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Dear Valued SADA Member

As we welcome 2026, we extend our sincere appreciation to every member of our association for your continued engagement and leadership within the profession.

SADA focus remains firmly on advocating for sound oral health policy, advancing high-quality education and professional development, and strengthening meaningful connections with and among our members. Together, we will continue to champion the interests of dentistry, support excellence in practice, and ensure that the collective voice of our profession remains strong, informed, and influential throughout the year ahead.

FDI World Dental Development Fund (WDDF) 2026

The **WDDF** aims to improve oral health globally by supporting innovative prevention and access programs in disadvantaged populations. Funded projects reflect FDI's core values: **integrity, inclusiveness, excellence, and ethical behaviour.**

About the Fund:

- Each year, FDI supports **3–5 projects.**
- Each project can receive up to **CHF 10,000.**
- Projects should focus on at least one of the following areas:
 - Oral health education
 - Oral health promotion
 - Oral disease prevention
 - Oral healthcare delivery
 - Integration of oral health into primary healthcare

Projects must benefit **disadvantaged individuals or communities**, align with **local, regional, or national health strategies**, and be developed in consultation with **local authorities and stakeholders**. Priority will be given to projects with a **strong educational component** and high potential for **sustainability**.

Deadline for applications: June 15, 2026

This is a unique opportunity to make a tangible impact on oral health where it's needed most. **Apply now** and join FDI in shaping a healthier future for communities worldwide.

[Submit Your Application](#)

The South African Dental Journal (SADJ) invites article submissions for publication in 2026.

SADJ keeps readers informed of the latest developments in dentistry and is the only fully accredited scientific dental journal in South Africa. The journal publishes high-quality scientific papers, clinical articles, current dento-political information, and opinion pieces, as well as relevant trade information.

SADJ is published ten times per year, from February to November, and is available electronically as an open-access journal at no cost to readers with an interest in oral health.

Journal Information

- **Publication model:** Open Access (Online)
- **Peer review:** All submissions undergo a peer-review process

Submission Process

Authors are required to register on the ASSAF platform to submit and track manuscripts. Please follow the [Instructions to Authors](#) carefully before submitting your manuscript.

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We look forward to receiving your contribution.



Port Shepstone Lighthouse

Port Shepstone Lighthouse stands at the mouth of the Mkhomkhulu River on KwaZulu-Natal's South Coast. The 2 metre tall tower has a black and white striped pattern. It was commissioned in March 1884 and later moved from Scarborough. The light flashes every 6 seconds from a 24 metre tall glass jetty to about 20 nautical miles. Port Shepstone Lighthouse was declared a national monument in 1995 and remains active.



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Yours in Oral Health

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