



# ATS News

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## 2012 and the work with

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### Afrikaada Teethsavers and Afrikaada continues!

Afrikaada / ATS offers free dental care to children and to self cost price for adults as well as information and education. Using the donated equipment. Afrikaada is with help of friends currently building a dental clinic in the Afrikaada house in Fajara.

Afrikaada / ATS is now also working to educate dental staff. Each week three different hospitals and also ATS own clinic are visited. The treatments that can be offered are extraction, temporary filling (ART) and scaling. At the moment only manual treatments can be done as there is no equipment, but in the near future we hope to offer permanent fillings as well as other more advanced treatments.

## Coming up

The general assembly of Afrikaada TeethSavers.  
28th of April  
At 2:30 pm  
At:  
Tandborsten  
Rosengård  
Malmö.



**The Afrikaada Dental Clinic in Fajara under construction. Using donated equipment.**

A collaboration has begun with the villages Njawara in the north of the Gambia and Jappineh to the east. Possibly, more villages will participate in the future. The idea is that the villages will be visited approximately every two months to receive treatment and information on oral health, nutrition and hygiene.

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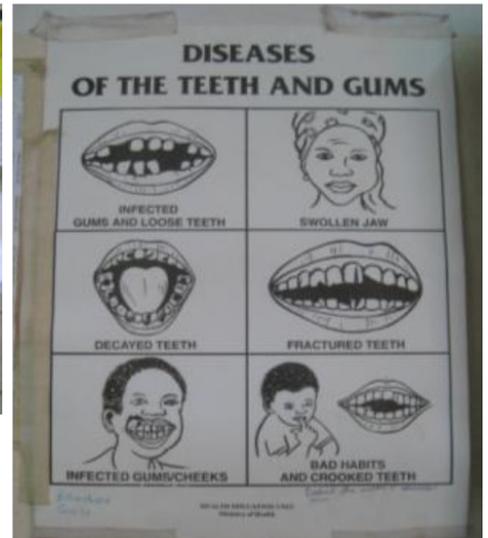
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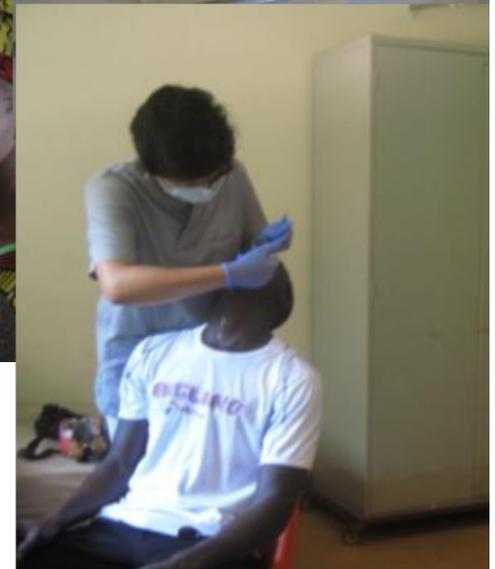
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When the schools started in late September we visited a number of them and offered treatment.

Most children have never met a dentist or dental field worker before and way too many of them unfortunately had to have a tooth extracted. I was so impressed by the children's courage and patience. Most of them handled the treatment perfectly without complaining or having the company by their parents.



Marie Nordström and ModouLamin at work.

The work that Afrikaada / ATS can only be done through your donations

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For those of you who are thinking about volunteering I can strongly recommend it! The most fun and fascinating part of the trip was probably meeting with all people and to see the everyday life in the Gambia; how most people live without electricity or running water, and how different the daily life and culture can be. It did not take long time before I realized how friendly and helpful people in the Gambia are. Often offer to help without asking for anything in return. It's true what I was told before going – if you go to Africa then you will get stuck. The question is not whether I am going again, but when!

*Marie Nordström, DDS*



*Photo Marie Nordström*

## **What kind of donations is it we need for the work I The Gambia and Senegal?**

When working in the field there is always a need for money for transportation and sleeping accommodations. But most important there is a great need for disposable material. Anything from anesthetics, needles, cotton balls, pain killers, antibiotic, toothbrushes, toothpastes, soap, hand disinfectors, tissue, disinfectors for instruments, glasionomer (filling material) and the list goes on....

If you want do donate you can contact Afrikaada or Afrikaada Teethsavers directly by phone or mail, you will find the contacts on the back of this ATS Newsletter. *Thank you for your help*

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**2** short weeks

During the annual meeting of Afrikaada TeethSavers 2011 it was decided that we should have our focus on 2 topics. One of them being **F-salt**. The idea is as a first step to distribute the F-salt over a longer period of time to school children, in schools that provide lunches for the kids.

## **F for fluoride and S for salt**

Dentists Lars Göran Wärn and Inger Wennhall has since worked on the project. Received donations of F-salt, some of it already in The Gambia and some of it on it's way. In the preparation of the work water samples have been collected from a number of locations to analyze its fluoride concentration.

We are excited to follow the progress and study the final result of the project.



This is way we do the work we do in Gambia and Senegal but we need your help to do it...

2 short weeks was all I managed to squeeze in to my schedule for a Gambia trip this time around. But it was 2 good weeks, partly because of the possibility of meeting old friends and find new once. But also because I had the joy of working with 2 new friends Ebrima Jobe and Alagie Bojang. Continued working in some clinics that Marie Nordström and Afrikaada oral health field workers have visited on a regular bases. One of the real joys was to come back the Sere Kunda Secondary school. A school we first visited 2 years ago and where Afrikaada now has established a very good relationship. 2 years ago our visit was chaotic but now continuation has made it a lot calmer and organized place to work. Everyone seems to have fund their roll, and the school appreciate both the work and the members of Afrikaada. It was also a pleasure to see a different way of communication with the school kids, instead of lecture there was dialog. But 2 weeks was way to short, so now I can't wait to go back.

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