

REPORT on The Gap III consultation , WHO HQ Geneva

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Main themes discussed

- Seasonal Influenza Vaccination
- Vaccine production capacity
- Vaccine availability in a pandemic situation
- Research and development for better influenza vaccines
- Other needs related to Influenza vaccination



Day 1

- Marie-Paule Kienny: Introduction and Chair
- Flu associated in 10% of respiratory infections of the child
- 150,000 to 500,000 deaths yearly for Flu
- RSV and Influenza burden for < 5 years need to be established
- Communication :
 - Need people to demand vaccination
 - Cooperation, collaboration , connectivity associated
 - Brain activation: Higher immunity !
 - Make people receptive, anger people are not !
 - Not talk at but talk with !

Needs for technology transfer for sustained production of vaccines



Day 2

- Compare efficacy of adjuvant vaccine in children versus no adjuvanted ones
- LAIV for ages 2-17 : variability of protection, needs to be assessed
- Case definitions can change results of burden studies disease





Day 3

- Summary discussions
- Brainstorming of presents on the 5 themes
- Recommendations for the final draft



Main recommendations suggested

Theme 1:

- Training on communication in the field adapted to the country context and including broad stakeholders
- Explore social media for promoting vaccination
- Support to generate country specific estimates of disease and economic burden

Theme 2:

- Continue to support manufacturers (Vacsera Egypt for our region, Morocco first steps) establishing production capacity so this can be sustained
- Encourage WHO pre qualified manufacturers to continue and increase their capacity
- Regulatory capacities and promoting flexibility for vaccine production to be reinforced
- Reduce time to produce vaccines

Theme 3:

- Rapid production of vaccines from starting of a pandemic should be a priority
- Sanofi Pasteur engagement to sell 7,5% of production at low price to emerging countries and 7,5% production to be free delivered to poor countries was enlightened

Theme 4:

- WHO should identify opportunities for expansion of the types of influenza viruses that are available
- Immunologic studies should be conducted the next 5 years