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FOREWORD

Oral health is an integral part of general health and wellbeing. Structures of the oral cavity allow many functions to take place in the orofacial region including ability to speak, smile, smell, taste, feel, chew, swallow, and convey a range of emotions through facial expressions with confidence and without pain or discomfort.

National pathfinder surveys are conducted periodically to provide relevant data which is crucial for planning. From 1979 to date, Tanzania has conducted a total of four national surveys with the last one carried out in 2010. Since oral diseases vary with time and economic trends; as the year 2020 rolled in and Tanzania transitioned from low to lower-middle income country, it was necessary that another national oral health survey was conducted. Data from previous national and small-scale surveys have enabled the central oral health unit of the Ministry of Health to prepare oral health national plans and policy guidelines for Tanzania. Hence, this 5th national oral health survey was conceived to elucidate the current oral health situation in Tanzania and allow for appropriate updates to the national oral health strategic plans and policy guidelines.

Data from this national oral health survey describes various oral diseases and conditions. These include dental caries, periodontal diseases, malocclusion, dental trauma, and dental fluorosis. The most prevalent oral diseases: namely dental caries and periodontal diseases, are linked to an individual's lifestyle. In this accord, the survey also provides information on pertinent oral healthrelated knowledge and behaviours which should be targeted in preventive dental programs. Oral diseases and conditions do not cause high death tolls; however, they have profound impacts on the quality of life. In this regard, the survey also provides information on oral health related quality of life which reflects the constant suffering that our people endure due to oral diseases and conditions.

The investigation tools used in the survey are those prescribed by the World Health Organization (WHO), making it possible to compare Tanzanian data with those of other countries and thereby offer an opportunity for gauging oral disease burden against others. This data can also be archived by the WHO for future reference.

This survey has been conducted through enormous support from our development partners and the academia. It is the expectation of the Ministry that all stakeholders will use the data from this 5th national oral health survey of the year 2020 to mount evidence-based oral health interventions for betterment of oral health for all Tanzanians.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| CDS | Chief Dental Surgeon |
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| СРІ | Community Periodontal Index |
| DDO | District Dental Officer |
| DMFT | Decayed Missing Filled Teeth |
| HIV/ AIDS | Human immunodeficiency virus/ acquired immune deficiency syndrome |
| MoHCDGEC | Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children |
| OHRQoL | Oral Health Related Quality of Life |
| PO-RALG | President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government |
| RCH | Reproductive and Child Heath |
| RDO | Regional dental officers |
| WHO | World Health Organization |

CHAPTER ONE INTRODUCTION

1.1 EXCECUTVE SUMMARY Background

National pathfinder surveys are conducted periodically to provide relevant data that is required for planning. Since 1979 to date, Tanzania has conducted a total of four (4) national surveys with the 4th carried out in 2010. Oral diseases vary with time and socio-economic situations; therefore, it was due that another national oral health survey was conducted. Data from previous national and small-scale surveys have enabled the central oral health unit of the Ministry of Health to prepare national plans for oral health and policy guidelines for Tanzania. Hence, this 5th Tanzania national oral health survey was conceived to elucidate the current oral health situation in Tanzania to allow revisions of oral health strategic plans and policy guidelines.

Aim:

The aim of this fifth national pathfinder survey was to determine the status of oral diseases and conditions and associated factors among Tanzanians, with the following specific objectives:

- *i.* To determine caries, periodontal status and their association with socio demographic and behavioral factors among Tanzanians
- *ii.* To determine the occurrence of malocclusion, dental trauma and dental fluorosis among Tanzanians and associated factors
- iii. To determine oral health behaviors among Tanzanians by social demographic factors
- *iv.* To determine the association between oral diseases, conditions, and Oral Health Related Quality of life among Tanzanians
- v. To determine caries trends among 12-year-olds from 2005-2020

Materials and Methods

A national pathfinder survey was conducted involving 14 study sites located in mainland Tanzania represented by 6 rural sites (Kilombero, Mbinga, Mbozi, Magu, Manyoni and Kaliua), 4 cosmopolitan sites (Kinondoni, Ilala, Mbeya city, Arusha city) and 4 urban sites (Tarime, Tanga, Kigoma, and Mtwara). A total of 3,601 Tanzanians were involved (2,191 children and 1,410 adults) according to WHO basic oral health survey guidelines which was slightly modified to suit Tanzanian demographic profile. Clinical examinations of dental caries, periodontal disease, trauma, and dental fluorosis were conducted according to standard WHO criteria. Additionally, malocclusion in children was assessed according to modified Björk criteria.

Standardized questionnaires were used to interview participants on oral healthrelated behaviors and quality of life (OHRQoL). To allow tracking of changes in DMF-T among 12-year-olds; data from 2005 and 2010 National surveys regarding caries experience was retrieved to get the mean DMF-T for 12-year-olds during those corresponding years. Standard data analysis as described in the WHO basic oral health survey methods was performed to provide descriptive statistics and determine bivariate associations.

The proposal was reviewed the Borrow Foundation and WHO prior to funding approval. Ethical clearance was obtained from Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) Institutional Review Board where the investigators are stationed. Permission to gain access to the study sites was obtained from Prime Minister's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government in Dodoma. Subsequently, further permissions were obtained from respective local authorities where study sites were located. The study was conducted from January to March 2020. Permission to publish the report was granted by the National Bureau of statistics by their letter with ref. No CB.317/377/01/43 of 8th January 2021.

Dissemination

The findings are primarily meant for the Tanzania Health Ministry which requires robust health statistics that are invaluable for planning dental services in mainland Tanzania. The obtained data will be further analyzed as deemed necessary and shared with the national and international audience through peer reviewed journals.

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Finance and Administration

The survey was jointly supported by the Miracle Corners of the World, Borrow Foundation, Colgate Palmolive Tanzania LTD, Bridge 2Aid, Tanzania Ministry of Health Community Development, Gender Elderly and Children, Tanzania Dental Association, Prime Minister's Office Regional Administration and Local Government, and the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences.

Results

The data was collected from two thousand one hundred and ninety-one (2191) children aged 5, 12 and 15 years; and one thousand four hundred and ten (1410) adults aged 30 years and above. Slightly different tools were used for children and adults and therefore results are presented in two parts: **part I** for children and **part II** for adults.

Part I-Children

Demographic characteristics of the children

The children sample included five-years-old (32.2%), twelve years-old (32.8%) and fifteen years-old (35.0%). Girls accounted for 49.4% of the sampled children. Most children had guardians with primary or lower education (72.2% and 79.9% for male and female guardians, respectively).

Dental diseases and conditions in children

i) Dental caries in children

About one third (31.1%) of the children had dental caries experience. More rural than urban children were affected by dental caries. Children who were 5 years old had the highest dental caries experience with the decay component accounting for 99% of the total caries experience. The high percentage of the decay component in both deciduous and permanent dentition in children shows that most children walk with untreated dental caries.

Comparing caries experience among 12-year-olds in this sample with the previous two Tanzania national oral health surveys; the DMF-T among 12-year-olds has remained low since 2005 to date (in 2005 the DMF-T was 0.3, in 2010 the DMF-T was 0.36 and in 2020 the DMF-T was 0.4 respectively), although trends suggest a slow, gradual increase.

The overall mean DMF-T for children aged 5, 12 and 15 years was 0.35 with the mean for the D-component accounting for 91.43% of the overall mean DMF-T. The mean DMF-T increased with age from 0.05, 0.4, and 0.58 for five-, twelve- and fifteen-year-olds, respectively.

ii) Periodontal and other oral conditions in children

Gingivitis affected 57.4% of children aged twelve and fifteen years with rural children being more affected (65.2%) compared to urban children (52.0%). The prevalence of dental fluorosis among twelve and fifteen years was 24.8%, with more rural children affected than their urban counterparts. Whereas 61.2% of children had at least one form of malocclusion, residence was not associated with its variations. The prevalence of dental trauma was 4.4% with rural children (2.7%) having less likelihood of sustaining trauma compared to urban (5.7%) counterparts.

Oral health related behaviors in children

Among children aged twelve and fifteen years, 54.6% consumed sugar once or more times a daily, 89.4% brushed their teeth daily and 81.5% used toothpaste. Only 20.3% have ever had a dental visit and only 0.5% visited for dental check-up. This suggests that children who need dental check-up the most are not utilizing this important component of child oral health care.

More rural than urban children consumed sugar frequently, less likely to brush frequently, less likely to ever visited a dental clinic, less likely to have used fluoridated toothpaste and less likely to have used toothpaste. Higher proportion of children with male and female guardians with Secondary education used fluoridated tooth paste than those with primary education.

Oral health related quality of life in children

About a quarter (24.9%) of twelve- and fifteen-years old children had at least one studied aspect of their lives impacted due to oral conditions (oral impact on daily performance: OIDP). Difficulties in eating food was the most prevalent impact, experienced by 19.7% of the children. Twelve-year-old children had a higher proportion (30.2%) of with oral impacts as compared to fifteen-year-olds (19.9%).

Those with dental caries, gingivitis, trauma, dental pain in the past 12 months, and had visited the dental clinic in the past 12 months were more likely to have at least one oral impact on daily performance.

Part II-Adults

Demographic characteristics of the adults

The adults sample included 30-34 years (20.4%), 35-44 years (30.5%), 46-49 years (0.4%) and 50⁺ (48.8%). The age groups were further categorized to young adults; 30-44 (50.9%) and older adults; 45+ years.

Dental diseases and conditions in adults

<u>i</u>) Dental caries in adults

About three-quarters (76.5%) of the adults aged 30 years and above had dental caries experience. Of those with dental caries experience, about one-half (52.2%) had Missing teeth while conserved (Filled) teeth accounted for only 1.7%. This indicates that the commonest type of treatment of dental caries is tooth extraction while very few decayed teeth are being restored. Only 3% of the study sample reported to have artificial teeth indicating a low uptake of prosthodontic care. Accordingly, about two thirds (62.4%) of adults perceived the condition of their teeth status to be bad or awfully bad.

The overall mean score for Decayed, Missing, Filled Teeth (DMF-T) was 4.6 and caries experience was shown to increase with age. The mean DMF-T of those aged 30-34 years, 35 - 44 years and 50 years and above was 2.8, 3.7, and 5.9, respectively. More females (79.4%) than males (73.5%) were affected. A higher proportion of those who visited the dental clinic (93.7%) had a DMFT ≥ 1 than those who did not visit the dental clinic (59.5%). This indicates that most dental clinic attendance is due to caries experience. However, more than half of the participants that had clinical findings of caries experience reported not to have visited a dental clinic in the preceding year.

Those who reported to consume almost none of the sugary foods and drinks were less likely to have caries-experience (DMFT > 0) as compared to those who consumed sugar daily. However, this observed difference was not statistically significant. Those who brushed their teeth daily, used toothpaste, and used fluoridated toothpaste were

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less likely to have a DMFT > 0 than those who reported brushing less than once a day, not to use toothpaste, and not to use fluoridated toothpaste; but these differences were also not statistically significant. Residence and education were not associated with variations in the DMF-T.

ii) Periodontal conditions in adults

Gingivitis was common, affecting close to two-thirds (62.8%) of adult participants. The old, males, rural residents, with less education, who never visited a dental clinic, brushed less than once a day, those who had dental pain and used tobacco were more likely to have gingivitis.

The prevalence of periodontal breakdown: shallow pockets (4-5mm) and deep pockets (6mm or more) was 27.2%, and 9.1% respectively. Overall, both shallow and deep pockets affected 29.1% of adults while attachment loss was found in 29.3%. The old, living in rural areas, with less education, who never visited a dental clinic, brushed less than once a day, and had dental pain during the past 12 months were more likely to have periodontal pockets.

iii) Dental Fluorosis and dental trauma among adults

Dental fluorosis affected 31.6% of the participants, and the prevalence of dental trauma was 9.2%.

Oral health related behaviors in adults

i) Oral Hygiene behaviors

The majority (93.4%) of adult Tanzanians reported to clean their teeth using plastic toothbrushes (88.2%) and toothpaste (83.5%), although less than half (46.9%) brushed twice a day. However, non-recommended oral hygiene behaviors were also reported whereby 2.7% of adults reported using charcoal to clean their teeth. A small proportion (1.2%) of adults used dental floss.

ii) Sugar, alcohol and tobacco use, and dental visits behavior.

Sugar was reported to be consumed twice or more times a day by 42.7%, alcohol consumption by 30.9% and usage of tobacco at least once by .3% of the participants.

About one half (49.8%) of the participants have ever visited a dental clinic while only 11.3% did so during the past 12 months. Nearly a half (48.2%) reported to visit the

dental clinic due to pain, while those who visited for dental check-up was only 1.8% of all adult participants. This implies that people visit the dental clinic when in pain; but visiting for dental check-up or preventive care is simply not their habit.

Oral Health related quality of life in adults

Slightly more than one-third (36.7%) of adults had at least one studied aspects of their lives impacted due to oral conditions. One-third (33.3%) reported impact on eating food, 21.9% on sleeping and relaxing, and 19.7% on cleaning teeth. Oral health related quality of life was measured by the Oral Impact on Daily Performance (OIDP) scale.

Clinical indices were associated with the OIDP in the expected direction with higher proportion of those with caries having an impact than those who were caries free (42.3% and 18.5% respectively), those with periodontal pockets (54.5%) than those who did not have pockets (29.4%), those with loss of attachment (50.5%), than those who did not have loss of attachment (31.0%), and those with gingivitis (40.8%) than those who did not (29.7%). This indicates that occurrence of untreated oral diseases and conditions compromises oral health related quality of life (OHRQoL).

Conclusions

- a. Caries experience in both deciduous and permanent dentition in children was low and the disease was skewed to about one third of the sample with rural more than urban children being more affected. Caries experience in permanent dentition among 12-year-olds has remained low over the past 15 years; with DMFT ranging from 0.3 in the year 2005 and 0.4 in 2020.
- b. Gingivitis affected slightly more than half of all the children with rural more than urban children being affected. Most children brushed their teeth daily using toothpaste, while sugar was consumed daily by more than half of the children. However, these behavioral factors were not significantly associated with variations in dental caries and gingival health in children.
- c. Rural children were less likely to take dental health preventive behavior, although were more likely to consume sugar frequently than urban children. High education of male and female guardians was associated with the children's uptake of preventive behavior.

- d. Nearly two thirds of children had malocclusion, and dental fluorosis affected about a fifth of the children, while the prevalence of dental trauma was low.
 More rural than urban children had dental fluorosis, while more urban than rural children were prone to dental trauma.
- e. About one fifth of the children had oral impacts; with dental caries, gingivitis, trauma, and pain varying with the OIDP scores in the expected direction.
 Dental fluorosis did not vary with OIDP scores in children.
- f. The prevalence of dental caries among Tanzanian adults was high, with more than three quarters (76.5%) with at least one carious experience. Attendance to the dental clinic was strongly influenced by pain and dental attendance for preventive visits and dental check-ups remained negligibly low.
- g. Gingivitis among adults was widespread, affecting nearly two thirds of Tanzanians while a few had shallow and deep pockets. The prevalence of gingivitis and periodontal pockets was higher among the elderly, males, those who lived in rural areas, had less than secondary education, never visited a dental clinic, brushed less than once a day, not used toothpaste, and used tobacco.
- h. Nearly one third of adult participants had dental fluorosis. More rural than urban residents had dental fluorosis, however fluorosis did not vary across age categories. Trauma was found in 9.2% of adults, but there was no association between trauma and residence or age.
- i. Slightly more than a third of adults had at least one oral impact on daily performance. Clinical indices for dental caries, periodontal pockets, loss of attachment, and gingivitis were significantly associated with OIDP scores in the expected direction.
- j. Rural children were less likely to take dental health preventive behavior. High education of male and female guardians was associated with the children's uptake of preventive behavior.
- k. Among the adults; there were no significant sex differences in performing a range of oral health related behaviours including use of tooth paste, use of

plastic tooth brushes, visit to dental clinic and consumption of sugar containing foods and drinks.

 Adults with secondary or higher education, and who resided in urban areas reported a higher uptake of oral hygiene and dental visits behaviors but consumed sugar more frequently.



CHAPTER TWO

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH SURVEYS IN TANZANIA

2.1 Introduction

Oral health is multi-faceted and includes the ability to speak, smile, taste, touch, chew, swallow and convey a range of emotions through facial expressions with confidence without pain and discomfort (1,2). Invariably, the most prevalent oral diseases i.e., dental caries and periodontal diseases are not usually a cause of high death tolls; but are a cause of long periods of suffering. Therefore, the importance of oral health should be viewed with its links to quality of life. Moreover, in many aspects, oral health and general health are interlinked (3–5). Apart from the suffering imposed by poor health on individuals, dental treatment is expensive and impacts on government's expenditure on health (6,7). At an individual level cost-sharing for dental treatment may preclude access to services and hence contributing to socio-disparities in health (8). Worth noting; poor oral health is also known to hinder child's growth and development by interfering with food intake and disturbing sleep (7,9).

Oral diseases are behavior-linked and are preventable through acquiring lifestyles which are conducive to oral health (10). Important oral health related behaviors include tooth brushing twice daily, flossing, tooth picking, use of fluoridated toothpaste, reduction of frequent sugar intake, stop tobacco use, and refrain from non-nutritive sucking behaviors (7,9). However, socio-economic status limits individual's ability to acquire healthier lifestyles and therefore promoting oral health requires an interplay of many factors. (7-9, 11– 14). In addition, dental visits are equally important as they allow for early detection and treatment of dental diseases. To realize the benefits of dental visits, a viable health care delivery system should be in place.

Dental caries and periodontal diseases are chronic in nature and can go unnoticed for a considerable period of time without causing pain or discomfort (7). In this regard, people can walk with untreated disease until at a later stage when pain is unbearable and treatment options are limited or become more expensive. Therefore,

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dental checkups are an essential part of oral health care. In addition to dental caries and periodontal diseases; there are many other less prevalent oral diseases and conditions that can significantly impinge on the quality of life of an individual. These include dental trauma, malocclusion and dental fluorosis. Getting an overall picture of occurrence of oral diseases and conditions is essential for planning for access to quality oral health care (12,15).

The WHO guides countries to periodically conduct national oral heath surveys in order have the required data for planning oral health services, monitor oral disease trends and allow comparability across the nations. In this accord, in 1982 Tanzania conducted its first national survey (16). The findings of the first survey formed a basis for the revision of the first Tanzania national plan for oral health. Further on; the second national plan for oral health of 1988-2002 was written largely based on the findings from the first national survey but also complemented by small scale surveys. This was followed by the formulation of a plan for the rehabilitation and equipping dental clinics at all hospital levels in Tanzania (17), and policy guidelines for oral health of 2002 (18). Years later the second national survey (19) was conducted and formed the basis for drafting the Tanzania oral health strategic rolling plan for 2010-2015. The third national oral health survey addressed psychosocial aspects of oral health including oral pain and barriers to use emergency oral care facilities (20); satisfaction with urgent oral care (21), oral health related behaviors (22) and impact of dental diseases on oral health related quality of life (23). From the third national survey, it was realized that half of the participants had at least one oral impact on daily performance, and distance as well as cost of treatment hindered many Tanzanians to access dental services. These findings led to the intensification of dental task shifting; whereby clinical officers were trained to render emergency oral care at health centers and strategically placed dispensaries (24). More and more teeth have been extracted through this task shifting for emergency care, restorative care was not part of this initiative and hence the number of filled teeth has remained very low since then. Fortunately, village health workers, primary school teachers and reproductive and child health workers were trained to be able to give oral health education to prevent oral diseases. Concurrently, Tanzania expanded its coverage on health insurance schemes to allow more people to access health services (25,26). In the recent past Tanzania has significantly expanded the number and composition of its health care delivery facilities. To compliment all these efforts, employment of the

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required dental personnel will be mandatory. This will enable people to enjoy the variety of types of dental treatment that are covered by the insurance schemes. Therefore this 5th national oral health survey was conducted to generate up to date health statistics on oral health status and associated factors in Tanzania.

2.2 Rationale of the 5th National Oral Health Survey

Evidence based planning for dental services requires availability of good quality data that is current and representative of the target community. Several small-scale oral health surveys have been conducted in the recent past, but these cannot give the real picture of the whole country and are definitely not sufficient for planning oral health services in Tanzania. Likewise, lifestyles do change over time as the economy is changing. Since dental diseases and particular dental caries change with changes in lifestyles; a new data set is required to monitor trends in oral health as Tanzania is transcending from a low to a middle-income country. This 5th national oral health survey will provide relevant data for planning. Likewise, the data will allow monitoring trends in dental caries in children over the past two decades.

2.3. The aim and objectives of the 5^{th} National Oral Health Survey. *Aim*

The aim of this survey is to determine the status of oral diseases and conditions and associated factors among Tanzanians.

Specific Objectives

- i. To determine caries, periodontal status and their association with socio demographic and behavioural factors among Tanzanians
- ii. To determine the occurrence of malocclusion, dental trauma and dental fluorosis among Tanzanians and associated factors
- iii. To determine oral health behaviours among Tanzanians by social demographic factors
- To determine the association between oral diseases, conditions, and Oral Health Related Quality of life among Tanzanians.
- v. To determine caries trends among twelve year olds from 2005 2020



CHAPTER THREE

MATERIALS AND METHODS

3. MATERIALS AND METHODS

3.1 Study design

This was a national pathfinder survey using a cross sectional design involving fourteen districts in mainland Tanzania.

3.2 Study sites

Study sites were selected as per WHO basic oral health survey methods (WHO, 2013) using a national pathfinder approach. According to the national pathfinder methodology, the selection of study sites must include cosmopolitan, towns and rural clusters/sites. The national pathfinder survey method is essentially a modified stratified-cluster sampling technique that allows inclusion of the most important population subgroups likely to have different oral disease levels. It also specifies the appropriate numbers of subjects in specific index age groups in each cluster. According to WHO (2013) guidelines for national pathfinder surveys, a minimum of 12 sites including 4 in metropolitan areas, 4 sites in large towns, and 4 rural areas are recommended. However, given the size of Tanzania the number of sites has been increased to 14.

Tanzania has 26 regions located in five administrative zones including the northern, coastal, central, lake, southern highlands, and western zones. Three cosmopolitan cities; Dar es Salaam, Arusha and Mbeya were purposively chosen. Dar es Salaam contributed two cosmopolitan clusters whereas Arusha and Mbeya contributed one cluster each. Then from each zone, regions were purposively selected depending on geographical location and fluoride endemicity of the place. Four regions (Mara, Kigoma, Tanga and Mtwara) were allocated to urban clusters. The four selected urban clusters were put together with the four cosmopolitan clusters to make an overall total of 8 urban clusters. Six regions (Morogoro, Ruvuma, Songwe, Mwanza, Singida and Tabora) were allocated to rural clusters. Dar es Salaam region provided two cosmopolitan districts. One district from the remaining selected regions was randomly selected and each one contributing one cluster. Therefore, the total number of both rural and urban clusters was 14. Including 6 rural clusters (Kilombero,

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Mbinga, Mbozi, Magu, Manyoni and Kaliua); 4 urban clusters (Tarime, Tanga, Kigoma, and Mtwara) and 4 cosmopolitan clusters (Kinondoni, Ilala, Mbeya city, Arusha city). The selected clusters are indicated by circles (Figure 2); green circles (cosmopolitan areas), purple circles (rural sites) and blue circles (urban areas). In each district a list of wards was obtained, and one ward was randomly selected to constitute a cluster for the city, township, or a rural settlement.



Figure 2: Map of Tanzania showing the distribution of cosmopolitan, urban, rural cluster, and Fluoride concentration. Fluoride map from Malago et al., (59)

3.3 Study population

Each of the 6 rural and 8 urban clusters was stratified by age and sex as guided by the WHO (2013) manual, whereby each cluster was to invite five index age groups; 5, 12, 15, 35- 44 and 50+ years olds. However, in this survey age stratification was modified to 5, 12, 15, 30-44 and 45 and above. Overall, 2191 children aged 5, 12 and 15 years and 1410 adults aged 30 years and above participated in the study.

3.4 Sample size and sampling process

As per WHO (2013) national pathfinder approach; 5-year-olds were obtained from randomly selected nursery schools, 12-year-olds from randomly selected primary schools, and 15 years from day secondary schools in each cluster. In Tanzania, each primary school has pre-school children classes (nursery classes), therefore a primary school provided both 5- and 12-year-olds. In every school a stream/class that contains a particular index age was picked randomly out of the streams that were available. All pupils with the age that was specified was eligible. If their number exceeded 50 then they were listed; thereafter a systematic sampling was employed in each age and sex strata to obtain 25 girls and 25 boys. Adults were followed where they lived by selecting streets randomly and pick 100 subjects: fifty from 30-44 and from 45+. One street was done by following participants in their households until the required number was not achieved in one street, the next was picked randomly until the required sample size was obtained. In the event a street had more than the required number, then a list of those individuals was made thereafter a systematic sampling of the required sample was done.

3.5 Inclusion

All males and females falling in the recommended index age groups were eligible to be included in the study as described above under study population and sampling process.

3.6 Exclusion

All those who could not be examined or interviewed for any reason were excluded. There was no attempt to use patients attending dental clinics.

3.7 Variables

All variables were measured and recorded according to WHO (2013) criteria. These variables included socio-demographics, dental caries, gingival bleeding, shallow and deep pockets, loss of attachment, trauma, fluorosis, oral health behaviors and oral health related quality of life.

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Caries trends for 12-year-olds were checked from retrieved dental caries information from 2005 and 2010 DMF-T for 12-year-olds and compared with DMF-T for twelve-year-olds in this 2020 sample.

For 5-year-olds gingivitis, dental fluorosis, oral health related behaviors and oral health related quality of life were not measured. Among children aged 5, 12 and 15 years malocclusion was also measured using modified Björk criteria.

3.8 Data collection tools

WHO (2013) clinical record forms were used to gather clinical indices. Mouth mirrors and probes (CPI and Williams) were used in oral examinations that were done under natural light. In addition to examination instruments: sterilization equipment, instruments storage drums, gloves, masks, gauze, and refuse bags were available.
WHO (2013) oral health questionnaires for adults and children were used to collect non-clinical information from participants [see Annex]. Participants were seated on normal chairs or school desks during interview and oral examination.

3.9 Reliability and validity

All data collection tools were pre-tested to ensure that the tools measure what they were expected to measure. Additionally, the tools were pretested to check for logic, practicability, and time estimation for examining and interviewing one participant across the age groups.

All investigators and research assistants attended a two-day training at the Dental School of the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS). The training involved acquaintance of the research team with the survey. Examiners were calibrated against senior clinicians to further ensure validity. Once clinical scoring process was mastered by all examiners, exercises were done on inter and intra examiner reproducibility to ascertain their consistency.

The WHO (2013) oral health questionnaire has been validated elsewhere, including here in Tanzania. The questionnaire was translated to Swahili and piloted to 10 adults and 10 children. Only minor modifications were done for a few questions in terms of wording, but the meaning was maintained.

Data collectors were given copies of survey information sheet which has all the variables and their operationalization. Data was reviewed daily to ensure that all relevant information was recorded accurately. There was a research supervisor in each study team to monitor and ensure quality of data. Test re-test of the questionnaire though was not done due to logistical limitations.

3.10 Data collection process

A list of possible schools, villages and streets was sought. In all the sites a local person (district dental officer of the respective cluster) participated, guided, and facilitated the access to study sites. Four teams of data collectors each having two pairs of examiners and recorders were used for data collection.

Used examination instruments were sterilized after decontamination with antiseptics, washed with liquid soap, and rinsed with water. Sterilized instruments were packed in clinical drums for subsequent use. All examinations followed standard aseptic techniques including dusting and disinfecting working surfaces, use of gloves and face masks. All used gauze, gloves, masks, and other waste materials were collected in hospital refuse bags for incineration at a nearby health facility.

Electronic questionnaires were used to interview all age groups except 5-year-olds. For five-year-olds only demographics were be recorded before proceeding for dental examination. RedCap (Research Electronic Data Capture) software was used to capture both questionnaire and clinical information. The collected information was checked and uploaded to MUHAS website by research supervisors of each study team.

3.11 Data Analysis

Data analysis was guided by specific objectives. Data was transformed to allow computation of sum indices where applicable, including DMF-T, simple sugar sum score, malocclusion and OIDP. Frequencies were generated to determine proportions of individuals with specific oral conditions and behaviors. Bivariate associations were assessed by using chi-square to compare proportions of individuals with oral health conditions/diseases and oral behaviors across socio-demographic groups.

3.12 Ethical considerations

The proposal for this survey was reviewed by the WHO and Borrow Foundation before approval of funding. Ethical clearance was sought from MUHAS Institutional Review Board. Relevant permissions were sought from respective authorities to gain access to the study sites. These included permission from the Prime Minister's Office Regional Administration and Local Governments. Each study team used the

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permission letter to initiate dialogue with respective district authorities for access to study sites. Privacy of participants was observed by ensuring that both questionnaire and clinical examinations were done to one participant at a time without allowing overs overhearing the conversations or viewing the oral examinations. Special codes instead of names were used for participants. Data was protected and only study teams have had the access to the data. Only official final reports will be released for dissemination after being endorsed by the Tanzania National Bureau of Statistics. Consent and assent were sought from participants and guardians as appropriate. All those who were found to have dental diseases and conditions were advised accordingly to seek assistance from the nearby health facilities.

3.13 Study limitation and mitigation

As it is the case with other questionnaire surveys; social desirability bias is likely to have occurred; such that participants may have under-reported or over-reported some of their behaviors. Due to the necessity to have several examiners, inter- and intra-examiner variability may be a threat to reliability. Recall bias may also have been introduced especially when participants were asked to recall what happened during the past in terms what they ate, or what was the reason for visit if ever visited a dental clinic. Adults were followed where they lived, this may have introduced volunteer bias whereby those who had dental problem were more likely to wait at home and meet the study team. To minimize these limitations, re-assurance of participants was done in that none of the information will be used against them and asked them to take enough time to think and provide answers as correct as possible. The importance of correct information in planning interventions was also emphasized. Examiners consistency was enhanced by taking a manageable number of participants to reduce examiners fatigue. Likewise, the pre-survey calibration exercise reduced wide variations between examinations.

CHAPTER FOUR

4.0 RESULTS

The data was collected from two thousand one hundred and ninety-one (2191) children aged 5, 12 and 15 years; and one thousand four hundred and ten (1410) adults aged 30 years and above. Slightly different tools were used for children and adults and therefore results are presented separately in two parts, including *part I* for children and *part II* for adults.

PART I

Demographic characteristics of the children

The children's age, sex and residence distributions were predetermined as guided by the WHO national pathfinder methodology specifications, whereby each stratum contributed an equal proportion to the total sample size **(Table 1)**. Most guardians had primary education or lower (72.2% and 79.9% for male and female guardians respectively)

| Variable | Category | % (n) |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Age in years | 5 | 32.2 (706) |
| | 12 | 32.8 (719) |
| | 15 | 35.0 (766) |
| Sex | Male | 50.6 (1109) |
| | Female | 49.4 (1082) |
| Residence | Rural | 42.4 (929) |
| | Urban | 57.6 (1262) |
| Male guardian | Primary education or lower | 72.2 (718) |
| education level | | |
| | Secondary education or higher | 27.8 (277) |
| Female guardian | Primary education or lower | 79.9 (852) |
| education level | | |
| | Secondary education or higher | 20.1 (215) |

Table 1: Frequency distribution of children by their socio-demographic factors.

NB: Many children did not know their guardian's education, urban included cosmopolitan and town sites.

Dental diseases and conditions among children

Dental caries in children

Table 2 shows the proportions of children aged 5-, 12-, and 15-year-old who experienced caries in both deciduous and permanent teeth were 44.2%, 28.4%, and 27.4% respectively. The overall caries experience in both deciduous and permanent dentition (dft/DMF-T) in children was 0.93. Overall, 33.1% of all children had dft/DMF-T \geq 1. The proportion of caries free children at the age of 5 years was 55.8%.

Caries experience in permanent dentition in children increased with age from mean DMF-T of 0.05, 0.4 to 0.58 among 5-, 12-, and 15-year-olds, respectively. Exploring the data further, the overall mean DMF-T for all the three age groups was 0.35, while the overall mean number of decayed permanent teeth was 0.32. The D-component accounted for 91.43% of the overall mean DMF-T of all children.

| Variable | Category | 5 years | 12 years | 15 years | All ages |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| | | % (n) | % (n) | % (n) | |
| Dental caries | dft/DMF-T ≥1 | 44.2 (312) | 28.4 (204) | 27.4 (210) | 33.1 (726) |
| Periodontal | Have gingivitis | NA | 57.2 (411) | 57.8 (443) | 57.4 (856) |
| status | | | | | |
| Dental | Have mild to severe | NA | 24.6 (177) | 24.7 (189) | 24.8 (366) |
| fluorosis | fluorosis | | | | |
| OHRQoL | At least one oral | NA | 30.9 (209) | 19.3 (148) | 24.9 (357) |
| | impact on daily | | | | |
| | performance | | | | |
| Dental | Have any Trauma | 3.0 (21) | 5.1 (37) | 5.0 (38) | 4.4 (96) |
| trauma | | | | | |
| Dental | Maxillary overjet | 2.9 (17) | 14.1(95) | 16.1(115) | 11.4 (228) |
| Malocclusion | grade 2and3 | | | | |
| | Mandibular overjet | 4.4 (30) | 1.9 (22) | 2.2 (17) | 2.8 (60) |
| | Angle's class 2 | 15.3 (105) | 8.5 (60) | 10.3 (78) | 11.3 (243) |
| | and3 | | | | |
| | Deep bite | 6.3 (34) | 10.1 (61) | 14.5 (96) | 10.6 (191) |
| | Open bite | 10.0 (69) | 14.0 (99) | 12.8 (97) | 12.3 (265) |
| | Cross bite | 3.5 (24) | 3.4 (24) | 4.5 (34) | 3.8 (82) |
| | Midline shift | 6.5 (45) | 9.1 (64) | 11.0 (84) | 8.9 (193) |
| | Scissor bite | 0.6 (4) | 0.8 (6) | 1.3 (10) | 0.9 (20) |
| | Crowding | 3.9 (27) | 14.3 (101) | 11.9 (91) | 10.1 (219) |
| | Spacing | 46.7 (323) | 34.0 (241) | 29.5 (225) | 36.5 (789) |
| | Simple sum score | 61.3 (307) | 61.7 (356) | 60.6 (383) | 61.2 (1046) |

Table 2: Frequency distribution of children by oral diseases and conditions.

The mean dft among 5-year-olds was 1.51 with a mean number of decayed teeth being 1.50; accounting for 99% of the dft **(Table 2a)**. There were almost no filled teeth recorded in this sample; thus far children are walking with untreated dental caries.

| Caries experience | 5 years | 12 years | 15 years | All children |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | Mean (SD) | Mean (SD) | Mean (SD) | Mean (SD) |
| Deciduous teeth | | | | |
| decayed | 1.50 (2.45) | 0.25 (0.96) | 0.02 (0.17) | 0.58 (1.63) |
| filled | 0.01 (0.09) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 0.0(0) |
| dft | 1.51 (2.45) | 0.25 (0.96) | 0.02 (0.18) | 0.58 (1.63) |
| Permanent teeth | | | | |
| Decayed | 0.04 (0.23) | 0.36 (0.95) | 0.55 (1.3) | 0.32 (.99) |
| Missing | 0.02 (0.12) | 0.023 (0.19) | 0.04 (.23) | 0.03 (0.19) |
| Filled | 0.0 (0) | 0.01 (0.07) | 0.0 (0) | 0.0 (0) |
| DMF-T | 0.06 (0.27) | 0.40 (0.98) | 0.59 (1.33) | 0.35 (1.0) |
| All teeth | | | | |
| Dft/DMF-T | 1.57 (2.51) | 0.65 (1.41) | 0.61 (1.39) | 0.93 (1.88) |

Table 2a Dental caries experience in deciduous and permanent dentition in 5-,12- and15-years old children

Caries trend among 12-year-olds from 2005-2020

Comparing caries experience among 12-year-olds in this sample with the previous two national surveys; during the second national survey done in 2005 the DMFT for 12-year-olds was 0.30, in another national survey done in 2010 the DMF-T among 12-year-olds was 0.36 and in the current survey of 2020 the DMF-T among 12-year-olds was 0.40 **(Table 2b)**. This shows generally low caries experience among 12-year-olds for the past fifteen years.

| Table 2b | Dental | caries | trend | for | 1 2 -y | year-olds | from | 2005 | -2020 |
|----------|--------|--------|-------|-----|---------------|-----------|------|------|-------|
|----------|--------|--------|-------|-----|---------------|-----------|------|------|-------|

| Year of Survey | Sample size | Caries experience (DMF-T) |
|----------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 2005 | 197 | 0.30 |
| 2010 | 1212 | 0.36 |
| 2020 | 719 | 0.40 |

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Demographic factors including sex, residence, and education of male and female guardians were not associated with variations in the dft/DMF-T among the children. However, children from rural areas had significantly higher proportions with dental caries than their counterpart **(Table 2c).**

| Variable | Category | Have caries |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| | | dft/DMF-T ≥1 |
| Age | 5 | 44.2 (312) *** |
| | 12 | 28.7 (204) |
| | 15 | 27.4 (210) |
| Sex | Male | 33.0 (357) |
| | Female | 33.3 (369) |
| Residence | Rural | 38.4 (357) *** |
| | Urban | 29.2 (369) |
| Male guardian education | Primary education or lower | 28.4 (204) |
| level | Secondary education or higher | 32.1 (89) |
| Female guardian | Primary education or lower | 30.0 (256) |
| education level | Secondary education or higher | 32.1 (69) |

| Table | 2c: | Distribution | of children | with | dental | caries h | v | socio-demogram | hics. |
|--------|-----|--------------|-------------|--------|---------|----------|-----|----------------|--------|
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*=p≤0.05, **=p≤0.01, ***=p≤0.001

Gingivitis, dental trauma, dental fluorosis, and dental malocclusion in children

Gingivitis affected more than half of children aged 12 and 15 years (57.4%) (See **Table 2**). Male children (12- and 15-year-old), those from rural areas and with female guardians having primary or lower level of education had higher proportions with gingivitis at 60.1%, 65.2% and 57.5%, respectively. The education level of the male guardian was not associated with variations in gingival inflammation (**Table 2d**)

The prevalence of dental trauma was 4.4% among children of 5, 12 and 15 years with fewer 5-year-olds being affected (3.0%) as compared to 12 years (5.1%) and 15 years (5.0%) children (See Table 2).



| Variable | Category | Have gingivitis |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | | % (n) |
| Sex | Male | 60.1 (443) * |
| | Female | 54.9 (411) |
| Residence | Rural | 65.2 (404) *** |
| | Urban | 52.0 (450) |
| Male guardian education | Primary or lower | 57.8 (406) |
| | Secondary or higher | 52.3 (145) |
| Female guardian education | Primary or lower | 57.5 (481) * |
| | Secondary or higher | 48.8 (105) |

Table 2d: Distribution of 12 and 15 years children with gingivitis by sociodemographic factors.

*=*p*≤0.05, **=*p*≤0.01, ***=*p*≤0.001

Children from rural areas (2.7%) had less likelihood to sustain dental trauma than their urban (7%) counterparts. Also, dental fluorosis affected 24.8% of the children aged 12 and 15 years. More rural (35.3%) than urban (17.2%) children were affected by dental fluorosis **(Table 3)**.

Having at least one form of malocclusion was reported by 61.2% of all children aged 5, 12 and 15 years. The most prevalent form of malocclusion was spacing (36.5%), followed by open bite (12.3%), maxillary over jet (11.4%) and Angle's class 2 and 3. The least prevalent form of malocclusion was Scissor bite (0.9%). Various forms of malocclusion across the three age groups were as shown in **Table 2.** Residence was not associated with variations in overall presence of malocclusions (**Table 3**).

| Variable | Category | Rural %(n) | Urban % (n) | Total |
|--------------|----------------------------------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| Dental | No Fluorosis | 64.7 (399) | 82.8(713) | 75.2 (1112) |
| fluorosis | Have mild to severe fluorosis | 35.3 (218) | 17.2 (148) *** | 24.8 (366) |
| Dental | No trauma | 97.3 (899) | 94.3(1181) | 95.6 (2080) |
| trauma | Have trauma | 2.7 (25) | 5.7 (71) ** | 4.4 (96) |
| Dental | No malocclusion | 40.1 (294) | 37.8(375) | 38.8 (669) |
| Malocclusion | Have malocclusion | 59.9 (440) | 62.2 (617) | 61.2 (1726) |

Table 3: Distribution of participants' dental fluorosis, trauma, and malocclusionby residence.

*=p≤0.05, **=p≤0.01, ***=p≤0.001

Oral health related behaviours in children

Sugar consumption

Sugar consumption among 12- and 15-years old children; 54.6% of children reported taking sugary foods and drinks once or more times daily **(Table 4a)**. Significantly higher proportion of rural than urban children consumed sugar frequently. Age, sex, female and male guardians' education were not associated with variation in sugar intake among 12- and 15-year-olds **(Table 4b)**.

| Variable | Category | Percent (number) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Daily sugary intake | Less than once a day | 45.4 (995) |
| | On daily bases or more | 54.6 (1196) |
| Tooth brushing | Less than once a day | 10.6 (156) |
| | Brush at least once a day | 89.4 (1321) |
| Toothpaste | Use toothpaste | 81.5 (1186) |
| | Use of fluoridated toothpaste | 23.3 (324) |
| Dental visit | Ever had a dental visit | 20.4 (302) |
| | Visited in the past 12 months | 7.3 (108) |
| Reason for dental visit | Visited due to pain/treatment | 5.9 (130) |
| | Visited for Check-up | 0.5 (12) |

Table 4a: Frequency distribution of children's oral health related behavior.

Oral hygiene among children

A high proportion of 12- and 15-years old children (89.4%) reported to brush their teeth at least once daily, while 81.5% indicated using toothpaste but only 23.3% were aware that the toothpaste they used to contain fluorides **(Table 4a)**. Regular tooth brushing was reported more among girls (92.3%) than in boys (86%), urban (91.9%) than rural (85.9%) and among children whose female guardians had secondary education (94.4%) than those with primary education **(Table 4b)**. Use of fluoridated toothpaste was reported more among 15-year-olds (29.7%) than in 12-year-olds (16.1%), while being an urban child, having male and female guardians with secondary education were more likely to use fluoridated toothpaste. Being 15 years

old, female, residing in urban sites and having male and female guardian with secondary education were more likely to use toothpaste **(Table 4b)**

Dental visits among children

As regards dental visits; 20.4% of the children ever visited a dental clinic, while only 7.3% visited a dental clinic in the past 12 months with 5.9% visiting due to pain and only 0.5% visited for dental check-up **(Table 4a)**. Dental visits were reported more among urban than rural children **(Table 4b)**.

| High sugar intake | Regular Ever had toothbrushingdental visit | | Use fluoridated | Use toothpaste. |
|----------------------|--|---|--|---|
| % (n) | % (n) % (n) | | toothpaste. | % (n) |
| | | | % (n) | |
| | | | | |
| 51.0 (367) | 87.6 (623) | 21.3 (152) | 16.1 (107) | 78.3 (546) |
| 47.5 (364) | 91.1 (694) * | 19.3 (148) | 29.7 (217) *** | 84.3 (640) ** |
| | | | | |
| 45.6 (336) | 86.4 (631) | 19.8 (145) | 24.2 (167) | 78.9 (569) |
| 52.8 (395) * | 92.3 (686) *** | 20.7 (155) | 22.3 (157) | 83.9 (617) * |
| | | | | |
| 54.0 (335) | 85.9 (526) | 16.4 (101) | 16.2 (90) | 64.1 (389) |
| 45.8 (396) ** | 91.9(791) *** | 23.1(199) | 28.0(234) *** | 93.9(797) *** |
| | | | | |
| 53.7 (377) | 89.8 (626) | 22.4 (157) | 21.0 (138) | 73.8 (512) |
| 54.5 (151) | 92.8 (257) | 22.1 (61) | 34.9 (94) *** | 89.1 (244) *** |
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| 52.8 (442) | 89.4 (745) | 21.3 (178) | 21.9 (171) | 74.8 (617) |
| 50.7 (109) | 94.4 (202) * | 23.3 (50) | 35.5 (75) *** | 91.5 (195) *** |
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Table 4b: Distribution of children oral health related behavior by sociodemographics.

*=p≤0.05, **=p≤0.01, ***=p≤0.001

Tobacco use

None of the children reported using tobacco in any form.

Oral health related quality of life among children

The prevalence of oral impacts on daily performance (OIDP) was 24.9%. Eating was the most affected performance with nearly one fifth (19.7%) of children having an impact on eating. Children also expressed difficulties in cleaning teeth (13.1%), followed by difficulties in sleeping (7.9%). These and other oral impacts on daily performances are as shown in table **(Table 5)**.

| Have Impact | % | n |
|---------------------|------|-----|
| Take role in social | 4.2 | 62 |
| Emotion | 4.5 | 67 |
| Smiling | 4.7 | 69 |
| Speaking | 5.1 | 75 |
| Enjoying | 5.4 | 80 |
| Sleeping | 7.9 | 117 |
| Cleaning | 13.1 | 193 |
| Eating | 19.7 | 290 |
| At least one impact | 24.9 | 357 |

Table 5: Distribution of children's oral impacts on daily performance items.

OIDP scores varied with age; whereby a higher proportion of twelve-year-olds (30.2%) had at least one oral impact as compared to 15-year-olds (19.9%). In addition, a higher proportion (74.7%) of those who had dental pain in the past 12 months were more likely to have at least one oral impact than those who didn't (14.9%). Presence of clinical conditions including dental caries, gingivitis, and trauma also significantly varied with OIDP scores (**Table 6**). However other clinical conditions like dental fluorosis and malocclusion were not associated with OIDP scores. Socio-demographic variables including residence, sex, and education of female and male guardians were not associated with OIDP scores. Those who had experienced pain and had visited dental clinics were more likely to have oral impacts (**Table 6**).

| Variable | Category | At least one |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------|
| | | Impact % (n) |
| Age | 12 years | 30.2 (209) *** |
| | 15 years | 19.9 (148) |
| Sex | Male | 23.1 (165) |
| | Female | 26.7 (192) |
| Residence | Rural | 25.8 (155) |
| | Urban | 24.2 (202) |
| Male guardian education level | Primary or lower | 25.4 (173) |
| | Secondary or higher | 28.7 (77) |
| Female guardian education level | Primary education or lower | 26.9 (218) |
| | Secondary education or higher | 21.8 (46) |
| Gingivitis | Have no gingivitis | 20.0 (122) *** |
| | Have gingivitis | 28.5(235) |
| Dental caries | Have no caries | 19.4 (201) *** |
| | Have caries | 39.1 (156) |
| Fluorosis | Have no fluorosis | 24.6 (265) |
| | Have fluorosis | 25.6 (352) |
| Trauma | Have no trauma | 24.2 (327) *** |
| | Have trauma | 37.0 (27) |
| Visited dental clinic in past 12 months | Visited | 53.8 (56) *** |
| | Not visited | 22.6 (301) |
| Dental pain in past 12 months | Had pain experience | 74.7 (177) *** |
| | No pain experience | 14.9 (178) |

Table 6: Distribution of reported oral impact by socio-demographic, behavioral and oral diseases/conditions.

*=p≤0.05, **=p≤0.01, ***=p≤0.001

PART II:

ORAL HEALTH STATUS AND RELATED FACTORS AMONG ADULTS

Demographic characteristics of the adults

A huge proportion of participants (80.4%) had less than secondary education. Residence had three categories from rural (42.8%), urban (28.2%) and cosmopolitan (29.0%) sites. Residence was then dichotomized to Urban; including the original urban and cosmopolitan participants (57.2%), and Rural; including the original rural group (42.8%). Age was dichotomized to 30-44 and 45 and above (**Table 7**).

| Variable | Category | % (n) |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Age | 30-34 | 20.4 (286) |
| | 35-44 | 30.5 (429) |
| | 45+ | 57.2 (802) |
| Sex | Male | 48.4 (678) |
| | Female | 51.6 (722) |
| Residence | Rural | 42.8 (601) |
| | Urban | |
| Education | Primary education or lower | 80.4 (1130) |
| | Secondary education or higher | 19.6 (276) |

Table 7: Distribution of adult participants by socio-demographic variables

Oral diseases and conditions among adults

Dental caries among adults

The prevalence of dental caries among Tanzanian adults was 76.5% **[Table 8]**. The overall mean DMF-T for all adult participants was 4.6; with 2.1, 2.4 and 0.08 being the mean number of decayed, missing and filled teeth, respectively **[Table 8a]**. Caries experience increased with age with those aged 30-34 years having a mean DMF-T of 2.8, those with 35- 44 years of age had a mean DMT-F of 3.7, while those with 50+ years having a DMF-T of 5.9 **[Table 8b]**.

In exploring the data further, it was realized that; the M-Component contributed 52.2% of the DMF-T indicating a dominance of extraction of decayed teeth, while the

| Oral health condition | Percentage | Frequency |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Dental caries | 76.5 | 1078 |
| Gingivitis | 62.8 | 886 |
| Periodontal Shallow pockets | 27.2 | 384 |
| Periodontal Deep Pockets | 9.2 | 130 |
| Total pockets | 29.1 | 410 |
| Periodontal Attachment loss of 4-5mm | 22.6 | 319 |
| Periodontal Attachment loss of 6-8mm | 11.8 | 166 |
| Periodontal Attachment loss of 9-11mm | 2.5 | 35 |
| Periodontal Attachment loss of 12 mm | 1.3 | 18 |
| Total loss of attachment | 29.3 | 413 |
| Dental Trauma | 9.2 | 130 |
| Dental Fluorosis | 31.6 | 442 |

Table 8: Distribution of adult participants by oral diseases and conditions

F-component accounted for only 1.7% of the DMF-T showing an exceedingly low uptake of restorative care. The D-Component accounted for 45.7% of the DMFT. In this study low uptake of restorative care and dominance in exodontia are coupled with low uptake of prosthodontic care as expressed by only 3% of the study sample who reported to have artificial teeth. In addition, about two thirds (62.4%) of adults perceived the condition of their teeth status to be bad or very bad.

| Table oa. Dental carles experience by age in years, mean (SD) | | | | | |
|---|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Caries | 30-34yrs | 35-44yrs | 45-49yrs | 50+yrs | Total |
| experience | | | | | |
| Permanent teeth | | | | | |
| Decayed | 1.76 (2.7) | 2.06 (3.0) | 3.20 (6.0) | 2.32 (3.0) | 2.1 (2.9) |
| Missing | 1.03 (2.1) | 1.59 (2.5) | 3.20 (3.9) | 3.53 (5.1) | 2.4 (4.0) |
| Filled | 0.07 (0.3) | 0.09 (0.56) | 0.20 (.4) | 0.084 (0.6) | 0.083(0.5) |
| DMF-T | 2.8 (3.8) | 3.7 (4.2) | 6.6 (9.3) | 5.9 (6.2) | 4.6 (5.4) |

Table 8a: Dental caries experience by age in years, mean (SD)

There was a higher proportion of older adults aged 45 years and above with a DMF-T of one or more (83.3%) as compared to the younger ones aged 30-44 years (70.1%). The majority (93.7%) of those who ever visited a dental clinic had a DMF-T of one or more as compared to those who never visited a clinic (59.5%).
| Age in years | Frequency | Mean DMFT | Standard Deviation |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| 30-34 years | 286 | 2.8 | 3.8 |
| 35-44 years | 429 | 3.7 | 4.2 |
| 45-49 | 5 | 6.6 | 9.3 |
| 50+ | 685 | 5.9 | 6.2 |
| Total | 1405 | 4.6 | 5.4 |

Table 8b: Distribution of adult participants by Mean DMFT for adults by age categories.

More females (79.4%) than males (73.5%) had DMF-T of one or more. Those who reported to consume almost none of the sugary foods and drinks were less likely to have a DMF-T of one or more as compared to those who consumed sugar daily [**Table 9**].

| Variable | Categories | Dental caries |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| | | % (n) |
| | | DMFT ≥1 |
| Age | 30-44 years | 70.1 (501) *** |
| | 45+ years | 83.3 (575) |
| Sex | Male | 73.5 (498) ** |
| | Female | 79.4 (573) |
| Residence | Rural | 77.5 (466) |
| | Urban | 75.7 (607) |
| Education level | Primary or lower | 77.0 (870) |
| | Secondary or higher | 74.3 (205) |
| Sugar consumption | Almost none | 71.9 (225) |
| | On daily basis | 78.2 (352) |
| | Twice or more per day | 76.8 (436) |
| Dental visits | Never visited a clinic | 59.5 (421) *** |
| | Ever visited a clinic | 93.7 (656) |
| Tooth brushing | Less than once a day | 79.6 (74) |
| | Once a day | 75.8 (497) |
| | Twice a day | 76.9 (508) |
| Toothpaste use | No | 79.2 (183) |
| | Yes | 76.6 (891) |
| Use Fluoride toothpaste | No | 79.7 (102) |
| | Yes | 74.9 (289) |

| Table 9: Distribution of | adults Participants | by dental caries | , socio-demographic, |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| and behavioral factors | | | |

*=*p*≤0.05, **=*p*≤0.01, ***=*p*≤0.001

However, this difference was not statistically significant. Those who brushed their teeth daily, used toothpaste, and used fluoridated toothpaste were less likely to have a DMFT of one or more than those who reported brushing less than once a day, do not use toothpaste, and do not use fluoridated toothpaste; but these differences were not statistically significant. Residence and education were not associated with variations in the DMF-T [**Table 9**].

Examining other factors associated with caries experience; it was found that a higher proportion of those who visited the dental clinic because of pain (94.3%) had a DMF-T score of one or more as compared to those who just visited for dental check-up (69.2%) or those who never visited the clinic at all (59.6%). Likewise, those who had pain or trouble with their mouth during the past 12 months (88.1%) had DMF-T of one or more as compared to those who did not have pain during the past 12 months (65.7%). Those with dental fluorosis (68.6%) were less likely to have dental caries as compared to those who had no dental fluorosis (80.3%). Further it was also noted that; knowing that sugar causes caries was not significantly associated with variations in caries experience [**Table 10**].

| Variable | Categories | Dental caries |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | % (n) |
| | | DMFT =1 |
| Sugar causes caries | No | 75.6 (444) |
| | Yes | 77.3 (635) |
| Dental Fluorosis | Normal | 80.3 (769) *** |
| | Fluorosis | 68.6 (303) |
| Reason for dental visit | Pain | 94.3 (641) *** |
| | Dental check up | 69.2 (18) |
| | Not had a visit | 59.6 (418) |
| Dental pain in past year | No | 65.7 (479) *** |
| | Yes | 88.1 (592) |

Table 10: Distribution of adult Participants by caries, fluorosis, dental pain, and reason for dental visit

*=p≤0.05, **=p≤0.01, ***=p≤0.001

Periodontal diseases among adults

Gingivitis was widespread affecting 62.8%, while 27. 2% had shallow pockets and 9.2% had deep pockets. Overall, both shallow and deep pockets affected 29.1% of adult Tanzanians whereas attachment loss was found in 29.3% [see **Table 8**].

Examining the variations of gingivitis across sociodemographic and behavioral factors; being of old age, male, living in rural areas, having less than secondary education, never visited a dental clinic, brushed less than once a day, not using toothpaste, using tobacco, having pain during the past year, and not knowing that tooth brushing prevents gingivitis were more likely to have gingivitis [**Table 11**].

| Variable | Categories | Gingivitis |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| | | % (n) |
| Age | 30-44 | 57.6 (412) *** |
| | 45+ | 68.6 (473) |
| Sex | Males | 66.4 (450) ** |
| | Females | 59.6 (430) |
| Residence | Rural | 75.7 (455) *** |
| | Urban | 53.2 (427) |
| Education | Primary or lower | 67.1 (758) *** |
| | Secondary or higher | 45.7 (126) |
| Reason for Dental visits | Visit due to pain | 55.4(377) *** |
| | Check up | 69.2 (18) |
| | Never had a visit | 70.0 (491) |
| Tooth brushing | Less than once a day | 81.7 (76) *** |
| | Once a day | 64.6 (424) |
| | Twice a day | 58.4 (386) |
| Toothpaste use | No | 75.3 (174) *** |
| | Yes | 60.4 (708) |
| Tobacco use | Do not use tobacco | 61.3 (744) *** |
| | Use tobacco | 74.7 (115) |
| Dental pain in past year | No | 58.0 (423) *** |
| | Yes | 68.3 (459) |
| Brushing prevents gum | No (Not knowledgeable) | 68.4 (312) ** |
| disease | Yes (knowledgeable) | 60.1 (572) |

| Table 11: Distribution of adult Participants by Gingival bleeding, s | socio- |
|--|--------|
| demographic, and behavioral factors | |

*=p≤0.05, **=p≤0.01, ***=p≤0.001

Across sociodemographic and behavioral factors, periodontal pockets were more prevalent among the old than the young (40% and 18.5% respectively), rural than

urban residents (38.6% and 18.2% respectively), those with less than secondary education than those with secondary or more (32.2% and 17% respectively), those who brushed less than once a day than those who brushed twice a day (51.6% and 25.3%). Other factors associated with the occurrence of periodontal pockets included not using toothpaste, use of tobacco, having had pain or trouble with their teeth/mouth during the past 12 months and those who never visited a dental clinic **[Table 12].**

| Variable | Categories | Periodontal pockets |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | | % (n) |
| Age (years) | 30-44 | 18.5 (132) *** |
| | 45+ | 40.0 (276) |
| Sex | Males | 31.0 (210) |
| | Females | 27.8 (201) |
| Residence | Rural | 38.6 (232) *** |
| | Urban | 22.2 (178) |
| Education | Primary or lower | 32.2 (364) *** |
| | Secondary or higher | 17.0 (47) |
| Dental visits | Never visited | 33.1 (234) *** |
| | Ever visited | 25.0 (175) |
| Reason for dental visit | Pain | 24.7 (168) ** |
| | Dental check up | 34.6 (9) |
| | Never visited | 33.1 (232) |
| Tooth brushing | Less than once a day | 51.6 (48) *** |
| | Once a day | 29.9 (196) |
| | Twice a day | 25.3 (167) |
| Toothpaste use | No | 51.9 (120) *** |
| | Yes | 24.6 (289) |
| Tobacco use | No | 63.0 (97) * |
| | Yes | 37.0 (57) |
| Dental pain in past one year | No | 23.2 (169) *** |
| | Yes | 35.9 (241) |

Table 12: Distribution of adult participants by periodontal pockets, sociodemographic, and behavioral factors.

*=p≤0.05, **=p≤0.01, ***=p≤0.001

Dental fluorosis and trauma among adults

Other oral conditions studied among adult participants included dental fluorosis whereby 31.6% were affected [see **Table 8**], more rural (46.4%) than urban (20.3%) residents had dental fluorosis, however fluorosis did not vary across age categories.

Trauma was found in 9.2% of participants but there was no association between trauma and residence or age.

Oral health related behaviours among adults

Sugar consumption among adults

Sugar consumption was common, with 42.7% reported using sugary foods and drinks twice or more times a day. Only 23.5% reported taking almost no sugary foods or drinks. Sugar was mostly consumed in tea (67.5%), buns (35.3%) and soft drinks (15.2%).

Those with secondary or higher education were more likely than those with less than secondary education to consume sugar twice or more times a day (46.0% and 41.8% respectively). Young adults (30-44 years old) and urban residents were more likely to consume sugar twice or more times per day than their counterpart.

Oral hygiene among adults

The majority (93.4%) of participants reported to brush their teeth, although less than half (46.9%) brushed their teeth twice a day. Regarding tooth cleaning devices, plastic toothbrushes were commonly used (88.2%) than any other device.

Table 13: Distribution of participants by tooth cleaning devices used to cleanmouth.

| Cleaning device | % | n | |
|--------------------|------|------|--|
| Plastic toothbrush | 88.2 | 1237 | |
| Wooden toothpicks | 30.6 | 427 | |
| Mswaki | 21.5 | 300 | |
| Plastic toothpicks | 1.7 | 24 | |
| Dental floss | 1.2 | 16 | |
| | | | |

About one fifth (21.2%) used plant twig toothbrush commonly called mswaki in Swahili language. Dental floss and plastic toothpicks were the least used tooth cleaning devices reported by 1.2% and 1.7% of the respondents, respectively [**Table 13**].

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Toothpaste was also reported to be widely used (83.5%), however only 28.8% indicated that the toothpaste they used contained fluorides [**Table 14**]. Worth noting is that 2.7% of adult Tanzanians reported using charcoal to clean their teeth.

| Oral health behavior | % | n |
|--|------|------|
| Cleaning teeth | 93.4 | 1317 |
| Tooth brushing once a day | 46.5 | 656 |
| Tooth brushing twice a day | 46.9 | 661 |
| Tooth cleaning using plastic toothbrush | 88.2 | 1237 |
| Tooth cleaning using Mswaki | 21.5 | 300 |
| Use of toothpaste | 83.5 | 1173 |
| Use of fluoridated toothpaste | 28.3 | 386 |
| Ever had a dental visit | 49.8 | 700 |
| Dental visit in the past 12 months | 11.3 | 159 |
| Reason for a dental visit being pain | 48.2 | 680 |
| Dental visit Dental check-up/consultation | 1.8 | 26 |
| Sugary foods/drinks consumption: Almost none | 23.5 | 313 |
| Sugary foods/drinks consumption: On daily basis | 33.8 | 450 |
| Sugary foods/drinks consumption: Twice or more daily | 42.7 | 568 |
| Alcohol use | 30.9 | 436 |
| Tobacco use | 11.3 | 154 |
| | | |

| Table | 14: | Distribution | of adult | participants | by ora | al health | behaviours |
|-------|-----|--------------|----------|--------------|--------|-----------|------------|
|-------|-----|--------------|----------|--------------|--------|-----------|------------|

Small but significant differences across sex were noted in tooth brushing frequency; whereby females (50.7%) more than males (43.8%) brushed twice a day. On the other hand, men (31.4%) more than females (25. 3%) used fluoridated toothpaste [**Table 15**].

Urban more than rural residents were more likely to brush twice a day (55.7% and 42.0% respectively), use plastic toothbrush (95.3% and 78.7% respectively), use tooth paste toothpaste, and use fluoridated toothpaste. Whereas rural residents were more likely than their urban counterparts to use mswaki (24.8 and 8.1% respectively)

[Table 16]

| Oral health behaviours | Sex % (n) | |
|----------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| | Male | Female |
| Brush once a day | 49.9 (338) | 43.8 (316) ** |
| Brushing twice a day | 42.3 (287) | 50.7 (46.6) |
| Use plastic toothbrush | 87.1 (586) | 89.0 (641) |
| Use mswaki | 24.1 (162) | 19.2 (137) * |
| Use of toothpaste | 82.7 (558) | 84.1 (605) |
| Use fluoridated toothpaste | 31.4 (204) | 25.3 (178) * |
| Ever had a dental visit | 48.2 (326) | 51.4 (370) |
| Dental visit in past year | 11.4 (77) | 11.2 (81) |
| Reason for dental visit | | |
| Visit due to pain | 45.9 (311) | 50.7 (365) |
| Visit for check up | 2.5 (17) | 1.2 (9) |
| Sugar consumption | | |
| Almost none | 26.3 (168) | 21.1 (144) |
| On daily basis | 33.4 (213) | 33.8 (231) |
| Twice or more per day | 40.3 (257) | 45.1 (308) |

Table 15: Distribution of adult participants' oral health behaviours by sex

*=p≤0.05, **=p≤0.01, ***=p≤0.001

Table 16: Distribution of participants by oral health behaviours by residence

| Oral health behavior | Residence % (n) | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | Urban | Rural |
| Brushing twice a day | 55.7 (435) | 42.0 (222) *** |
| Use plastic toothbrush | 95.3 (763) | 78.7 (468) *** |
| Use Mswaki | 9.6 (77) | 37.5 (222) |
| Use of toothpaste | 93.5 (749) | 70.1 (418) *** |
| Use fluoridated toothpaste | 36.7 (293) | 16.5 (92) |
| Ever had a dental visit | 58.9 (472) | 37.2 (223) *** |
| Dental visit in past year | 14.4 (115) | 7.2 (43) |
| Reason for dental visit | | |
| Visit due to pain | 57.1 (457) | 36.4 (218) *** |
| Visit for check up | 2.7 (22) | 0.7 (4) |
| Sugar consumption | | |
| Almost none | 12.1 (92) | 39.0 (221) *** |
| On daily basis | 40.8 (309) | 24.2 (137) |
| Twice or more per day | 47.1 (357) | 36.7 (208) |

*=p≤0.05, **=p≤0.01, ***=p≤0.001

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The level of education had a significant association with all studied oral health related behaviours. Those with secondary or higher education were more likely than those with less than secondary education to brush twice a day (59.8% and 38.8% respectively), use plastic toothbrush (97.5% and 85.8% respectively) **[Table 17]**.

| Oral health behavior | Educational level %(n) | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| | Primary or lower | Secondary or higher | |
| Brush less than once a day | 7.9 (89) | 1.4 (4) | |
| Brushing once a day | 48.5 (548) | 38.8 (107) | |
| Brushing twice a day | 38.8 (493) | 59.8 (165) *** | |
| Use plastic toothbrush | 85.8 (964) | 97.5 (269) *** | |
| Use Mswaki | 24.8 (278) | 8.1(22) **** | |
| Use of toothpaste | 80.2 (901) | 97.5 (269) **** | |
| Use of fluoridated toothpaste | 22.6 (245) | 51.1 (141) **** | |
| Ever had a dental visit | 46.4 (523) | 63.0 (174) **** | |
| Dental visit in past year | 9.4 (106) | 18.8 (52) **** | |
| Reason for dental visit | | | |
| Visit due to pain | 45.9 (517) | 58.0 (160) **** | |
| Visit for check up | 1.1 (12) | 5.1 (14) | |
| Sugar consumption | | | |
| Almost none | 25.9 (275) | 14.0 (37) **** | |
| On daily basis | 32.3(343) | 40.0 (106) | |
| Twice or more per day | 41.8 (444) | 46.0 (122) | |

 Table 17: Distribution adult participants' oral health behaviours by education

 level

*=p≤0.05, **=p≤0.01, ***=p≤0.001

Dental visits among adults

About half (49.8%) of the participants ever visited a dental clinic, with only 11.25% visited within the past 12 months. The commonest reason for dental visit was pain accounting for 48.2% of the participants visiting due to pain, while only 1.8% ever visited for dental check-up [see **Table 14**].

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Those aged 45 years and above were more likely than those aged 30-44 to ever visit a dental clinic (54.7% and 45.2% respectively) and to visit a dental clinic due to pain (53.6% and 43.6% respectively) [**Table 18**]. Those with secondary or higher education were more likely than those with less than secondary education to visit a dental clinic (63.0% and 46.4%) [see **Table 17**].

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|----------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Oral health behavior | Age % (n) | |
| | 30-44 | 50+ |
| Brush once a day | 44.9 (321) | 48.0 (331) |
| Brushing twice a day | 51.2 (366) | 42.6 (294) *** |
| Use plastic toothbrush | 92.6 (660) | 83.8 (574) *** |
| Use mswaki | 18.0 (128) | 25.1 (171) *** |
| Use of toothpaste | 89.5 (637) | 77.4 (532) *** |
| Use fluoridated toothpaste | 30.7 (215) | 25.8 (170) |
| Ever had a dental visit | 45.2 (322) | 54.7 (377) *** |
| Dental visit in past year | 11.2 (80) | 11.3 (78) |
| Reason for dental visit | | |
| Visit due to pain | 43.6 (311) | 53.6 (369) *** |
| Visit for check up | 1.5 (11) | 2.0 (14) |
| Sugar consumption | | |
| Almost none | 21.3 (143) | 26.0 (170) |
| On daily basis | 30.7 (206) | 37.0 (242) |
| Twice or more per day | 48.1 (323) | 37.0 (242) *** |
| | | |

| Table 18: Distribution of adult p | articipants' oral health behaviours by age |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Oral health behavior | Age % (n) |

*=p≤0.05, **=p≤0.01, ***=p≤0.001

Alcohol and tobacco consumption among adults

Alcohol was reported to be consumed by 30.9%, and 11.3% reported to consume tobacco products [see **Table 14**].

Oral Health related quality of life among adults

At least one oral impact on daily performance was reported by 36.7% of adults, with 33.3% reported impact on eating food, 21.9% on sleeping and relaxing, and 19.7% on cleaning teeth. Other impacts on their daily performances were as shown in table **[Table 19**].

| OIDP | % | n |
|---|------|-----|
| Eating difficulties | 33.3 | 469 |
| Speaking difficulties | 14.0 | 197 |
| Cleaning teeth | 19.7 | 276 |
| Sleeping and relaxing | 21.9 | 307 |
| Smiling, laughing, and showing the teeth without | 10.8 | 152 |
| embarrassment | | |
| Maintaining the usual emotional state without being irritable | 12.4 | 174 |
| Carrying out major work or a social role | 12.6 | 176 |
| Contact with people | 11.9 | 167 |
| Reported at least one impact on daily performance | 36.7 | 504 |
| | | |

Table 19: Frequency distribution of adult participants by oral impacts on daily performance items (OIDP)

Clinical indices were associated with the OIDP in the expected direction with higher proportion of those with caries having an impact than those who were caries free (42.3% and 18.5% respectively), those with periodontal pockets (54.5%) than those who did not have pockets (29.4%), those with loss of attachment (50.5%), than those who did not have loss of attachment (31.0%), and those with gingivitis (40.8%) than those who did not (29.7%) [**Table 20**].

Table 20: Distribution of oral health related quality of life by oral diseases and conditions

| Oral disease/condition | Have oral impact % (n) |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Dental caries experience | |
| DMFT=0 | 18.5 (59) |
| DMFT ≥1 | 42.3 (445) *** |
| Periodontal pockets | |
| No Periodontal Pockets | 29.4 (288) |
| Have periodontal pockets | 54.5 (216) *** |
| Loss of attachment | |
| No Loss of attachment | 31.0 (302) |
| Have loss of attachment | 50.5 (202) *** |
| Gingivitis | |
| Have no Gingivitis | 29.7 (152) |
| Have gingivitis | 40.8 (352) *** |
| | |

*=p≤0.05, **=p≤0.01, ***=p≤0.001

CONCLUSIONS

Conclusions are made against the five specific objectives of the survey:

To determine caries, periodontal status and their association with socio demographic and behavioral factors among Tanzanians

- a. Caries experience in both deciduous and permanent dentition in children was low and the disease was skewed to about one third of the sample with rural more than urban children being more affected.
 Gingivitis affected slightly more than half of all the children with rural more than urban children being affected.
- b. Most children brushed their teeth daily using toothpaste, while sugar was consumed daily by more than half of the children, however there was no statistically significant differences between behavioral factors and dental caries and gingival health.
- c. The prevalence of dental caries among Tanzanian adults was 76.5%. The overall mean DMF-T for adult Tanzanians was 4.6 with the missing component contributing a bigger proportion of the DMF-T. More adults who reported to consume almost none of the sugary foods and drinks, brushed their teeth daily, used toothpaste, and used fluoridated toothpaste were less likely to have caries. The differences though were not statistically significant.
- d. Gingivitis was widespread affecting nearly two thirds of adult Tanzanians while a few had shallow and deep pockets. The prevalence of gingivitis and periodontal pockets was higher among the elderly, males, those who lived in rural areas, had less than secondary education, never visited a dental clinic, brushed less than once a day, not used toothpaste, and used tobacco.

To determine the occurrence of malocclusion, dental trauma and dental fluorosis among Tanzanians and associated factors

a. Nearly two thirds of children had malocclusion, and dental fluorosis affected about a fifth of the children, while the prevalence of dental trauma was low. More rural than urban children had dental fluorosis, while more urban than rural children were prone to dental trauma. Malocclusion did not vary with residence among Tanzanian children.

 b. Nearly one third of adult participants had dental fluorosis, more rural than urban residents had dental fluorosis, however fluorosis did not vary across age categories. Trauma was found in 9.2% of adults, but there was no association between trauma and residence or age.

To determine oral health behaviors among Tanzanians by social demographic factors

- a. Rural children were less likely to take dental health preventive behaviors but were more likely to consume sugar frequently than urban children. High education of male and female guardians was associated with the children's uptake of preventive behavior.
- b. Among the adults, there were no significant sex differences in performing a range of oral health related behaviours including use of toothpaste, use of plastic toothbrushes, visit to dental clinic and consumption of sugar containing foods and drinks.
- c. Adults with secondary or higher education, and who resided in urban areas reported a higher uptake of oral hygiene and dental visits behaviors but consumed sugar more frequently.

To determine the association between oral diseases, conditions, and Oral Health Related Quality of life among Tanzanians

- a. About one fifth of the children had oral impacts; with dental caries, gingivitis, trauma, and pain varying with the OIDP scores in the expected direction. Dental fluorosis did not vary with OIDP scores in children.
- b. Slightly more than a third of adult Tanzanians had at least one oral impact on daily performance. Clinical indices for dental caries, periodontal pockets, loss of attachment, and gingivitis were significantly associated with OIDP scores in the expected direction.



To determine caries trend among 12-year-olds from 2015-2020

Caries experience among 12-year-olds has remained steadily very low over the past 15 years; with DMFT ranging from 0.3 in the year 2005 and 0.4 in 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations are provided in relation to the observed status requiring the attention of policy makers, planners, and implementers of dental interventions in Tanzania. The disease/condition status, assumptions and recommendations are summarized in a tabular form below **[Table 24].**

| Table 24: Recommendations | for actions | to be taken | in relation | to STATUS |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| observed in the NOHS, 2020 | survey. | | | |

| DISEASE/CONDITION | ASSUMPTIONS | RECOMMENDATIONS |
|---|--|--|
| Caries and periodontal diseases | | |
| 1. More caries in deciduous than in permanent dentition in children | Breast, bottle feeding, weaning practices, dental visits and oral hygiene behaviors are likely to have contributed to caries experience in deciduous teeth | Health education to mothers attending RCH clinics on the etiology and prevention of dental caries in deciduous teeth |
| 2. High D- Component in primary dentition | Children stay with decayed teeth without being sent to dental clinics for treatment | Health education to mothers attending RCH clinics to raise awareness on possibilities to restore deciduous teeth |
| Almost no fillings in primary dentition | Probably people do not know that deciduous teeth can be restored | Health education to mothers attending RCH clinics and the whole community on treatment options available for deciduous teeth |
| 3. Rural than urban children have higher proportions of those with dental caries and gingivitis | There are very few dental personnel in health facilities located in rural areas. There is poor access to oral | Dental services should reach out people in rural areas. Rural children |



| | health information in rural areas | should also be reached out through school health program |
|--|--|--|
| 4. The prevalence of dental caries among adults is high | More people have access to risk factors and limited access to factors enhancing teeth resistance to decay | Health education at all levels of the health care delivery system, in schools and communities with emphasis to etiology and prevention of caries |
| 5. High missing- component in permanent dentition | More teeth are being extracted instead of being restored. This can be due to lack of treatment facilities and personnel qualified to do restorative work or lack of money to pay for restorative care | All hospitals in both rural and urban areas should have dental personnel to provide restorative care and other types of dental treatment. In strategically placed health centers and dispensaries dental personnel should be stationed to render appropriate restorative care Insurance schemes should expand their packages for allowable costs of dental services |
| 6. Still there is a big proportion of decayed permanent teeth that are not treated | Lack of dental services to different locations of the country and insufficient funds to pay for treatment | Dental personnel, equipment and supplies should be in all hospitals and in lower levels where the catchment is sufficiently big. Insurance schemes |

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| | | should expand their packages for allowable costs of dental services More people should be enrolled in insurance schemes |
|---|---|---|
| 7. Extremely low uptake of prosthetic treatment | Lack of prosthetic care where people live, cost of prosthetic care or attitudes towards use of prosthodontic care | Employ dental personnel who can render prosthetic care, Expand insurance schemes coverage |
| | | Provide health education on the usefulness of replacing lost teeth |
| 8. Exceedingly small proportion of decayed teeth were filled | Lack of restorative care where people live, cost of restorative care or attitudes towards filled teeth | Employ dental personnel who can render restorative care, Expand insurance schemes coverage and packages. Provide health education on the usefulness of restoring decayed teeth |
| 9. Gingivitis was widespread among adults | Many people do not know that correct tooth brushing prevents gingivitis. Lack of correct | Health education be provided in RCH, schools and communities on correct tooth brushing techniques. |
| | skills is a major cause of gingival | Demonstration on how to brush |



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| | inflammation | properly should be done at all possible locations including use of video clips |
| 10. Periodontal diseases were more prevalent in rural areas, | Rural people likely have limited access to preventive information due to socioeconomic inequalities | Reach out marginalized communities in rural areas. Employing dental personnel for prevention and treatment of periodontal diseases |
| Malocclusion, dental trauma, and | dental fluorosis amo | ng Tanzanians |
| 11. The prevalence of malocclusion is high in children | Possible reasons include low awareness on preventive and treatment measures. High of cost of orthodontic care | The Dental school should increase its intake for master students in orthodontics to increase number of Orthodontists. National Health Insurance scheme to increase its coverage for orthodontic care. |
| 12. Trauma is more prevalent among children especially urban children | Urban areas have less favorable environment for games and sports for children. Low awareness for dental trauma treatment options | Health education on prevention of dental trauma should be provided. Raising awareness on treatment options for dental trauma through RCH and primary schools. |
| 13. Fluorosis is prevalent in | High fluoride | Awareness should |
| <u> </u> | 0 | _ |

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| fluoride endemic areas | content in drinking water, salt, and food tenderizers in fluoride endemic areas | be raised on possible care of teeth with fluorosis. Searching for alternative sources water should be considered. Use of fluoride rich- salts and food tenderizers should be discouraged |
|---|---|--|
| Oral health behaviors | | |
| 14. Higher proportion of rural children have low uptake of all dental preventive behaviors. 15. Dental check-up uptake is exceptionally low for both adults and children | Rural children have less access to care and prevention. Poor knowledge on importance of dental check-ups | Health education programs to target rural areas be made through pre-schools, primary schools, and RCH clinics. Importance of dental check-up be included in the health education content at all levels |
| Oral Health Related Quality of life | | |
| 16. Many people endure pain, walk with untreated disease, have difficulties in chewing food and do not enjoy life due dental diseases | Poor knowledge, attitudes, and practices related to dental diseases. Poor detection of dental disease and early treatment | People should be given health education on prevention of dental diseases. Awareness raising to promote dental check-ups for early detection and treatment of oral diseases and conditions. |



| Caries trends among 12-year-olds from 2015-2020 | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| 17. No evidence of increase or decrease in caries experience among children | Nothing changed in caries experience for the past 15 years | Continue interventions to prevent upward trends in caries | |

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ANNEXES

(i)Oral Health Questionnaire for Adults; National oral health survey 2020

Identification number $\Box \Box \Box \Box$

| Sex | | |
|-----------|----------|----------|
| Male | \Box 1 | |
| Female | | $\Box 2$ |
| Location | | |
| Cosmopoli | tan | $\Box 1$ |
| Urban | | $\Box 2$ |
| Rural | □ 3 | |

How old are you today? (Years)

4. How many natural teeth do you have?

| No natural teeth | □ 0 |
|------------------|----------|
| 1–9 teeth | □ 1 |
| 10–19 teeth | $\Box 2$ |
| 20 teeth or more | □ 3 |

5. During the past 12 months, did your teeth or mouth cause any pain or discomfort?

| Yes | $\Box 1$ |
|------------|----------|
| No. | $\Box 2$ |
| Don't know | □ 9 |

6. Do you have any removable dentures?

| | | | Y | /es (1) | No (2) |
|---|---------|----------------|---|---------|--------|
| А | parti | al denture? | Ľ | | |
| А | full | upper denture? | Ľ | | |
| A | full lo | wer denture? | | | |

7. How would you describe the state of your teeth and gums? Is it "very good", "good", "average", "poor", or "very poor"?

| | Teeth | Gums |
|------------|----------|----------|
| Very good | \Box 1 | \Box 1 |
| Good | $\Box 2$ | $\Box 2$ |
| Average | □ 3 | □ 3 |
| Poor | □ 4 | □ 4 |
| Very poor | □ 5 | □ 5 |
| Don't know | □ 9 | □9 |

| 8. How often do you clean your teeth? | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Never | \Box 1 | |
| Once a month | $\Box 2$ | |
| 2–3 times a month | □ 3 | |
| Once a week | □ 4 | |
| 2–6 times a week | □ 5 | |
| Once a day | □ 6 | |
| Twice or more a day | \Box 7 | |

9. Do you use any of the following to clean your teeth? (Read each item)

| | 1 Yes | 2. No |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| Toothbrush. | | |
| Wooden toothpicks | | |
| Plastic toothpicks? | | |
| Thread (dental floss) | | |
| Charcoal | | |
| Chewstick/miswak | | |
| Other | | |
| (Please specify) | | |
| | | |

10. Do you use toothpaste to clean your teeth?

| Yes | \Box 1 |
|-----|----------|
| No | $\Box 2$ |

11. Do you use toothpaste that contains fluoride?

| Yes | \Box 1 |
|-------|----------|
| No | $\Box 2$ |
| Don't | □9 |
| know | |

12. How long is it since you last saw a dentist?

| Less than 6 months | \Box 1 |
|--|----------|
| 6–12 months | $\Box 2$ |
| More than 1 year but less than 2 years | 5 □ |
| 2 years or more but less than 5 years | □ 4 |
| 4 years or more | □ 5 |
| Never received dental care | □ 6 |

13. What was the reason of your last visit to the dentist?

| Consultation/advice. | \Box 1 |
|--|----------|
| Pain or trouble with teeth, gums, or mouth | □ 2 |
| Treatment/ follow-up treatment | □ 3 |
| Routine check-up/treatment. | □ 4 |
| Don't know/don't remember. | □ 5 |

14. Because of the state of your teeth or mouth, how often have you experienced any of the following problems during the past 12 months?

| | Very | Fairly | Sometimes | No | Don't |
|---|-------|--------|-----------|----|-------|
| | often | often | | | know. |
| | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| (a) Difficulty in biting foods | | | | | |
| (b) Difficulty chewing foods | | | | | |
| (c) Difficulty with speech/trouble | | | | | |
| pronouncing words | | | | | |
| (d) Dry mouth | | | | | |
| (e) Felt embarrassed due to | | | | | |
| appearance of teeth | | | | | |
| | Very | Fairly | Sometimes | No | Don't |
| | often | often | | | know. |
| | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| (f) Felt tense because of problems | | | | | |
| with teeth or mouth | | | | | |
| (g) Have avoided smiling because of | | | | | |
| teeth | | | | | |
| (h) Had sleep that is often interrupted | | | | | |
| (i) Have taken days off work | | | | | |
| (j) Difficulty doing usual activities | | | | | |
| (k) Felt less tolerant of spouse or | | | | | |
| people who are close to you | | | | | |
| (l) Have reduced participation in | | | | | |
| social activities | | | | | |

15. How often do you eat or drink any of the following foods, even in small quantities? (Read each item)

| | Several | Every | Several | Once a | Several | Seldom/Never |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|--------|---------|--------------|
| | times a | day | times a | week | times a | |
| | day | | week | | month | |
| | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Fresh fruit | | | | | | |
| Biscuits, cakes, cream cakes | | | | | | |
| Sweet pies, buns | | | | | | |
| Jam or honey | | | | | | |
| Chewing gum | | | | | | |

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| containing sugar | | | |
|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Sweets/candy | | | |
| Coca Cola or | | | |
| other soft drinks | | | |
| Tea with sugar | | | |
| Coffee with sugar | | | |

16. How often do you use any of the following types of tobacco? (Read each item)

| | Several | Every | Several | Once | Several | Seldom/Never |
|------------|---------|-------|---------|------|---------|--------------|
| | times a | day | times a | a | times a | |
| | day | | week | week | month | |
| | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Cigarettes | | | | | | |
| Cigars | | | | | | |
| A pipe | | | | | | |
| Chewing | | | | | | |
| tobacco | | | | | | |
| Use snuff | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | |
| Please | | | | | | |
| specify | | | | | | |

17. During the past 30 days, on the days you drank alcohol, how many drinks did you usually drink per day?

| Less than 1 drink | □ 0 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 1 drink | \Box 1 |
| 2 drinks | $\Box 2$ |
| 3 drinks | □ 3 |
| 4 drinks | □ 4 |
| 5 or more drinks | □ 5 |
| Did not drink alcohol during the past | □9 |
| 30 days | |

18. What level of education have you completed?

| | . |
|------------------------------|----------|
| No formal schooling. | \Box 1 |
| Less than primary school | $\Box 2$ |
| Primary school completed | □ 3 |
| Secondary school incomplete. | □ 4 |
| Secondary school completed | □ 5 |
| High school completed. | □ 6 |
| College/university and above | \Box 7 |

<u>(*i-b*) Dodoso la afya ya kinywa na meno kwa watu Wazima: Utafiti wa Afya ya kinywa 2020</u>

Namba ya utambulisho $\Box\Box\Box\Box$

Jinsia

| Mwanaume | $\Box 1$ |
|----------|----------|
| Mwanamke | $\Box 2$ |

Mahali anapoishi

| Jijini | \Box 1 | |
|----------|----------|-----|
| Mjini | $\Box 2$ | |
| Kijijini | | □ 3 |

Una miaka mingapi?

..... (Miaka)

4. Una meno ya kwako mangapi?

| Sina meno ya kwangu | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Meno 1–9 | \Box 1 |
| Meno 10–19 | $\Box 2$ |
| Meno 20 au zaidi | □ 3 |

5. Kwa miezi 12 iliyopita, je kinywa au meno yako vimekuletea maumivu au kukukosesha raha?

| Ndiyo | \Box 1 |
|--------|----------|
| Hapana | $\Box 2$ |
| Sijui | □ 9 |

6. Je una meno ya bandia ya kuvaa na kuvua?

| | Yes (1) | No (2) |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Ninayo machache? | | |
| Ninayo ya taya la juu lote? | | |
| Ninayo ya taya la chini lote? | | |

7. Je unaielezeaje hali ya meno yako? Kuwa ni "nzuri sana", "nzuri", "ya wastani", "mbaya", au "mbaya sana"?

?

| | Teeth | Gums |
|------------|----------|----------|
| Nzuri sana | \Box 1 | \Box 1 |
| Nzuri | $\Box 2$ | $\Box 2$ |
| Ya wastani | □ 3 | □ 3 |
| Mbaya | □ 4 | □ 4 |
| Mbaya sana | | □ 5 |
| Sijui | □ 9 | □ 9 |

8.8. Je huwa unapiga mswaki au unasafisha meno yako mara ngapi?

| Huwa sipigi mswaki | \Box 1 |
|---------------------|----------|
| Mara moja kwa mwezi | □ 2 |
| Mara 2–3 kwa mwezi | □ 3 |
| Mara moja kwa wiki | □ 4 |
| Mara 2–6 kwa wiki | □ 5 |
| Mara moja kwa siku | □ 6 |
| Mara mbili kwa siku | □ 7 |

9. Je unatumia vifaa vifuatavyo kusafisha meno?

(taja kila kifaa)

| | 1 Yes | 2. No |
|--|-------|-------|
| Mswaki wa plastiki | | |
| Vijiti vya miti vya kusafishia meno | | |
| Vijiti vya plastik kusafishia meno | | |
| Uzi wa kusafishia meno (dental floss) | | |
| Mkaa | | |
| Mswaki wa mti | | |
| Vifaa vinginevyo | | |
| (Tafadhali vitaje vifaa vingine unavyotumia) | | |
| | | |

10. Je huwa unatumia dawa ya mswaki wakati wa kupiga mswaki?

| Ndiyo | \Box 1 |
|--------|----------|
| Hapana | $\Box 2$ |

11. Je dawa ya mswaki unayotumia ina madini ya fluorides?

| Ndiyo | \Box 1 |
|--------|----------|
| Hapana | $\Box 2$ |
| Sijui | □9 |

12. Ni muda mrefu kiasi gani tangu uende kuonana na daktari wa meno?

| Chini ya miezi 6 | \Box 1 |
|--|----------|
| Kati ya miezi 6–12 | $\Box 2$ |
| Zaidi ya mwaka mmoja 1 ila haifiki miaka 2 | □ 3 |
| Miaka 2 ila haifiki miaka 5 | □ 4 |
| Miaka 5 au Zaidi | □ 5 |
| Sijawahi kwenda kuonana na daktari wa meno | □ 6 |

$13.\ {\rm Kwa}$ mara ile ya mwisho; ni sababu gani ilikufanya uende kuonana na daktari wa meno?

| Kupata ushauri. | □ 1 |
|---|----------|
| Maumivu au shida ya meno, ufizi au kinywa | $\Box 2$ |



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| Matibabu ya mwanzo au matibabu ya mundelezo | □ 3 |
|---|-----|
| Ukaguzi wa kawaida. | □ 4 |
| Sijui au sikumbuki. | |



14. Kwa sababu ya maradhi ya meno umewahi kupata matatizo yafuatayo katika miezi 12 iliyopita?

| | Mara | Mara | Wakati | hapana | Sijui |
|---|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|
| | nyingi | kadhaa | mwingine | | |
| | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| (a) Matatizo wakati wa kung'ata | | | | | |
| (b) Matatizo wakati wa kutafuna | | | | | |
| (c) Matatizo wakati wa kuongea/ kutamka maneno | | | | | |
| (d) Kukauka mdomo | | | | | |
| (e) Kuona aibu kwa uonekano wa | | | | | |
| meno | | | | | |
| | Mara nyingi | Mara kadhaa | Wakati mwingine | Hapana | Sijui |
| | | | | | |
| | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| (f) Kujisikia wasiwasi (tense) kuhusu | 4 | 3 □ | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| (f) Kujisikia wasiwasi (tense) kuhusu matatizo ya meno na fizi | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| (f) Kujisikia wasiwasi (tense) kuhusu matatizo ya meno na fizi (g) Kujizuia kutabasamu sababu ya meno | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| (f) Kujisikia wasiwasi (tense) kuhusu matatizo ya meno na fizi (g) Kujizuia kutabasamu sababu ya meno (h) Kushindwa kulala vizuri | 4 | 3 | 2 | | 0 |
| (f) Kujisikia wasiwasi (tense) kuhusu matatizo ya meno na fizi (g) Kujizuia kutabasamu sababu ya meno (h) Kushindwa kulala vizuri (i) Kukosa kwenda kazini | 4 | 3 □ □ □ □ □ □ □ | | | |
| (f) Kujisikia wasiwasi (tense) kuhusu matatizo ya meno na fizi (g) Kujizuia kutabasamu sababu ya meno (h) Kushindwa kulala vizuri (i) Kukosa kwenda kazini (j) Kushindwa kufanya shughuli za kawaida | 4 | 3 | 2 | | |
| (f) Kujisikia wasiwasi (tense) kuhusu matatizo ya meno na fizi (g) Kujizuia kutabasamu sababu ya meno (h) Kushindwa kulala vizuri (i) Kukosa kwenda kazini (j) Kushindwa kufanya shughuli za kawaida (k) Kutomvumilia mwenzi au watu wangu wa karibu | 4 | 3 | 2 | | |

$15.\ Ni$ mara ngapi unakula vyakula au kunywa vinywaji vifuatavyo hata kama ni kwa uchache? (Soma kila chakula au kinywaji)

| | Mara | Kila siku | Mara | Mara moja | Mara | Kwa uchache |
|---|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| | nyingi | | kadhaa | kwa wiki | kadhaa | sana/situmii |
| | kwa siku | | kwa wiki | | kwa mwezi | |
| | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Matunda | | | | | | |
| Biskuti, keki, | | | | | | |
| Mandazi au vitumbua | | | | | | |
| Jemu au asali | | | | | | |
| Chewing gum yenye sukari kama Bigijii | | | | | | |
| Pipi/chokoleti | | | | | | |
| Coca Cola soda nyingine | | | | | | |



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| Chai iliyotiwa sukari | | | |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Kahawa iliyotiwa sukari | | | |

16. Ni mara ngapi unatumia kati ya tumbaku zilizotajwa? (Soma kila kimoja)

| | Mara | Kila | Mara | Mara | Mara | Mara chache |
|------------|--------|------|-------|------|-------|--------------|
| | nyingi | siku | kadha | moja | kadha | sana/situmii |
| | kwa | | kwa | kwa | kwa | tumbaku |
| | siku | | wiki | wiki | mwezi | |
| | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Sigara | | | | | | |
| Cigars | | | | | | |
| Kiko | | | | | | |
| Tumbaku | | | | | | |
| ya | | | | | | |
| kutafuna | | | | | | |
| Ugoro | | | | | | |
| Nyinginezo | | | | | | |
| Nitajie | | | | | | |

17. Katika siku 30 zilizopita, kwa siku ulizokunywa pombe ulikunywa vipimo (chupa) vingapi kwa siku ?

| Sijanywa pombe yoyote kwa | □ 0 |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| siku 30 zilizopita | |
| Chini ya chupa au kipimo | □ 0 |
| kimoja | |
| Chupa au kipimo kimoja | \Box 1 |
| Chupa mbili au vipimo viwili | $\Box 2$ |
| Chupa tatu au vipimo vitatu | □ 3 |
| Chupa tatono au vipimo vitano | □ 4 |
| Zaidi ya chupa au vipimo vitano | □ 5 |

18. Umemaliza masomo katika kiwango gani?

| Sikusoma shule. | \Box 1 |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Sikumaliza elimu ya msingi | $\Box 2$ |
| Nimemaliza elimu ya msingi | □ 3 |
| Sikumaliza elimu ya sekondari. | □ 4 |
| Nimemaliza elimu ya kidato cha | □ 5 |
| nne | |
| Nimemaliza kidato cha sita. | □ 6 |
| Nimemaliza elimu ya chuo | □ 7 |
| | |

| Leave blank Year Month Day Identification No. | Orig/Dupl Examiner |
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| п) (4) (5) (10) по | 14) (15) (16) |
| General information: Sex 1=M, 2=F Date of birth | Age in years |
| Namel (18) [19] | [24] (25) |
| | |
| Ethnic group (27) [28] Other group(29] [30) Years in school (31] | (32) Occupation |
| Community (geographical location) (14) (15) Location Urban (1) | Periurban (2) Rural (3) |
| Other data (37) (38) Other data | [39] (40) |
| Other data (41) [42) Extra-oral examination | (43) [144] |
| Dentition status | Permanent teeth |
| | Status |
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| <u>، معمیم میں میں میں میں میں میں میں میں میں </u> | 1 - Caries |
| | 2 = Filed w/caries |
| 807 (61) | (76) S = Files, no care 4 = Missing due to |
| | caries 5 = Missing for any |
| zown (77) | (92) another reaso |
| looft (913) | (303) 7 = Food dental |
| 48 47 45 44 43 42 41 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 | prosibesis/cro- abutment, ven |
| | 8 - Unerupted |
| | 9 = Not recorded |
| Periodontal status (CPI Modified) | Gingival bleeding |
| 18 17 16 15 14 13 13 11 21 23 33 34 35 36 23 38 | Score |
| والمحالية و | 1 = Presence of condition |
| | (124) 9 = Tooth excluded X = Tooth not present |
| socket (125) | (140) Pocket |
| | (150) |
| | Scare 0 = Absence of condition |
| 43 47 46 45 44 43 42 41 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 | 1 = Pocket 4-5 mm |
| | 9 = Tooth encluded |
| | X = Tooth not present |

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(iii) Oral Health Questionnaire for Children: National Oral health survey 2020

First, we would like you to answer some questions concerning yourself and your teeth.

Identification number

Sex

Boy $\Box 1$ Girl $\Box 2$

Location

| Cosmopoli | tan | $\Box 1$ |
|-----------|-----|----------|
| Urban | | $\Box 2$ |
| Rural | □ 3 | |

2. How old are you today?

..... (Years)

3. How would you describe the state of your teeth and gums? Is it "good", "average" or "poor"?

| | Teeth | Gums |
|-------------|----------|----------|
| Good | $\Box 1$ | $\Box 1$ |
| Average | $\Box 2$ | $\Box 2$ |
| Poor | □ 3 | □ 3 |
| Don't know. | □ 9 | □ 9 |

4. How often during the past 12 months did you have toothache or feel discomfort due to your teeth?

| Often | □ 1 |
|---------------|----------|
| Occasionally. | $\Box 2$ |
| Rarely | □ 3 |
| Never | □ 4 |
| Don't know. | □ 9 |

Now please answer some questions about the care of your teeth 5. How often did you go to the dentist during the past 12 months? (Put a tick/cross in one only)

| Once. | \Box 1 |
|---|----------|
| Twice. | $\Box 2$ |
| Three times | □ 3 |
| Four times | □ 4 |
| More than four times | □ 5 |
| I had no visit to dentist during the past 12 months | □ 6 |
| I have never received dental care/visited a dentist | □ 7 |
| I don't know/don't remember | □9 |

If you did not see a dentist during the last 12 months, go on to question 7.

6. What was the reason for your last visit to the dentist? (Put a tick/cross in one box only)

| Pain or trouble with teeth, gums, or | \Box 1 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| mouth | |
| Treatment/follow-up treatment | $\Box 2$ |
| Routine check-up of teeth/treatment. | □ 3 |
| I don't know/don't remember | □9 |

7. How often do you clean your teeth?

(Put a tick/cross in one box only)

| Never | \Box 1 |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Several times a month (2–3 | $\Box 2$ |
| times) | |
| Once a week | □ 3 |
| Several times a week (2–6 | □ 4 |
| times) | |
| Once a day | □ 5 |
| 2 or more times a day | □ 6 |
8. Do you use any of the following to clean your teeth? (Read each item)

| | 1 Yes | 2. No |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| Toothbrush. | | |
| Wooden toothpicks | | |
| Plastic toothpicks? | | |
| Thread (dental floss) | | |
| Charcoal | | |
| Chewstick/miswak | | |
| Other | | |
| (Please specify) | | |
| | | |

9. Do you use tooth paste when brushing or cleaning your teeth?

| Yes | $\Box 1$ |
|-----|----------|
| No | $\Box 2$ |

10. Does the toothpaste you are using contain fluorides?

| Yes | \Box 1 |
|---------|----------|
| No | $\Box 2$ |
| I don't | □9 |
| know | |

11. Because of the state of your teeth and mouth, have you experienced any of the following problems during the past year?

| | Yes | No | Don't know |
|--|-----|----|------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (a)I am not satisfied with the appearance of my teeth | | | |
| (b) I often avoid smiling and laughing because of my teeth | | | |
| (c) Other children make fun of my teeth | | | |
| (d) Toothache or discomfort caused by my teeth forced me to miss classes at school or miss school for whole days | | | |
| (e) I have difficulty biting hard foods | | | |
| (f)I have difficulty in chewing | | | |

12. How often do you eat or drink any of the following foods, even in small quantities? (Read each item)

Several Every Several Once a Several Seldom/Never times a week times a times a day week month day 5 4 3 2 1 6 Fresh fruit П Π

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| Biscuits, cakes, cream cakes, sweet pies, buns etc. | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| Sweet pies, buns | | | |
| Jam or honey | | | |
| Chewing gum containing sugar | | | |
| Sweets/candy | | | |
| Coca-Cola/other soft drinks | | | |
| Milk with sugar | | | |
| Tea with sugar | | | |
| Coffee with sugar | | | |

13. How often do you use any of the following types of tobacco? (Read each item)

| | Several | Every day | Several | Once a | Several | Seldom/Never |
|-------------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------------|
| | times a | | times a | week | times a | |
| | day | | week | | month | |
| | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Cigarettes, | | | | | | |
| pipe, or | | | | | | |
| cigars | | | | | | |
| Chewing | | | | | | |
| tobacco or | | | | | | |
| snuff | | | | | | |

What level of education has your father completed (or your stepfather, guardian or other male adult living with you)?

| No formal schooling. | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Less than primary school | $\Box 2$ |
| Primary school completed | |
| Secondary school incomplete. | □ 4 |
| Secondary school completed | □ 5 |
| High school completed. | □ 6 |
| College/university completed | |
| No male adult in household | |
| Don't know | □ 9 |

What level of education has your mother completed?

| No formal schooling. | |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Less than primary school | |
| Primary school completed | □ 3 |
| Secondary school incomplete. | □ 4 |
| Secondary school completed | |



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| High school completed. | □ 6 |
|------------------------------|-----|
| College/university completed | |
| No female adult in household | |
| Don't know | □ 9 |



(iii-b) Dodoso la afya ya kinywa na meno kwa watoto: Utafiti wa kitaifa wa afya ya kinywa 2020

Kwanza tunapenda kukuuliza maswali yahusuyo afya ya kinywa na meno yako:

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Jinsia

| Mvulana | \Box 1 |
|----------|----------|
| Msichana | $\Box 2$ |

Unapoishi

| Jijini 🗆 1 | | |
|------------|----------|-----|
| Mjini | $\Box 2$ | |
| Kijijini | | □ 3 |

2. Una miaka mingapi leo?

..... (Miaka)

3. Je unaielezeaje hali ya meno yako? Kuwa ni "nzuri sana",

"nzuri", "ya wastani", "mbaya", au "mbaya sana"?

| | Teeth | Gums |
|---------|-------|----------|
| nzuri | □ 1 | \Box 1 |
| Wastani | □ 2 | □ 2 |
| Mbaya | □ 3 | □ 3 |
| Sijui. | □9 | □9 |

4. Kwa miezi 12 iliyopita, je kinywa au meno yako vimekuletea maumivu au kukukosesha raha?

| Mara nyingi | \Box 1 |
|------------------|----------|
| Mara kadhaa. | $\Box 2$ |
| Mara chache sana | □ 3 |
| Haijatokea | □ 4 |
| Sijui. | □ 9 |

Tafadhali sasa jibu maswali yanayohusu meno yako

5. Katika miezi 12 iliyopita ni mara ngapi umekwenda kwa daktari wa meno?

(chagua moja tu na weka alama ya vema)

| Mara moja. | \Box 1 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Mara mbili | $\Box 2$ |
| Mara tatu | □ 3 |
| Mara nne | □ 4 |
| Zaidi ya mara nne | □ 5 |
| Sijakwenda kwa daktari meno kwa miezi | □ 6 |
| 12 iliyopita | |

| Sijawahi kwenda kwa daktari meno kabisa | |
|--|----|
| Sijui au sikumbuki | □9 |

Kama hujawahi kwenda kwa daktari wa meno katika miezi 12 iliyopita basi nenda swali la 7

6. Mara ya mwisho ulipokwenda kwa daktari wa meno ulikuwa na shida gani?

(Chagua moja na weka alama ya vema)

| Maumivu au shida ya meno, gums au ufizi | □ 1 |
|--|----------|
| Matibabu au matibabu ya muendelezo | $\Box 2$ |
| Uchunguzi wa kawaida | □ 3 |
| Sijui au sikumbuki | □ 9 |

7. Hua unapiga mswaki mara ngapi?

(Chagua moja na weka alama ya vema)

| Hua sipigi mswaki | $\Box 1$ |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Mara 2–3 kwa mwezi | $\Box 2$ |
| Mara moja kwa wiki | □ 3 |
| Mara 2–6 kwa wiki | □ 4 |
| Mara moja kwa siku | □ 5 |
| Mara mbili au Zaidi kwa siku | □ 6 |

8. Je unatumia vifaa vifuatavyo kusafisha meno?

(taja kila kifaa)

| | 1 Ndiyo | 2. |
|--|---------|--------|
| | | Hapana |
| Mswaki wa plastiki | | |
| Vijiti vya miti kusafisha meno | | |
| Vijiti vya plastik kusafisha meno | | |
| Uzi wa kusafishia meno (dental floss) | | |
| Mkaa | | |
| Mswaki wa mti | | |
| Vifaa vinginevyo | | |
| (Tafadhali vitaje vifaa vingine unavyotumia) | | |
| | | |

9. Je huwa unapiga mswaki na dawa ya mswaki?

| Ndiyo | \Box 1 |
|--------|----------|
| hapana | $\Box 2$ |

10. Je dawa ya mswaki unayotumia ina madini ya fluoride?

| Ndiyo | \Box 1 |
|--------|----------|
| Hapana | $\Box 2$ |



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11. Kwa sababu ya hali ya meno na kinywa chako umewahi kupata matatizo yafuatayo katika mwaka mmoja uliopita?

| | Ndiyo | Hapana | Sijui |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Siridhishwi na muonekano wa meno | | | |
| yangu | | | |
| (b) Huwa ninajizuia kutabasamu na | | | |
| kuchaka kwa sababu ya meno yangu | | | |
| (c) Watoto wengine hunitania juu ya | | | |
| meno yangu | | | |
| (d) maumivu ya jino hunifanya kukosa | | | |
| kwenda shule au nikose baadhi ya | | | |
| vipindi | | | |
| (e) Siwezi kung'ata chakula | | | |
| (f) Ninapata shida kutafuna | | | |

$12.\ {\rm Ni}$ mara ngapi unakula vyakula au kunywa vinywaji vifuatavyo hata kama ni kwa uchache?

(Soma kila chakula au kinywaji)

| | Mara | Kila siku | Mara | Mara moja | Mara | Kwa |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | kadhaa | | kadhaa | kwa wiki | kadhaa | uchache |
| | kwa siku | | kwa wiki | | kwa mwezi | sana au |
| | | | | | | situmii |
| | | | | | | kabisa |
| | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| matunda | | | | | | |
| Biskuti, keki, | | | | | | |
| Maandazi au | | | | | | |
| vitumbua | | | | | | |
| Jemu au asali | | | | | | |
| Chewing gum | | | | | | |
| kama bigijii | | | | | | |
| Pipi/chokoleti | | | | | | |
| Cocacola/soda | | | | | | |
| nyingine | | | | | | |
| Maziwa yaliyotiwa | | | | | | |
| sukari sugar | | | | | | |
| Chai yenye sukari | | | | | | |
| Kahawa yenye | | | | | | |
| sukari | | | | | | |

13. Ni mara ngapi unatumia kati ya tumbaku zilizotajwa? (Soma kila moja kisha chagua moja tu)

| Μ | lara | Kila | Mara | Mara | Mara | Kwa |
|----|-------|------|--------|------|--------|--------------|
| ka | adhaa | siku | kadhaa | moja | kadhaa | uchache |
| kv | wa | | kwa | kwa | kwa | sana/Situmii |
| si | ku | | wiki | wiki | mwezi | tumbaku |
| | | | | | | kabisa |
| 6 | | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |



| Sigara, | | | | |
|----------|--|--|--|--|
| Cigar au | | | | |
| kiko | | | | |
| Tumbaku | | | | |
| ya | | | | |
| kutafuna | | | | |
| au ugoro | | | | |

Baba yako au mlezi wako wa kiume amemaliza elimu ya kiwango gani?

| Hakusoma shule. | \Box 1 |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Hakumaliza elimu ya msingi | $\Box 2$ |
| Amemaliza elimu ya msingi | □ 3 |
| Hakumaliza kidato cha nne. | □ 4 |
| Amemaliza kidato cha nne | □ 5 |
| Amemaliza kidato cha sita. | □ 6 |
| Amemaliza chuo | □ 7 |
| Hakuna mlezi wa kiume nyumbani | □ 8 |
| kwetu | |
| Sijui | □ 9 |

Mama yako au mlezi wako wa kike ana elimu ya kiwango gani?

| Hakusoma shule | □ 1 |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Hakumaliza shule ya msingi | $\Box 2$ |
| Alimaliza elimu ya msingi | □ 3 |
| Hakumaliza kidato cha nne. | □ 4 |
| Alimaliza kidato cha nne | □ 5 |
| Alimaliza kidato cha sita. | □ 6 |
| Alimaliza chuo | □ 7 |
| Hatuna mlezi wa kike nyumbani | □ 8 |
| kwetu | |
| Sijui elimu ya mama | □ 9 |



(iv) Oral Health Survey 2020 clinical record form (Children) Tanzania National Oral Health Survey 2020

| (1) | Year / | Month Day | Identification No. | 0. Orig/Dupl Examiner (14) (15) (16) [17] | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| General information: | | Sex 1-M, 2-F | Date of | birth Age in years | | |
| (Name) (18) (19) (24) (25) (26) | | | | | | |
| Ethnic group (27) (28) Other group (29) (30) Years in school (81) (32) Occupation (83) | | | | | | |
| Community (geographical location) (34) (35) Location Urban (1) Periurban (2) Rural (3) (36) | | | | | | |
| Other data | (37) | (38) | Other data | (40) | | |
| Other data | (41) | (42) | Extra-oral examinati | on (43) (44) | | |
| Dentition status | 55 54 53 52 15 14 13 12 | 51 61 62 63 64 11 21 22 23 24 | 65 25 26 27 | Primary Permanent teeth teeth | | |
| Crown (45) | | | (58) | Status | | |
| Crown (59) | | | (72) | A 0 = Sound | | |
| 47 46 | 85 84 83 82 45 44 43 42 | 81 71 72 73 74 41 31 32 33 34 | 75 35 36 37 | C 2 = Filled w/caries | | |
| Periodontal status | | | | D 3 = Filled, no carles E 4 = Missing due to carles = 5 = Missing for any another reason | | |
| 17 16 | 15 14 13 12 | 51 61 62 63 64 11 21 22 23 24 | 25 26 27 | F 6 = Pissure sealant G 7 = Fixed dental prosthesis/crown, | | |
| (73) | | | (86) | - 8 - Unerupted | | |
| (87) | | | (100) | - 9 = Not recorded | | |
| 47 46 | 45 44 43 42 | 41 31 32 33 34 | 35 36 37 | Enamel fluorosis (101) | | |
| Gingival bleeding | | | | Status | | |
| Scores 0 = Normal 3 = Mild 0 = Absence of condition 9 = Tooth excluded 1 = Questionable 4 = Moderate 1 = Presence of condition X = Tooth not present 2 = Very mild 5 = Severe: 8 = Excluded (crown, restoration, "bracket") 9 = Not recorded (unerupted tooth) | | | | | | |
| Dental erosion | Dental trauma | Oral mucosal Condition | lesions | Intervention urgency (114) | | |
| Severity | Status | (108) | (111) | | | |
| (102) | (105) | (109) | 0.120 | 0 = No treatment needed | | |
| 0 = No size of crossing | 0 = No sign of injury 1 = Treated injury | (110) | (113) | 1 - Preventive or routine treatment needed | | |
| 1= Enamel lesion 2 = Dentinal lesion | 2 = Enemel fracture only 3 = Enamel and dentine fracture | 0 = No abnormal | 0 = Vermillion border | 2 = Prompt treatment (including scaling) | | |
| 3 = Pulp involvement | 4 = Pulp involvement 5 = Missing tooth due to | condition 1 - Ulceration (aphthous, | 1 = Commissures 2 = Lips | 3 = Immediate (use of itreatment needed due | | |
| | G = Other damage 9 = Excluded tooth | herpetic, traumatic) 2 = Acute necroticing alconotive generative LENTICS | 3 = Sald 4 = Buccal mucesa 5 = Floor of month | to pain or infection of dental and/or oral origin | | |
| No. of teeth [103] [104] | No. of teeth (106) (107) | 3 = Candidianis 4 = Abaceus 8 = Other condition 9 = Not recorded | 6 = Tongue 7 = Hard and/or soft palate 8 = Alveolar ridges/gingiva 9 = Not recorded | 4 = Referred for comprehensive evaluation or medical/dental treatment (systemic condition) | | |

(v)Occlusion clinical record form for 5-, 12- and 15-year-olds (Modified Björk criteria):

| Sagittal 1. Maxillary overjet 1 = grade 1 (1-4.9 mm) 2 = grade 2 (5-8.9 mm) 3 = grade 3 (9 mm or more) 9= not registered | |
|--|---------------------|
| 2. Mandibular overjet 0 = absent 1 = grade 1 (<0-1.9mm) 2= grade 2 (<2 mm) | |
| 3. Angle Classification 1 = class I 2 = class II (occlusion distal to Cl. I relation) 3 = class III (occlusion mesial to Cl. I relation) 9= not registered | |
| Vertical 4. Deep bite 1 = grade 1 (0.1-2.9 mm, overlapping of the upp incisors) 2 = grade 2 (3-4.9 mm) 3 = grade 3 (5 mm or more) 9= not registered | per and lower right |
| 5. Open bite 0 = absent 1 = frontal open bite grade 1 (0-1.9 mm) 2 = frontal open bite grade 2 (2 mm or more) 3= lateral open bite | |
| Transversal 6. Cross-bite (cross-bite of one or more teeth in the 1= absent 2= present unilateral | side segments) |

7. Midline shift (if the displacement in relation to the midline of the face was $\geq 2 \text{ mm}$)

1= absent

3= present bilateral

 \Box

2= present 8. Scissor bite (Scissor bite of one or more teeth in the side segments) 1= absent 2= present unilateral 3= present bilateral 9. Crowding (of $\geq 2mm$ in a segment) 1= absent 2= present upper jaw 3= present lower jaw 4= present both jaws 10. Spacing ($\geq 2mm$ in a segment) 1 = absent2 = present upper jaw 3= present lower jaw 4= present both jaws

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