

**Name of the activity:**World Oral Hygiene Day - Screening program, Children oral health education

**Date of Activity:**1<sup>st</sup> August 2017

**Back ground for the activity:**In order to target the younger age group for their oral health is concerned, as children are easily accessible in schools; schools become a very viable option for Oral Health promotion. Moreover, the school teaching and non- teaching faculty can be asked for help and support for reaching out to the children, and counselling them for the adoption of healthy eating habits and correct methods of maintenance of a good oral hygiene. As it was the Oral Hygiene week, it was decided to spread awareness about how to maintain oral hygiene among the target group.

**Participants:** School Children of Bodeli Primary School, Bodeli.

**Brief details of the activity:** Screening of 182 school children from Bodeli Primary School was conducted. They were informed about common oral problems. They were screened for common dental problems such as dental caries, mal-aligned teeth and poor oral hygiene. Health education was imparted through models and charts.

**Learning:** The program was successful and beneficiaries were made aware of preventive methods, treatments available for various oral health care problems. The teachers were also explained regarding the same. The dental public health team could effectively communicate the need for oral health care to the beneficiaries.

**Suggested actions based on learning from the activity:** After screening the patients, a pick up would be organized in the near future and the children's oral health related problems be taken care of. The program should be continued and expanded to other such rural areas where there is a lack of dentists at primary and community health centres.

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