

# Introducing the FIP 'Transforming Vaccination Globally, Regionally and Nationally' 2021

## *Accelerating Equity, Access and Sustainability Through Policy Development and Implementation*

**Sustainable and equitable access to vaccines: Establishing priorities and setting policies in the South East Asian region**

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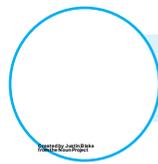




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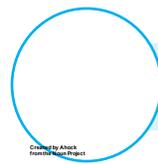
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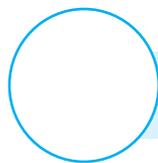
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# FIP Transforming Vaccination Regionally & Globally 2020

## *Recapping key outcomes*

The 1<sup>st</sup> FIP digital transformation outcome-based online programme

Underpinned by the FIP Development Goals (FIP DGs)

Resulted in:  
Global FIP Commitment to Action on Vaccination in Pharmacies  
&  
FIP Transforming Vaccination Collection



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# Transforming Vaccination 2021



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## 12 events over 2 series

- Series 1: Towards equity in vaccinations globally
- Series 2: Sustainability in vaccinations regionally and nationally



# Transforming Vaccination 2021: Series 1 Towards equity in vaccinations globally

The first of the two series comprises 5 episodes which include an opening event alongside 4 other events which explore equity in vaccinations across the different angles of

*age,  
gender,  
literacy & education,  
and collaboration & working together.*



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# Transforming Vaccination 2021: Series 2 Sustainability in vaccinations regionally and nationally



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The second of the two series in 2021 comprises 7 digital events, including 6 regional roundtables which will discuss and identify priorities for sustainable access to vaccinations through pharmacies around the world.

The programme will end with a Leadership Summit in which we present a commitment to action on sustainable and equitable access to vaccines through pharmacies.



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# Transforming Vaccination 2021: Key Outcomes



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- 1) 12 digital events including 6 regional roundtables and a Leadership Summit**
- 2) FIP Global Commitment to accelerate equity, access and sustainability of vaccinations**
- 3) Special Policy Collection**

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# Transforming Vaccination 2020 Outcomes: Southeast Asia Region

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## Regional needs and priorities identified to transform vaccination

- Pharmacovigilance of vaccines in monitoring and management.
- Advocacy to the government from national and international organizations

## Challenges experienced in transforming vaccination for pharmacists:

- Procurement through medical supply division,
- Need of central and regional storage for proper drug storage,
- Supply to end-user by medical officer of health, Hospital clinics, and Hospital wards in Patient care.

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## Lessons learnt whilst transforming vaccination for pharmacists:

- Gearing up for Covax-19, Dissemination of Covax news with adaptable guidance, tools, trainings, and advocacy materials.

## Key vaccination-related legislative enablers and barriers emerging in the region:

- Importation of vaccine should be monitored by legislative authority in a transparent way.

# Today's panelists



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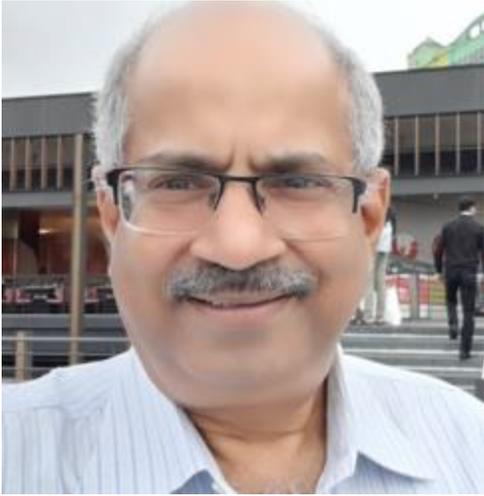
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# The impact of regulatory implementation on vaccine equity, access and Sustainability: Sri Lankan perspective

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# Objectives

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- Sri Lankan context
- Current status of vaccination in Sri Lanka
- Strengths and priorities
- Ensuring equity in access to vaccinations
- Weaknesses and challenges; vaccine equity, access and sustainability
- A policy change that can help increase access to vaccination



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# Sri Lankan context



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- Population of Sri Lanka was 21,670,000 (Statistics, Central Bank of Sri Lanka)
- 9 provinces, 24 districts and 331 divisional secretary divisions
- Life expectancy at birth was 72.1 years for males and 78.6 years for females in year 2018
- Infant mortality rate was 10.1 per 1000 livebirths (Family Health Bureau, 2019)
- Total health care service is free of charge in Sri Lanka
- Implementing authority of the National Immunization Programme and Vaccine preventable disease surveillance is the Epidemiology Unit of the Ministry of Health

# Sri Lankan context

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- National Medicines Regulatory Authority (NMRA) is responsible for licensing
- Epidemiology unit of MOH undertakes surveillance in coordination with the NMRA
- Medical Research Institute operates as the national control laboratory, fulfilling the laboratory access function, and responsible for lot release of all vaccines imported to the country



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# Current status of vaccination in Sri Lanka

## National Immunization Programme (NIP)

- Sri Lankan government is totally funding for all vaccines in National Immunization Programme (NIP), except -GAVI funded :
  - Hepatitis B vaccine in 2004-2007
  - Pentavaccine in 2008 to 2014
  - IPV in 2015 -2018
- Ministry of Health has a separate dedicated budget line for vaccine procurement
- COVID-19: Over 83% of the adult (>20 years) population vaccinated

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE - SRI LANKA	
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<b>FIRST YEAR OF LIFE</b>	
0-4 Months: BCG	Preferably within 24 hours of birth (before leaving hospital), if a scar is not present 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose could be offered after 6 months, up to 5 years
On completion of:	For a defaulter or for an unvaccinated child, minimum of 6-8 weeks gap between doses is advised.
2 Months	OPV & Pentavalent (DTP-HaepB-Hib) (1 <sup>st</sup> dose) IPV (fractional IPV) (1 <sup>st</sup> dose)
4 Months	OPV & Pentavalent (DTP-HaepB-Hib) (2 <sup>nd</sup> dose) IPV (fractional IPV) (2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)
6 Months	OPV & Pentavalent (DTP-HaepB-Hib) (3 <sup>rd</sup> dose)
9 Months	MMR (1 <sup>st</sup> Dose)
<b>SECOND YEAR OF LIFE</b>	
On completion of:	
12 months	Live JE
18 months	OPV & DTP (4 <sup>th</sup> dose)
<b>PRE-SCHOOL AGE</b>	
On completion of:	
3 years	MMR (2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose)
<b>SCHOOL-GOING AGE</b>	
On completion of:	
5 years	OPV & DT (2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)
10 years	HPV (1 <sup>st</sup> Dose) (Grade 6)
11 years	HPV (2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose) (Grade 7)
11 years	aTdT (adult Tetanus diphtheria) (Grade 7) 4 months after 1 <sup>st</sup> dose
<b>FEMALES IN THE CHILD-BEARING AGE</b>	
15-44 years	Rubella containing vaccine (MMR)
One dose of MMR vaccine should be given to all females between 15 and 44 years of age, who have not been vaccinated with rubella containing vaccine earlier.	
<b>PREGNANT WOMEN</b> Tetanus Toxoid	
No documented evidence of previously being vaccinated with Tetanus Toxoid containing vaccine	
1 <sup>st</sup> Dose	1 <sup>st</sup> Pregnancy after 12 weeks of PGA
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose	1 <sup>st</sup> Pregnancy 8-8 weeks after the 1 <sup>st</sup> Dose
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pregnancy after 12 weeks of PGA
4 <sup>th</sup> Dose	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pregnancy after 12 weeks of PGA
5 <sup>th</sup> Dose	4 <sup>th</sup> Pregnancy after 12 weeks of PGA
With documented evidence of previously being vaccinated with Tetanus Toxoid containing vaccine	
One booster dose of Tetanus Toxoid (TT) is indicated during 1 <sup>st</sup> pregnancy, with a written evidence of previously being vaccinated with 6 doses of Tetanus Toxoid containing vaccination as per National immunization schedule during childhood and adolescence (3 doses of DTP in infancy + DTP at 18 months + DT at 5 years + aTdT at 11 years) and a gap of 10 years or more after the last Tetanus Toxoid containing vaccination.	
Tetanus Toxoid is not indicated:	
1. Mothers already received 6 doses of Tetanus Toxoid during previous pregnancies are protected and do not need further Tetanus Toxoid vaccination for the present pregnancy.	
2. Mothers already received 6 doses of Tetanus Toxoid containing vaccination according to the National Immunization Schedule and if the gap between the last Tetanus Toxoid containing immunization and the present pregnancy is less than 10 years, are protected and do not need further Tetanus Toxoid vaccination for the present pregnancy.	
3. Mothers already received 6 doses of Tetanus Toxoid containing vaccination according to the National Immunization Schedule during childhood and adolescence and have received at least 1 booster dose of Tetanus Toxoid during pregnancy or due to trauma within last 10 years, are protected and do not need further Tetanus Toxoid vaccination for the present pregnancy.	



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# Outcomes of the NIP

- Twelve years after the launch of the national NIP, Sri Lanka achieved Universal Childhood Immunization status (coverage of more than 80%) for all EPI vaccines.
- Following this success, the nation has now nearly eliminated, among others, Japanese encephalitis; neonatal tetanus; and congenital rubella syndrome.
- The last case of virologically confirmed poliomyelitis patient was reported in 1993.
- Today, the programme has achieved an immunization coverage rate of over 99% for all childhood vaccines.

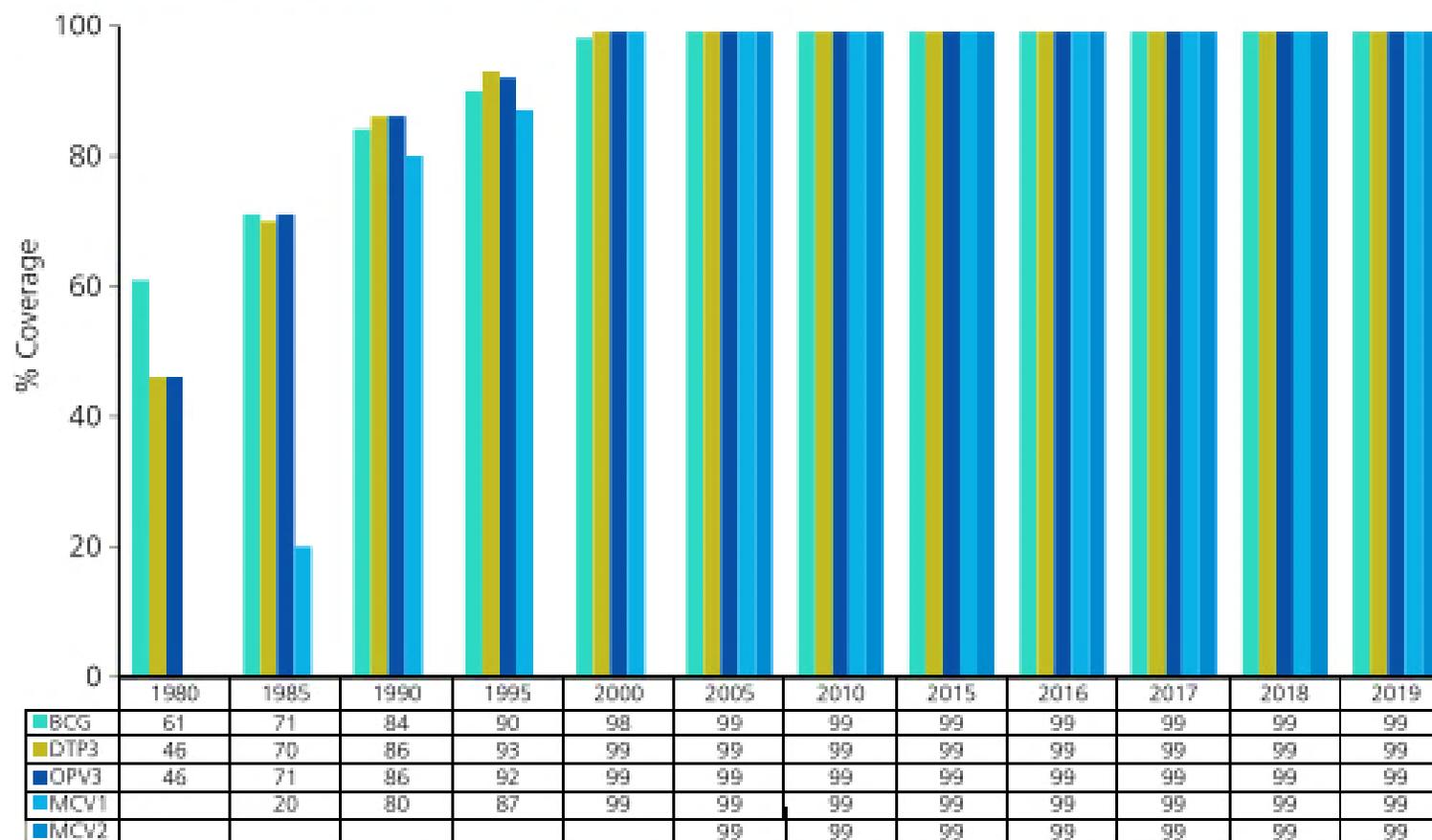


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# National immunization coverage Sri Lanka, 1980-2019



Source: WHO and UNICEF estimates of immunization coverage, July 2020 revision

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# Strengths and priorities

- NIP
- Free health care service
- Decentralized health care system
  - Sri Lankans are within 1.4 kilometers of a basic health clinic and 4.8 kilometers from a health care facility
- Integrated care below the district level
  - At the provincial level, there is a strong Primary Health Care system that focuses on community engagement and empowerment
- Highest priority to the health of women and children and has always had ownership and pride over the NIP
- Covid-19: Proactive regulatory approach



## Sustainability of NIP

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- Well-coordinated programmes at the national level
- Commitment to the life course approach, where immunization is integrated into wider range of health services
- Improving the public's health literacy on immunizations
- Improving the efficiency of vaccination services through community engagement
- Supporting self-management of immunizations
- Bringing the community voice to service design and processes



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## Ensuring equity in access to vaccinations

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- Ensuring no financial barriers to health
- Improving the public's health seeking behavior through governmental commitment to Free education for all
- Addressing any potential bottlenecks relating to geographical access and social barriers including cultural acceptability of vaccines
- Political commitment
- Coordination across Government and multi-sector collaboration



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# Weaknesses and challenges

- Pharmacists have no direct role in vaccination
- All vaccines are imported - Sri Lanka is not a vaccine producing country
- Laboratory facilities for testing vaccine are very minimal
- Vaccines for the state sector procured by the SPC directly from WHO prequalified manufacturers
- Poor public health literacy regarding vaccination
- Economic crisis
- International market forces
- Changing population demographics
- Lack of human resources
- Improving the health information system

# A policy change to increase access to vaccination

To date, the immunization program has viewed vaccine wastage as a price it must pay for ensuring that every child is immunized.

However, less wastage could mean lower costs, making wastage rates a useful financial management tool.

As high coverage has already been achieved, wastage rates must now be analyzed in depth (to identify causes) and the appropriate reduction strategies should be implemented.



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# Sustainable and equitable access to vaccines: The NEED



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- The contrast in vaccination rates between the haves and have-nots is intensifying.
- The wealthier nations are considering the booster immunizations while many residents of poor countries struggling for their first dose.
- Vaccination efforts have been hampered in some regions of the world by armed conflicts, while others are being held back by extreme levels of hesitancy.
- Logistical challenges such as poor roadways and inadequate refrigeration for vaccine storage continue affect the equity.
- The greatest obstacle in the developing nations, however, is supply. Most lack the funding to lock in distribution deals with manufacturers and do not have the technological capacity to produce the vaccine themselves.
- Covax, a global initiative supported by the World Health Organization, has been set up to help; but the program has enough supply to immunize only perhaps 20% of the people in low- and middle-income countries this year.

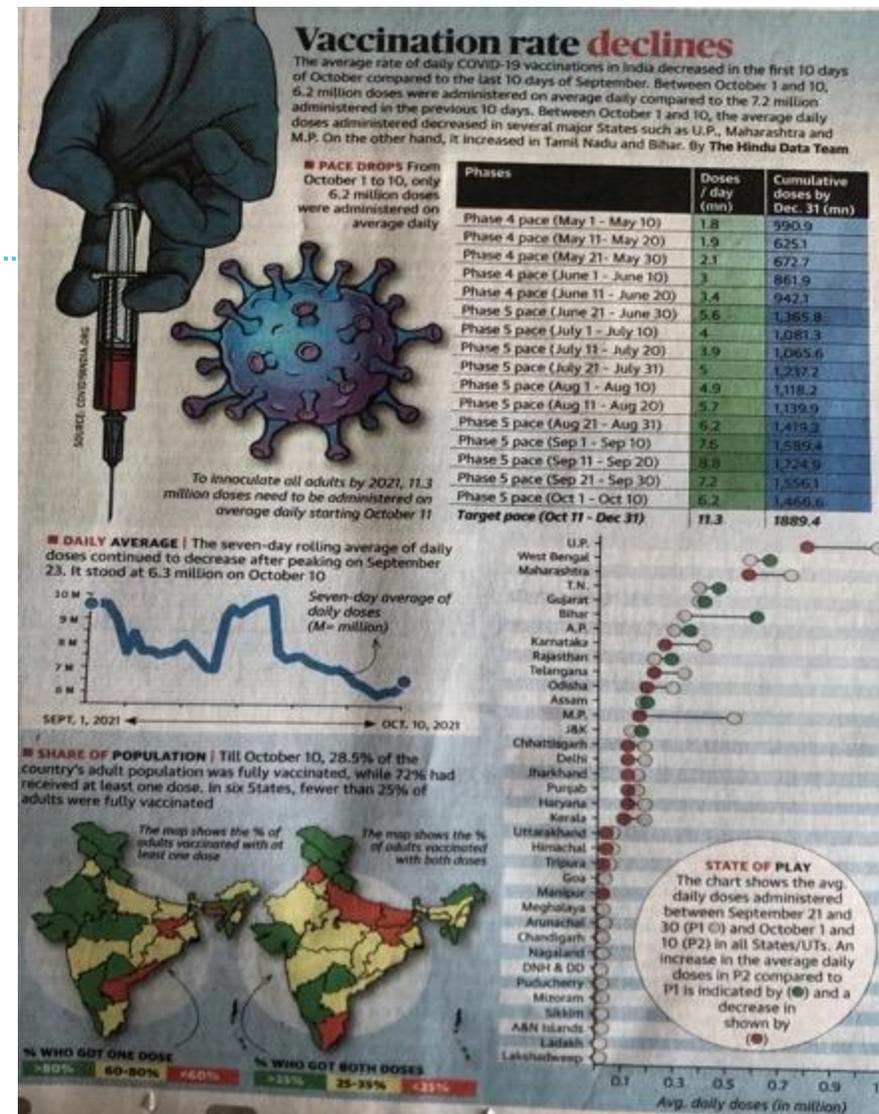
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# India's strengths and priorities with regards to vaccination

## equity, access, and sustainability

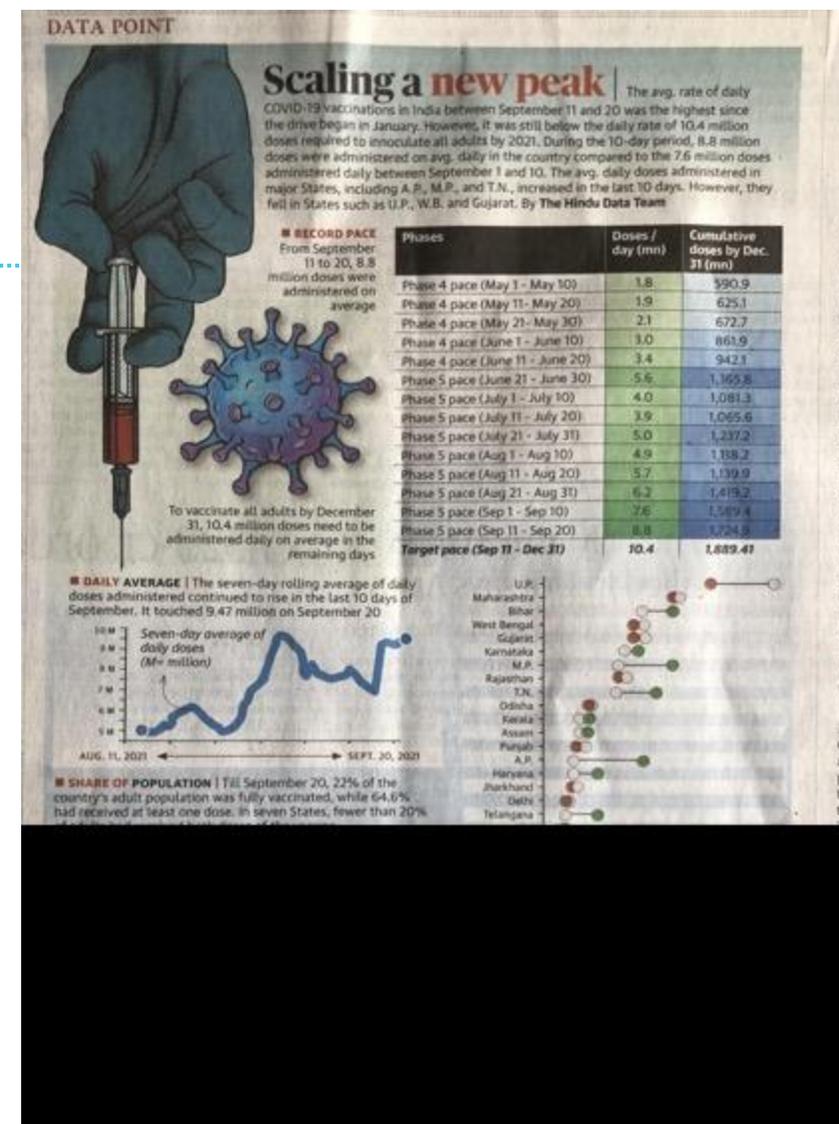
- The cumulative number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in India stands at 1 billion, with more than 4 million jabs given on October 16, 2021
- India recorded 14,146 fresh COVID-19 infections in a day taking the cumulative cases to 3,40,67,719 while the death toll climbed to 4,52,124 with 144 more fatalities, according to the Union Health Ministry's data on October 17.



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# India's **weaknesses and challenges** with regards to vaccination equity, access, and sustainability?

- To Vaccinate all Adults in India by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, India need to administer 10.4 million doses daily
- The hesitancy among the population due to the conflicting information available about global approval of vaccines is one of the major reasons for the delays
- The clarity on the need for a booster dose for maintaining the required immunity is needed.
- Where multiple vaccines are available the clarity on the safety of taking additional vaccine doses to meet the global requirements for travel.



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Policy Change that can help  
vaccine Equity : **Provide access  
to vaccines in the private  
sector like the public sector**



## Public sector

Supports access to  
economically weaker sections  
and the rural populations



## Vaccine Equity

The vaccines are administered  
free of cost, but patients will have  
to go to designated centers only



## Private Sector

Supports the urban and  
economically stable population



## Vaccine equity

The population has to pay from  
their pocket for the vaccination.  
The facility and infrastructure is  
underutilized

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***From an education/training perspective,  
what needs to be done to prepare pharmacists for vaccination?  
Infusing Public Health in Pharmacy Education***

- Infusing Public Health in Pharmacy Education would be major step forward from the education and training perspective for pharmacists to comprehend their roles in such public health emergencies and responding to nationwide call for vaccination or other medication management.
- The Pharmacy Education typically comprises of the Pharmaceutical Sciences and pharmacy practice components in building the competencies required by the pharmacists for practicing the profession of pharmacy .
- If anything, the scope and contributing the overall management of a public health emergency is limited. The need for a socially driven pharmacist is now emerging and to juxtapose the multidisciplinary science of Public Health will produce the pharmacists who can rise to the occasion.



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# COVID-19 VACCINATION IN INDONESIA

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# COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE IN INDONESIA



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# VACCINE STRATEGIC ROLE



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## Essential Elements of Global Health Security

- Public health priority
- Strengthening National Health System and Capacity
- Prevent, protect and control pandemic ( Ebola, Zika, MERS-Cov, SARS, COVID-19 etc)

## Vaccine Diplomacy

- Vaccines as a medium to put aside political conflicts, unite to overcome the pandemic
- Success story : Polio Control in Afghanistan

## International Collaboration

- Increase international cooperation in the development of new vaccines
- Involvement of NGOs (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Wellcome Trust, etc.)

# PURPOSE OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE



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# COVID-19 VACCINE SUPPLY SCENARIO PRINCIPLES AND PLANS



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Level	Target Group
<b>Epidemiological Setting: Transmission in Society</b>	
<b>Level I</b> Vaccine availability is very limited 1-10% of the national population	Health Workers in Health Service Facilities and at-risk age groups
<b>Level II</b> Vaccine availability is limited to 11–20% of the national population	Health workers, age at risk, comorbid groups (controlled), sociodemography: community leaders, BPJS PBI, health cadres, etc.
<b>Level III</b> Vaccine availability is limited to 21–50% of the national population	Whole group at level 1 and 2, teachers, officer transportation, essential workers (market traders, etc.) as well as other risk groups

## COVID-19 Vaccine Selection

1. Safety (no severe side effects)
2. Efficacy (ideal: 70%; minimum 50%)
3. Long protection period (at least 1 year)
4. Storage stability (temperature 2 - 8°C)
5. Packaging: Multi dose (optimization of vaccine cold chain capacity)
6. The same platform for easy evaluation
7. There is an authorization for use by BPOM

<https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/who-target-product-profiles-for-covid-19-vaccines>





# COVID-19 VACCINE SPECIFICATION



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	ASTRAZENECA	GAMELEVA	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	MODERNA	NOVOVAX	PFIZER/BIONTECH	SINOVAC	SINOPHARM
Vaccine type	Viral Vector (chimpanzee adenovirus ChaDoX1)	Viral vector (recombinant adenovirus type 5 and 26)	Viral vector (recombinant adenovirus type 26)	mRNA	Protein Subunit	mRNA	Inactivated Virus	Inactivated Virus
Available Through Covax	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-
Doses Required	 8-12 weeks apart 4 weeks apart	 3 weeks apart		 4 weeks apart	 3 weeks apart	 3 weeks apart	 2-4 weeks apart	 3 weeks apart
Shipping, Storage & presentation	Normal cold chain requiremt (2-8°C), 10-dose vial	-18.5°C (liquid form); 2-8°C (dry form)	Shipped at -20°C; 2-8°C for up to 3 months; 5-dose vial	-25°C to -15°C 10-dose vial	2-8°C 10-dose vial	-80 to -60°C; 2-8°C for up top 1 month; 6-dose vial	2-8°C; 10-dose vial	2-8°C Single dose vial/prefilled syringes
Approval by a Stringent Regulatory Authority (SRA)	WHO-EUL, EMA, TGA, MHRA	Under review by WHO SAGE	WHO EUL, EMA, FDA, MHRA	WHO EUL, FDA	Under review by WHO SAGE	WHO-EUL, FDA, EMA, TGA, MHRA	WHO- EUL	WHO- EUL



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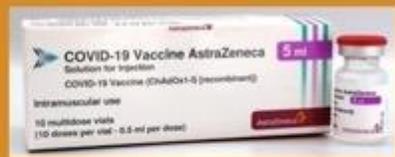
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Product Picture	Coronavac	Vaksin COVID-19	
			
Platform	Inactivated	Inactivated	Viral vector
Indication	> 18 years	> 12 years	> 18 years
Schedule	2 dose (0-28 day)	2 dose (0-28 day)	2 dose (0-8 s/d 12 weeks) Ind : 12 weeks
Packaging	Vial @ 0.5 mL (1 ds) Vial @ 1 ml ( 2 ds) Vial @ 0,5 ml ( 1 ds) grant	Vial @ 5 mL (10 dose)	Vial @ 5 mL (10 dose)
Storage Temperature	2 –8°C	2 –8°C	2 –8°C
EUA Issue Date	11 January 2021	15 February 2021	22 February 2021
Number of arrivals (dose)	3.000.000 50.000.000 12.776.000 ( hibah covax &RRT)	122.500.000	B2B: 20.000.000 Covax AstraZeneca : 19.977.960 (Japan, Australia, UK, Dutch, Korean, Spain, Italy, French)

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Platform	mRNA	mRNA	Viral Vector
Indication	≥ 18 years	≥ 12 years	≥ 18 years
Schedule	2 dose (0-28 day)	2 dose (0-21 day)	1 dose
Packaging	Vial @ 15 dose	Vial @ 6 dose (@ 0.3 mL)	Vial @5 dose
Storage Temperature	-50 s/d -15°C	-80°C s/d -60°C	-25 s/d -15°C
EUA Issue Date	2 July 2021	14 July 2021	7 September 2021
Number of arrivals (dose)	8.000.000	50.000.000 5.445.180	3.000.000

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Platform	Inactivated
Indication	> 18 years
Schedule	2 dose (0-21/28 day)
Packaging	Vial @ 1 mL (2 dose)
Storage Temperature	2 – 8°C
EUA Issue Date	30 April 2021
Number of arrivals (dose)	HIBAH 750.000

# VAKSIN COVID-19 GOTONG ROYONG (VGR)



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Platform	Inactivated
Indication	> 18 years
Schedule	2 dose (0-21/28 day)
Packaging	Vial @ 1 mL (2 dose)
Storage Temperature	2 – 8°C
EUA Issue Date	30 April 2021
Number of arrivals (dose)	7.500.000

# MERAH PUTIH VACCINE PROGRESS

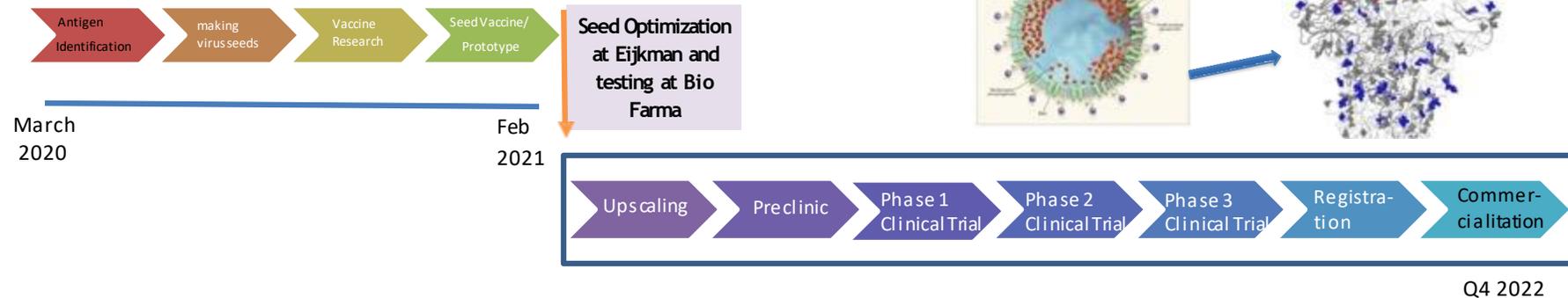


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## Vaccine platform: Recombinant Protein Sub Unit



- Merah Putih vaccine seed collaboration between Bio Farma and the Eijkman Bio Molecular Institute
- The first prototype vaccine seed still needs re-optimization of seed design
- Trials of new vaccine seed clones have been carried out on a 5L scale fermenter.
- Testing the results of the expression/yield of the protein antigen is being carried out
- Preclinical trial target starting Q4 2021



# COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION ALLOCATION IN INDONESIA

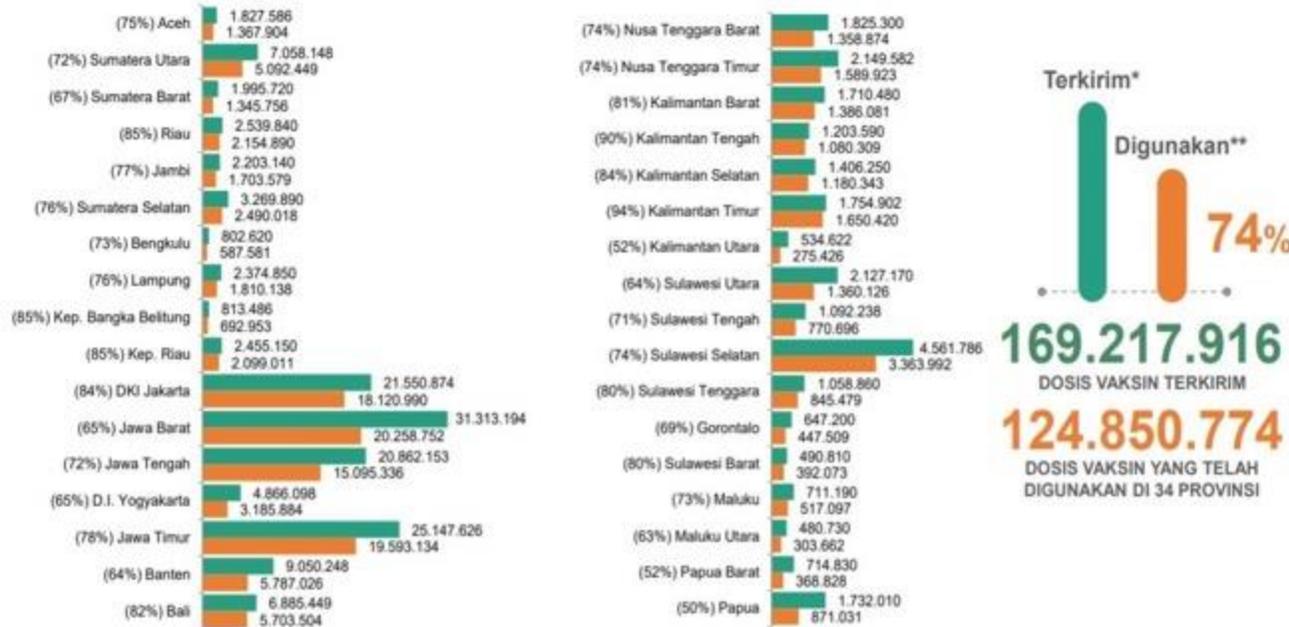


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**DISTRIBUSI VAKSIN VS PEMANFAATAN VAKSIN  
UNTUK COVID-19 DI 34 PROVINSI**



Sumber: \*) Bio Farma // \*\*) KPC-PEN

Tanggal update data: 18 September 2021

Distribution Allocation is determined by the Ministry of Health

The determination of the handover point is determined by the Ministry of Health

Distribution assignment to Bio Farma can involve PBF Partners (through HUB)

All distribution processes are assisted by BPKP

# CHALLENGE OF ACHIEVING 70% VACCINATION COVERAGE FOR THE WORLD'S 7.8 BILLION POPULATION



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- ❑ Development of vaccines, completion of trials and approval
- ❑ Scale-up of global manufacturing capacity
- ❑ Huge Financing need for the purchase and deployment of the vaccines
- ❑ Shipping and transportation: mRNA type requires “UltraCold -80°C ” (not yet in place even for OECD countries)
- ❑ Country level Cold Chain and distribution logistics management
- ❑ Equitable distribution and Identification of priority groups: e.g. people with co-morbidities
- ❑ Country vaccination capacity constraint: “army of vaccinators”
- ❑ Public acceptance and risk communication: resistance and misinformation
- ❑ Medical care waste management: significant medical waste, inside and outside facilities
- ❑ IT for Monitoring and Reporting to monitor temperature, coverage, side effects etc,



# VACCINATION PROGRESS IN INDONESIA



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- Indonesia was **amongst the first countries globally to announce free vaccines to its entire adult population** in December 2020, and had already secured supplies for a large part of its vaccine needs by December 2020, ahead of most other countries.
- Since June 2021, Indonesia has expanded the free coverage to the 12 – 17-year-old population group. A total of **208 million beneficiaries** will now receive free vaccines by early 2022.
- The government's cumulative allocation for COVID-19 response by the health sector, including vaccination, has exceeded **US\$ 14.9 billion** for 2020 and 2021.
- Having secured its supplies ahead of most other countries, **Indonesia has not been held back by global vaccine supply constraints**. Vaccine arrivals into Indonesia (in pre-packaged as well as bulk form) as of Sep 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 amounted to **239 million doses**, sufficient for about 60 percent of total needs. This is further expected to accelerate in the next 3 months.
- On 31st August 2021, an important milestone was achieved. Indonesia administered its 100 millionth dose- and is now vaccinating well over 1 million doses each day in September 2021. It is the seventh country globally to achieve this milestone of 100m doses.



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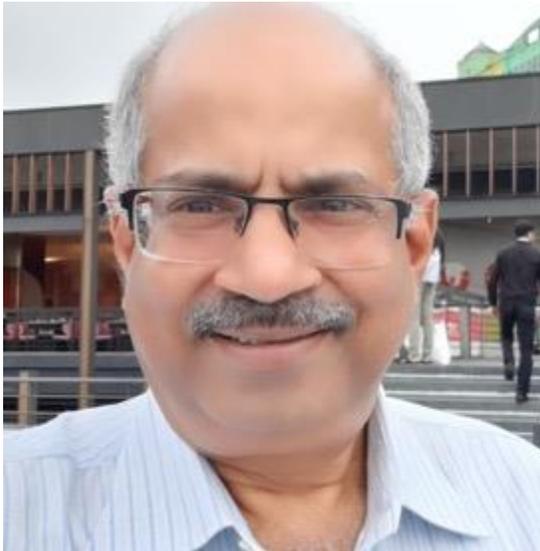




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# Sustainable and equitable access to vaccines: Establishing priorities and setting policies in the South East Asian region- India example



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## Current status of the India with regards to vaccination

- India has administered 1,00,59,04,580 doses of vaccines by Oct 22
- 709,386,804 first doses (73.5 % of eligible population) and 296,517,776 second doses. 30% of eligible population are fully vaccinated
- India population on Oct 22 at 6:00 pm was 1,398,037,945 with about 960,000,000 are eligible for vaccination
- Covishield (SII), Covaxin (Bharat Biotech), Sputnik-V (Gamelia), ZyCoV-D (Zydus), AZD1222 (AZ/Oxford), Moderna and Janssen are approved

# India's strengths and priorities with regards to vaccination equity, access, and sustainability



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- First vaccine was given on Jan 16 and 1 billion doses were given in 280 days, largest vaccination drive in the entire world.
- Most vaccine doses administered were manufactured in India
- The drive could be sustained due to large manufacturing capacities, 244, 300 Covid vaccination centres (public and private) and 200,000 vaccinators (HCW) and 390,000 supporting team members
- Drones were employed to ferry vaccines to inaccessible areas
- India provided 66.37 million doses to 95 countries as gift/supply agreements with vaccine manufacturers/for COVAX project

# India's weaknesses and challenges with regards to vaccination equity, access, and sustainability



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- Still 70 million adults in the vulnerable age group of > 45 y not received even a single dose of Vaccine
- Lower % of women (47.5 vs 52.5 % males) vaccinated particularly in rural areas due to vaccine hesitancy.
- Monitoring of Adverse events after vaccination was not adequate
- Greater proportion of urban population is vaccinated relative to rural population.
- 900 million doses yet to be given to fully vaccinate all eligible population
- Very few pharmacists were employed as vaccinators and no community pharmacy was involved as a Covid vaccination centre

## Policy Changes needed

- Community pharmacists to be deployed as vaccinators
- Competency-development for community pharmacists to be certified as immunization experts to procure, store, administer and monitor after effects of Vaccinations
- Community pharmacies to be developed as recognised vaccination centres all over the country
- Future vaccination drives to be implemented through community pharmacies



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# *Discussion Agenda*

- Introduction of Nepal and Background of Vaccination Program in Nepal
- Current status of the country with regards to vaccination
- Country's strengths and priorities with regards to vaccination equity, access, and sustainability
- Success story.
- Weaknesses and challenges with regards to vaccination equity, access, and sustainability
- ONE policy change that can take place today within your region's healthcare system that can increase access to vaccination and help achieve equity



## *Introduction of Nepal and background of vaccination program in Nepal*

- Federal Democratic Nepal is a land locked country, which covers **147,847** square km and total population are **30,200,000**.
- Birth cohort is **621,000**
- Immunization Program was started from **1979** after the declaration of Smallpox eradication.
- Only three antigens were introduced at the lanching period in three districts.
- Expanded Program of Immunization was a vertical projects which had led the responsibilities for vaccination .



## *Current status of country vaccination*

- Nepal is providing 12 antigens to all target groups
- They are; BCG, DPT-HepB-Hib, bOPV, IPV, PCV, ROTA, MR, JE, Td
- About 17,000 immunization sessions are conducting in each month
- Fixed, out reach and mobile immunization clinics are in practice.
- There are four tire system to distribute the vaccines-central, provincial, districts and local level.
- Cold chain equipment and mode of transportation are different for different level. We store vaccine in WIC and WIF are in Central and provincial level and ILR in districts and health facility level



# *Strength and priorities to vaccination equity accesses and sustainability*

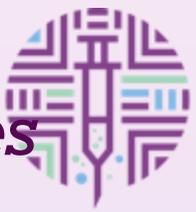
- Provision in present Constitution of Nepal 2015
- Fundamental right
- Free supply
- Using WHO PQS CCEs to store the vaccines and following EVM SOP
- Vaccines are providing as per session per vial system
- Immunization Act
- Fund for immunization has established
- Out reach and mobile immunization session
- Hard to reach area – search and vaccination
- FCHV at community level



## *Success stories*

- Eradication of Small pox
- Decrease child mortality and morbidity rate
- Control of neonatal and maternal death
- Zero reporting of Polio and in-process to eradicate polio
- Controlled Japanese Encephalitis
- From 2018 control of Congenital Rubella Syndrome
- Nepal Declare 66 districts as full Immunization districts
- Introduction of new vaccines in coming day like Typhoid , HPV in routine immunization program, covid-19 vaccine.
- Target to elimination of MR from the country with 2023
- Controlled Hepatitis B from 2019

# *Weakness and challenges with regard to vaccination equity, accesses and sustainability*

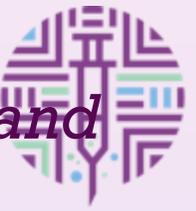


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- Limited infrastructure-available warehouse are old with low space
- Limited cold chain equipment for new antigens in all level
- HR management for vaccination a) old organogram b) heavy load in work place c) vaccinator – old aged d) cold chain management
- Difficulties to reach at vaccination center due to complicated geographical situation
- Migration – a) seasonal b) temporary – access c) Rural to urban
- Private Health institutions GoN
- Recording and reporting
- Increasing no of antigens



## *Policy change in healthcare system that can increase accesses to vaccination and help achieve equity*

- We have to change the policy for cold chain and vaccine management strategy policy as per the constitution of Nepal or federal system.
- Renovation and reconstruction of warehouse for new cold rooms
- Replacement of the old cold chain equipment to maintain of quality of vaccines
- Restructuring the existing organogram for the cold chain and vaccine management as well as vaccinator to maintain the quality of vaccine for immunization with minimizing AEFI
- Real time data regarding equipment and vaccine logistics and vaccination recoding and reporting
- Effective communication through national as well as local media and other communication center

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