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How is FDI achieving these objectives?

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- **Global Health Promotion**: FDI is a member of the World Health Professions Alliance, which forms the basis of the World Health Organization (WHO) for the promotion of oral and general health.

- **Advocacy Activities**: FDI develops and disseminates policies, standards and information related to all aspects of oral health care around the world, including Global Health and Tobacco Control.

- Development projects: FDI promotes and supports global oral health development for deprived communities and populations in various ways:
  - Projects at grassroots level: In cooperation with FDI member associations and non-governmental organizations and supported through grants of the FDI’s World Dental Development Fund. Projects have been established in Latin America, Asia and Africa.
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What are FDI’s partnerships?

- **Live Laugh Laugh**: Building on the success of the first phase, which raised awareness of the importance of oral health through a projects carried out in 37 countries, FDI and Unilever Oral Care will continue to Phase II of their global partnership Live Laugh. This second phase will be launched at the FDI 2010 AWDC and will focus on the message of brushing twice daily with a fluoride toothpaste, and aim to have an even greater impact.

- **Global Mercury Partnership**: In 2009, FDI joined the Global Mercury Partnership within the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) to ensure that the international dental community, and issues regarding dental amalgam, were properly and accurately represented. In UN discussions concerning FDI’s position was embodied in a statement approved by the General Assembly, which forms the basis of the presentation of dentistry’s case, to retain the use of dental amalgam for restorative purposes. This position was stated at the FDI President and Executive Director at a joint WHO/UNEP conference on the future of dental restorative materials, attended by a broad cross-section of interested parties. In December 2009, FDI released an official statement with WHO and UNEP on Dental Amalgam and the Production of Dental Materials for Dental Restoration at a joint WHO/UNEP meeting.

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