PAHO Regional Core Health Indicator Update

Past DMFT Classification (WHO,1980)

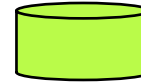|	
0.0 - 1.1	Very Low
1.2 - 2.6	Low
2.7 - 4.4	Moderate
4.5 - 6.5	High
6.6 >	Very High-High

Current DMFT-12 Classification (PAHO)

Emerging
DMFT > 5.0

Growth
DMFT 5.0 to 3.0

Consolidation
DMFT < 3.0

New Oral Health Indicator DMFT Classification Schema

■———— Primary Categorization ————■

| **Emerging** DMFT > 5.0 | **Growth** 5.0 ≥ DMFT > 3.0 | **Consolidation** 3.0 ≥ DMFT > 1.0 | **Model Case Study** DMFT ≤ 1.0 + full checklist |

This classification schema for Oral Health Indicators in the Pan American region invites countries to think about running activities that help to run programs that expand oral health to include vulnerable populations. These benchmarks are directly tied to PAHO's 10-year Regional Plan on Oral Health, and the three driving principles of public health: disease prevention, health promotion, disease surveillance.

Countries have two benchmarks upon which to gauge their progress: first is the traditional DMFT value. The second is based upon the initiatives that the country has launched for oral health.

Policy & Programs — verification — Verifiable Indicators

■———— Checklist to Become a Model System ————■

✓	National Salt & Water Fluoridation Program	→	✓	Published Report Oral Health Survey (DMFT)
✓	Community Level Fluoridation Program (milk, fluoride, varnishes, other)	→	✓	Published Report on Community Level Fluoridation Programs (DMFT)
✓	Active National Oral Health Promotion & Prevention Program (PHC)	→	✓	Demonstration of the Integration of Oral Health into National Policy
✓	Program for Vulnerable Populations (example: Caries Free Communities)	→	✓	Published Case Studies on Programs for Vulnerable Populations