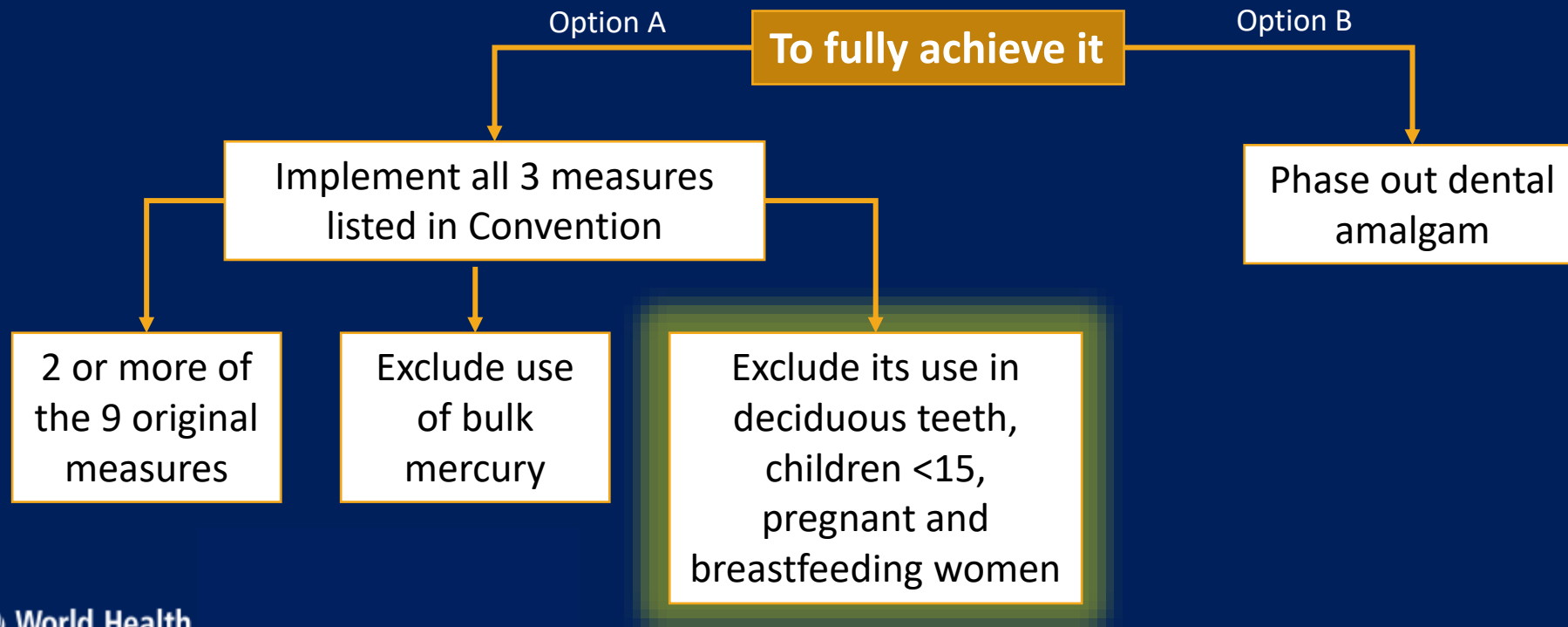


11 global oral health targets, 6 Strategic Objectives and 100 actions

for Member States, the WHO Secretariat, international partners, civil society organizations and the private sector



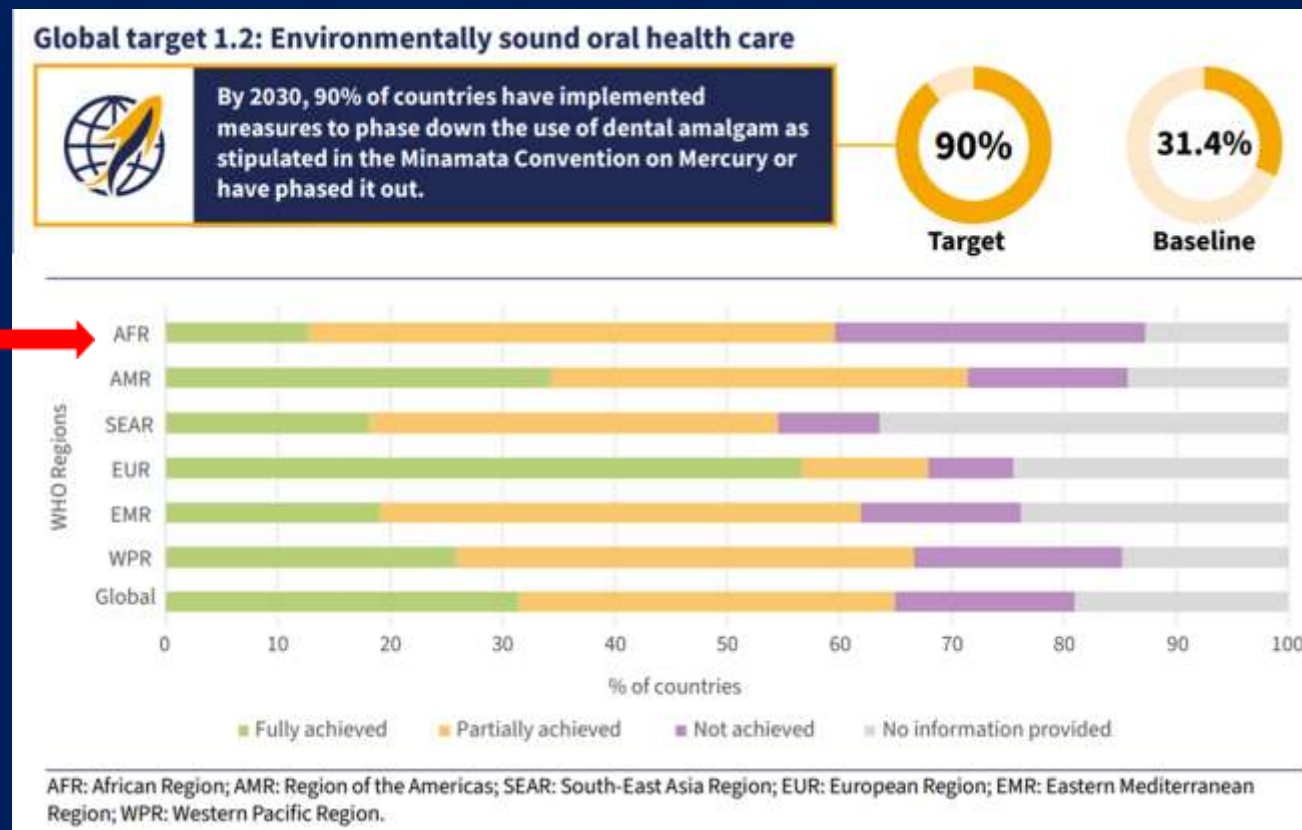
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Tracking progress on the implementation of the GOHAP



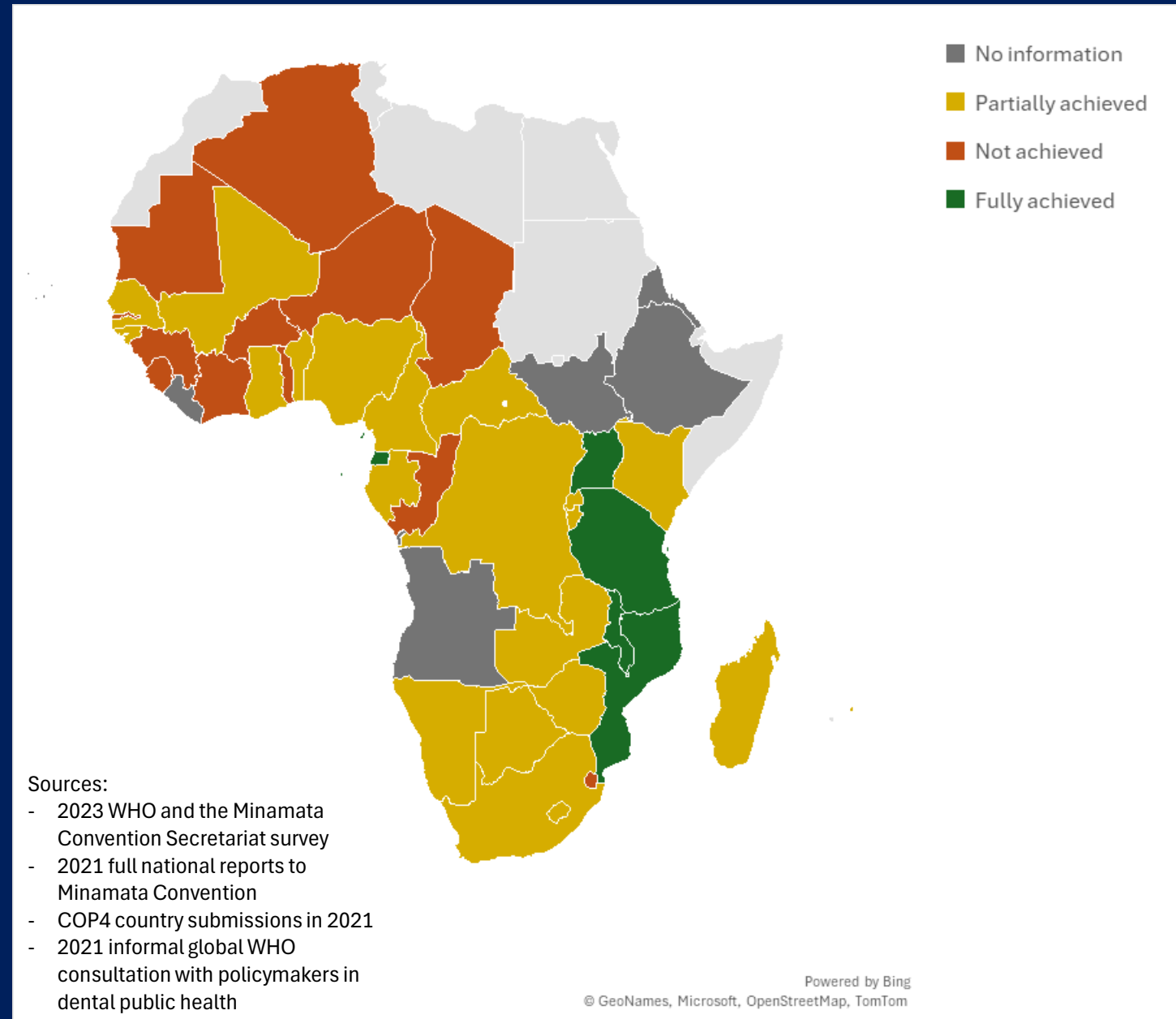
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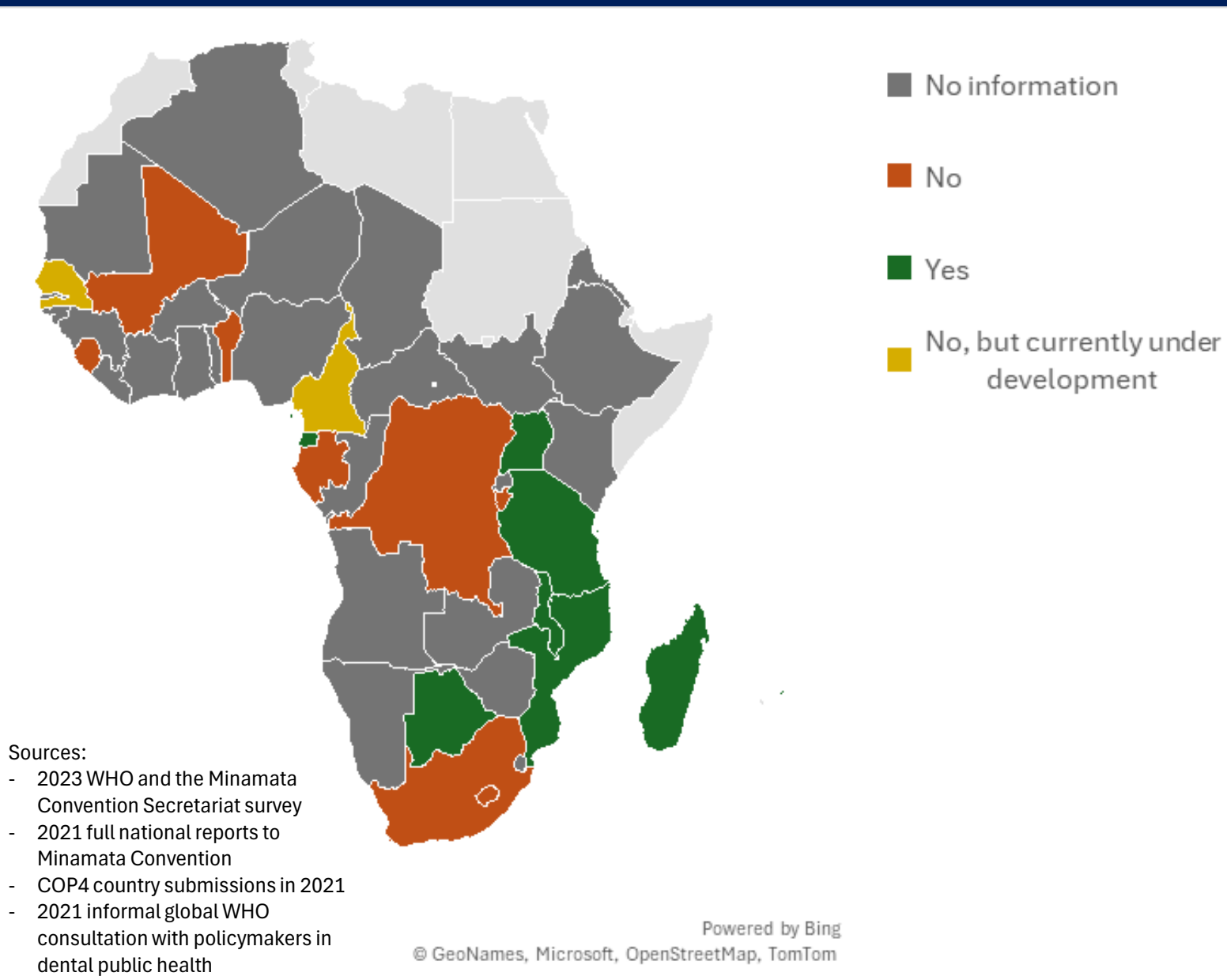
WHO African Region: Progress towards GOHAP target 1.2.

"By 2030, 90% of countries have implemented measures to phase down the use of dental amalgam as stipulated in the Minamata Convention on Mercury or have phased it out"

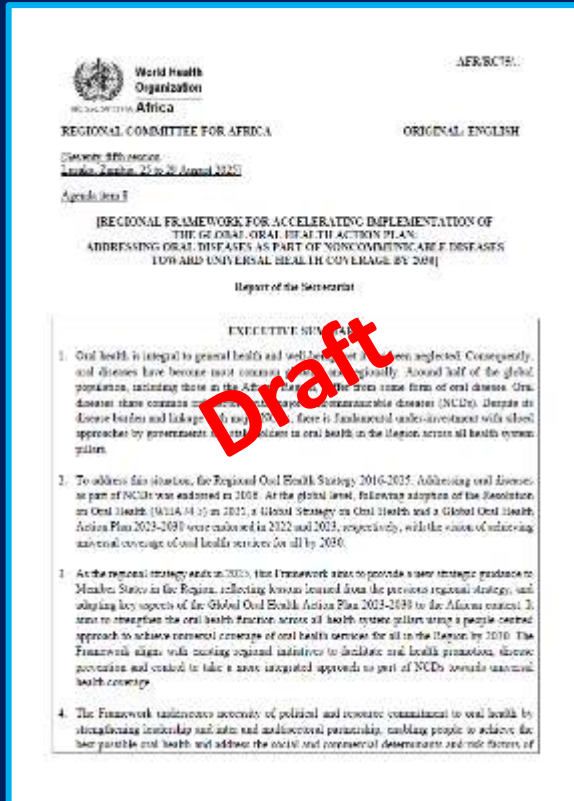


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"excluded or not allowed, by taking measures as appropriate, or recommended against the use of dental amalgam for the dental treatment of deciduous teeth, of patients under 15 years and of pregnant and breastfeeding women, except when considered necessary by the dental practitioner based on the needs of the patient"



WHO African Regional Framework on Acceleration Implementation of the GOHAP



The framework aims to provide a new strategic guidance to Member States in the Region, reflecting lessons learned from the previous regional strategy, and adapting key aspects of the Global Oral Health Action Plan 2023-2030 to the African context.

The guiding principle: Environmentally sound oral health interventions

- Prioritize environmentally sustainable oral health interventions, including the use of sustainable products, improved waste management, reduced carbon emission, and **phasing down the use of dental amalgam in alignment with the Minamata Convention on Mercury**, regional climate, and planetary health goals.

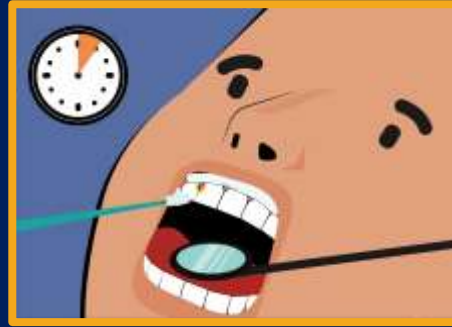
Recommended actions for Member States: Promote environmentally friendly oral health service provision

- Transition from a treatment-focused approach to a model emphasizing promotion, prevention, and **minimal intervention** to reduce the environmental burden of oral health care. This includes reducing single-use plastics and **accelerating the phase-down the use of dental amalgam**, thereby minimizing its environmental and health impact.

WHO cost-effective interventions / best buys to prevent and control oral diseases



Population-wide mass media campaign to promote the use of toothpaste with a fluoride concentration of 1000–1500 ppm



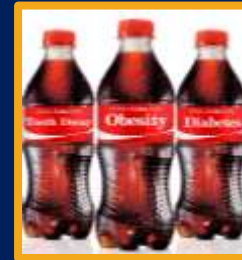
Silver diamine fluoride for preventing and arresting dental caries and its progression



Glass ionomer cement after removal of decayed tooth tissue using hand instruments

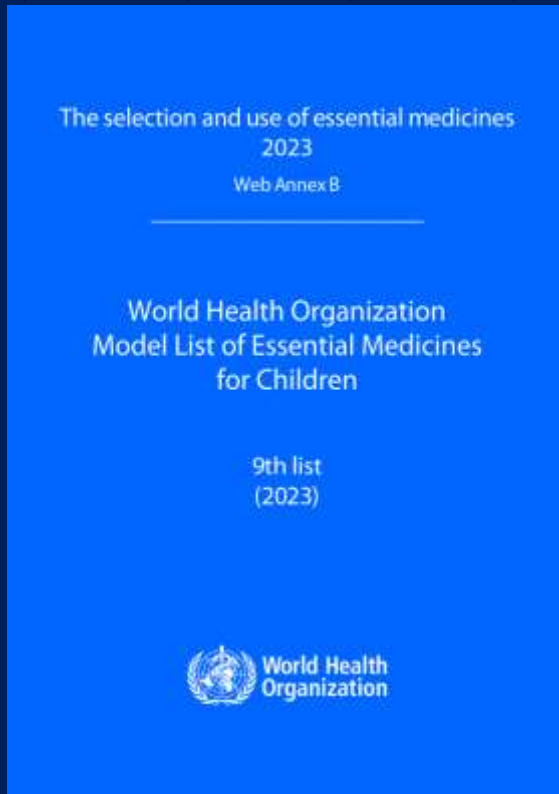


Early detection programme of oral cancer including targeted screening programme for high-risk groups in selected settings



Taxation on sugar-sweetened beverages as part of fiscal policies for healthy diets

WHO Model List of Essential Medicines for Children - 2023



Link: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-MHP-HPS-EML-2023.03>

Includes dental medicines and preparations

Fluoride

Glass ionomer cement

Resin-based composite
(low viscosity)

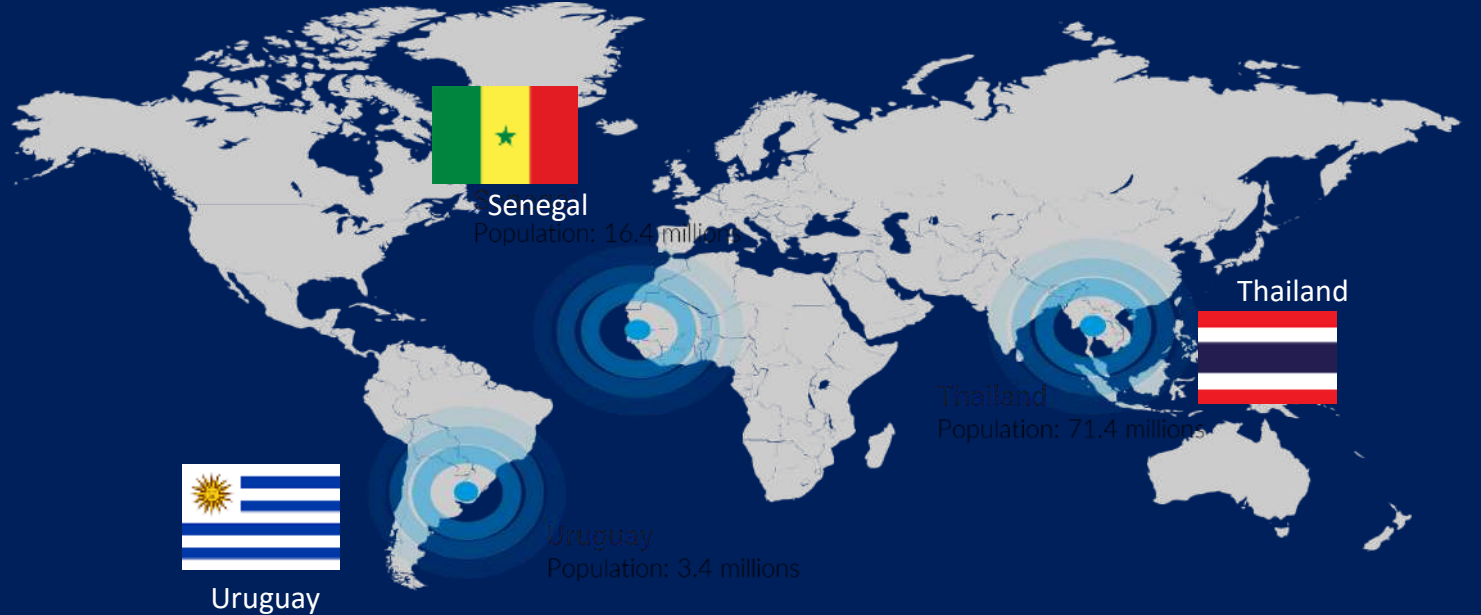
Resin-based composite
(high viscosity)

Silver diamine fluoride

GEF7 Phasing Down Dental Amalgam project

Project objective

To protect human health and the environment from harmful effects of mercury through implementation of policies and improved practices to phase down the use of dental amalgams



Timeline:
March 2023 – February 2026



Multisectoral collaboration between Ministry of Health and Ministry of Environment in project countries



Co-financing partners include FDI, IADR, civil society (2), academia (3), and private sector (7)

Technical guidance on environmentally friendly and less invasive oral health care

Overall aim of the technical guidance

This technical guidance describes current knowledge and provides orientations on the safe, less invasive and environmentally-friendly oral health care for the prevention and management of dental caries. It aligns with the Minamata Convention, which calls for the reduction and, where feasible, elimination of mercury pollution worldwide.



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