Advocating New Vaccines into the National Immunization Program, Philippine Experience and Best Practices

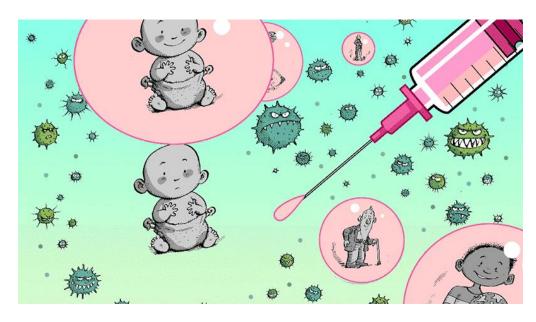
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PIDSP-Fondation Merieux Vaccinology Course 1 Dec 2022

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UNDERTAKEN RESEARCHES AS GRANTS FOR
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 IN THE LAST10 YEARS

Vaccination is a powerful method of disease prevention



"Apart from the provision of clean water, vaccines have had a more profound effect on world health, especially of children, than any other public health measure"

- Richard Moxon
Emeritus Professor of Paediatrics, University of Oxford, UK

Vaccines help prevent

30+

infectious diseases worldwide

2 to 3 million

estimated lives are saved worldwide each year through vaccination

Every dollar spent on childhood immunizations yields \$44 in economic benefits¹

¹Ozawa et al. N Fngl I Med 2021: 384:393-396

ADVOCACY IN ACTION: PNEUMOCOCCUS AND

ROTAVIRUS

Asian Strategic Alliance for Pneumococcal Disease Prevention (ASAP) Launched in 2007 at IVI, Korea during the Int PCV mtg



India Indonesia Korea Malaysia Macau Pakistan Philippines Singapore

Sri Lanka Taiwan Thailand Cambodia China

Hong Kong

FIRST ASIAN VACCINE CONFERENCE: SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA- AUGUST 2009



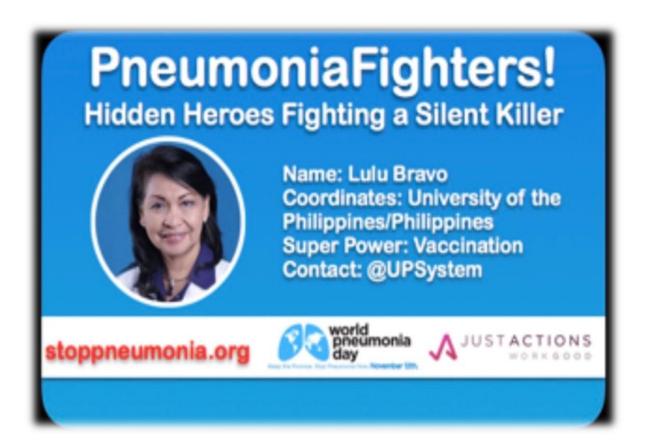
COMMITTING TO CHILD PROTECTION THROUGH IMMUNIZATION - WSPID, IPA, APPA PRESIDENTS

Partners in Support of PACE's Global Call to Action on Pneumococcal Disease Prevention



ADVOCACY IN ACTION: PNEUMONIA PREVENTION







January 10, 2012

The Philippines will begin vaccinating children against rotavirus in 2012

First Southeast Asian nation to implement WHO 2009 recommendation

Another rotavirus vaccine milestone was reached today, as the Philippines became the first country in Southeast Asia to implement the World Health Organization's (WHO) recommendation to introduce life-saving rotavirus vaccines through its national immunization program. Rotavirus diarrhea exacts an enormous toll on the health of young Filipino children and the nation's healthcare resources:

- An estimated 3,500 children under age five die from rotavirus diarrhea annually (12% of all diarrheal deaths).
- 77% of children are infected with severe rotavirus before their second birthday.
- 31% of young child diarrhea-related hospitalizations are due to rotavirus.
- 30% of young child diarrhea-related emergency room visits are due to rotavirus.





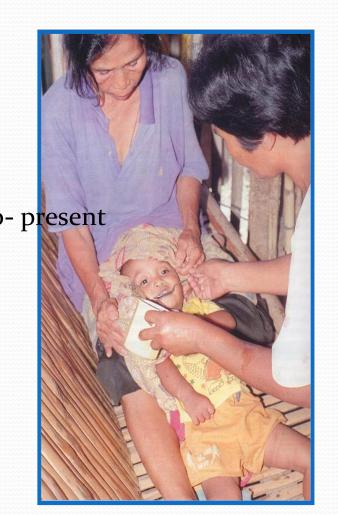


THE PHILIPPINE EXPERIENCE 1985-2012 and beyond...

CHILD ADVOCACY - 1985-present CDD / IMCI Program with WHO APMC (Pre-service Training) Media Networking

PUBLIC – PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (PPP) 2000- present DOH and PFV and Other Medical Societies Advocacy Training Regional and District Training

LEGISLATION 2007-2011
Position Papers
Congressional Hearings



"SAVE THE CHILDREN ..



ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Increase Awareness of Diarrheal problem through Effective Communication to Target audiences :

- a. Parents
- b. Health care workers
- c. Policy-makers or Key Opinion Leaders

Advocate for Inclusion of Rotavirus vaccination in the national immunization program (NIP)

- a. Engage Other Stakeholders
- b. Include in the Legislative Agenda



Rota Council Members and **Dr.Ciro de Quadros**







Lulu C. Bravo

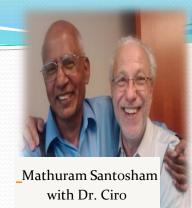


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The Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) identified 5 factors to achieving significant results in immunization coverage:

- Quality and use of data
- Community involvement
- Better access to immunization services for marginalized and displaced populations
- Strong health systems
- Access to vaccines in all places at all times

Decade of Vaccines 2010-2020 WHO REPORT

Report on the global immunization vision and strategy (2020)

Increase in immunization coverage

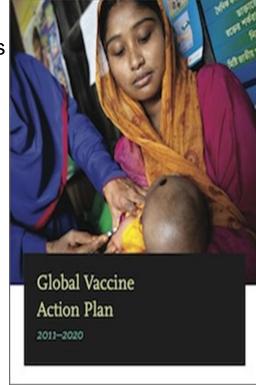
Reduction in vaccine-preventable deaths

Implementing advocacy events such as the regional immunization weeks.

Several challenges remain:

Mobilizing more resources to strengthen national immunization programs
Ensuring a balanced approach in strengthening immunization systems
Introducing new vaccines

Preventing a resurgence of measles through high vaccination coverage Facilitating vaccine technology transfer to developing countries



Vision:

"a world in which all individuals and communities enjoy lives free from vaccine-preventable diseases"





Member States commend WHO's leadership and collaboration with UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and other partners on the Decade of Vaccines –

Introduction of new or under-utilized vaccines

• In 2015

Target: At least 90 low- or middle-income countries to have introduced 1 or more new or underutilized vaccines –

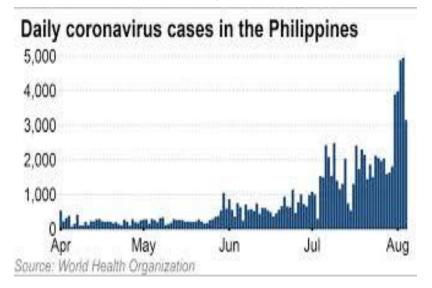
ON TRACK and then ...

COVID19 STRUCK in 2020!!!

The world experienced COVID disruptions especially in routine vaccinations, demand, supply, and workforce.

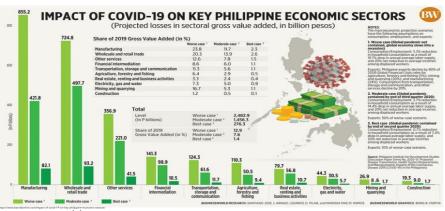
Nearly 70% of the countries experienced disruption in health services.

COVID 19's Impact on Health and Economy





47% of Metro Manila
respondents undecided on
COVID-19 vaccine - survey



https://www.bworldonline.com/impact-of-covid-19-on-key-philippine-economic-sectors/

- Loss of lives
- Loss of jobs -Economic breakdown and Disaster
- Multi-Agency and inter-agency failure leading to total System collapse (without any intervention)

ness world



- WHO Southeast Asian and Eastern Mediterranean Regions most affected

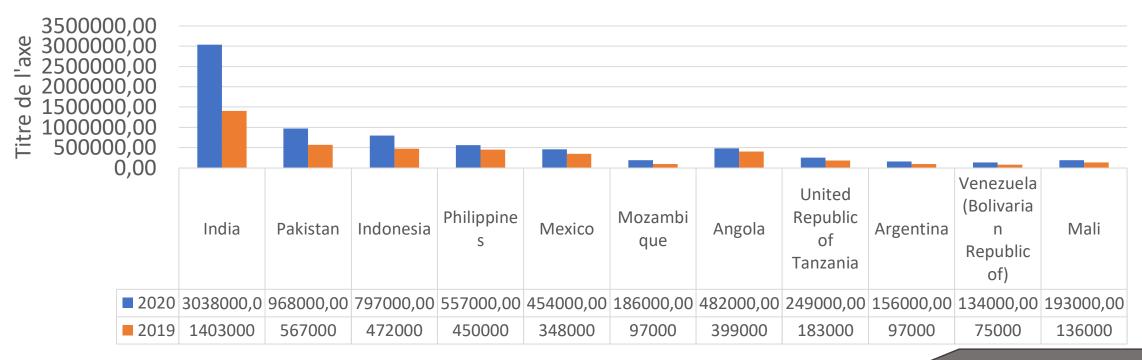
"Even before the pandemic, there were worrying signs that we were beginning to lose ground in the fight to immunize children against preventable child illness, including with the widespread measles outbreaks two years ago. The pandemic has made a bad situation worse. With the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines at the forefront of everyone's minds, we must remember that vaccine distribution has always been inequitable, but it does not have to be."

Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director

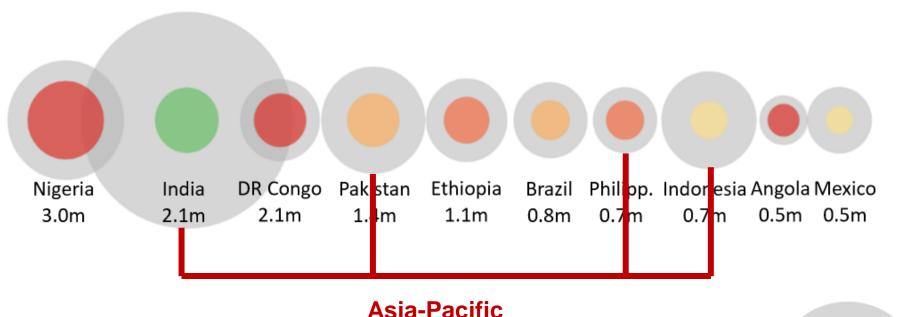


23 million children missed out on basic vaccines through routine immunization services in 2020-3.7 million more than in 2019 - by WHO and UNICEF 15 July 2021

Countries with the greatest increase in children not receiving a first dose of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis combined vaccine (DTP-1)



Just 10 countries account for 62% of unprotected children



Region = 4.9 M

Curviving Infanta



coverage.

Countries with most

unprotected children

includes some countries with

large birth cohorts, and other countries with substantially lower

increasing share of this list.

10 countries account for 12.2 of the 20 million under and un vaccinated children in the world (62%). This list

moderate or high coverage and very

Middle income countries occupy an

Un-or under vaccination and lack of

protection is measured through the lack



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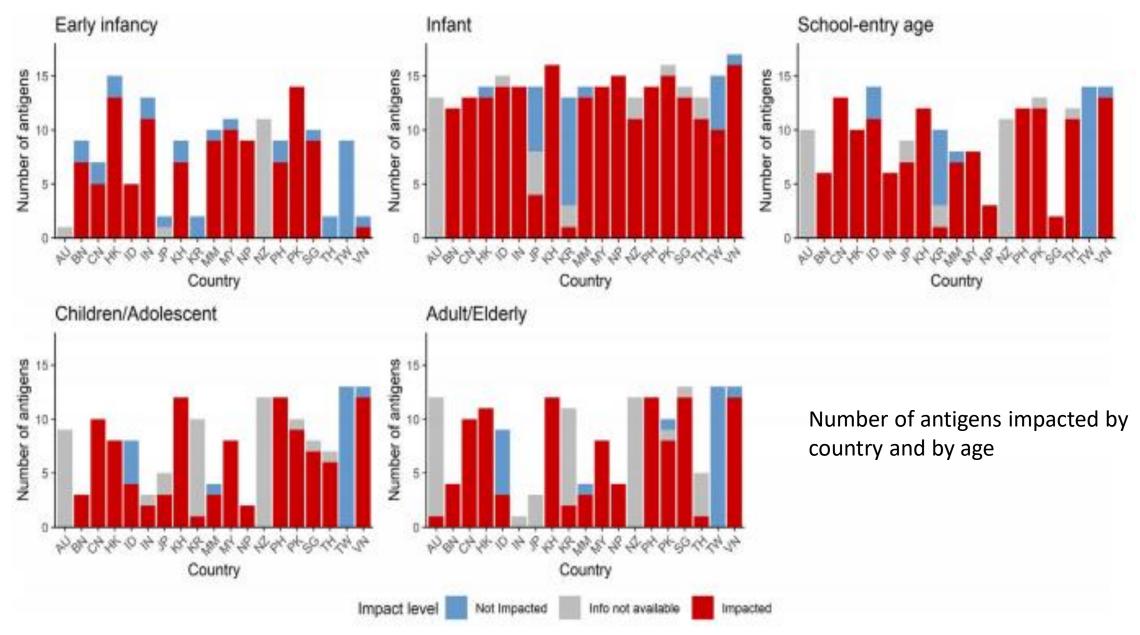
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80-89% 90-94% ≥95%

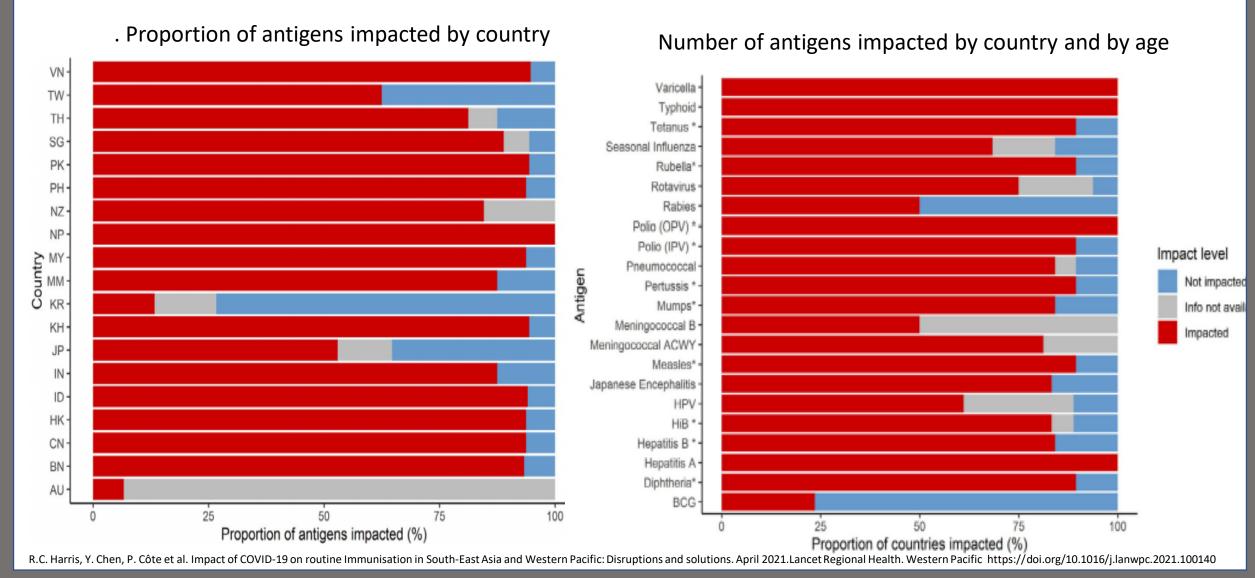
70-79%

60-69%

<60%



Impact of COVID-19 on routine immunization in South-East Asia and Western Pacific



Immunization Coverage WHO key facts

- Global coverage dropped from 86% in 2019 to 83% in 2020
- An estimated 23 million children under the age of one year did not receive basic vaccines, which is the highest number since 2009
- In 2020, the number of completely unvaccinated children increased by 3.4 million.
- Only 19 vaccine introductions were reported in 2020, less than half of any year in the past two decades.
- 1.6 million more girls were not fully protected against human papillomavirus (HPV) in 2020, compared to the previous year



Reasons for Disruptions in Immunization

- 1. Fear of Infection
- 2. Travel Restriction
- 3. Health Care Accessibility
- 4. Change in Priorities
- 5. Lack of Government guidelines on catch-up immunization
- 6. Government deprioritization of the vaccines
- 7. Public's Lack of awareness
- 8. Supply Chain Disruption
- 9. Affordability Issues

R.C. Harris, Y. Chen, P. Côte et al.

The Lancet Regional Health - Western Pacific 10 (2021) 10



Impact of COVID-19 on Immunization Programs Among Different Asian **Countries**

Major Impacts on Vaccination

COVID-19 caused a decrease in vaccination coverage

















Able to rebound with vaccination coverage after the quarantine









Myanmar



More vaccines became available to the public through the NIP



COVID-19 had no effect in the implementation of immunization program



Hong Kong





LIVING with COVID19

Decline in Vaccine Coverage

- → ¹ Susceptible Population
- Recurrence of COVID19



covid 19 exposed the vulnerabilities in the immunization system

- 23 million children unimmunized or underimmunized in 2020.
- coverage was uneven
- low- and middle-income countries suffered larger setbacks than other countries
- Inequity in access to vaccine supply has been greatest for COVID-19 vaccines.

Dengvaxia by Sanofi

- Approved by FDA in December 2015
- "Major milestone" and a "critical addition to the continuous efforts on global dengue prevention" -Philippine Foundation for Vaccination (2015)



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Dramatic drop in public confidence after Philippines dengue vaccine controversy

12 Oct, 2018

, Source: 🗷









Videos

Trust in vaccines: "Vaccines are the most tested type of medicine

available"

Emilie Karafillakis, research fellow for the Vaccine Confidence Project, speaks to that is rising throughout



2 dead due to Dengvaxia vaccine: PAO

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan



December 19, 2017, 4:52 pm

The Philippines' highly politicised response to newly-reported risks of a dengue vaccine led to a dramatic drop in public trust in vaccines overall, in new research published in Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics.

Inconsistency confused the public



No confirmed death directly caused by Dengvaxia — DOH

By: DJ Yap - Reporter / @deejayapINQ Philippine Daily Inquirer / 05:37 AM January 16, 2019



No death has been confirmed to be directly attributable to the Dengvaxia dengue vaccine, officials of the Department of Health (DOH) told senators on Tuesday.

Upon questioning by Sen. Panfilo Lacson during Senate plenary debates on the DOH budget, Sen. JV Ejercito, who was sponsoring and defending the budget as chair of the Senate health panel, said there had been no confirmed cases of Dengvaxia-caused deaths despite outcry from the Public Attorney's Office (PAO).



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DOH demands full refund from Sanofi over **Dengvaxia vaccine**

DOH Secretary Francisco Duque III says they now want a full refund 'because the purported... protection [of Dengvaxia] wasn't felt and wasn't there'



Mara Cepeda

Published 6:33 PM, January 29, Updated 9:12 PM, January 29,











DENGVAXIA. The world's first anti-dengue vaccine was administered to Filipino grade-schoolers under the government's school-based dengue immunization program. File photo by Joel Liporada/Rapplei

Effect of the vaccine controversy...



Parents were not informed of vaccine's adverse effects — expert





Updated February 22, 2018, 7:24 AM

By Honnah L. Torregoza

One of the medical experts, who advised former Health Secretary Janette Garin to pursue the anti-dengue immunization program during the Aquino administration, on Wednesday said the government did not follow her recommendation to inform parents of the adverse effects of the Dengvaxia vaccine.



Pictures of two children who died after receiving Dengvaxia shots frame a grieving relative during the Senate hearing on the controversial dengue vaccine Wednesday. (Czar Dancel / MANILA BULLETIN)

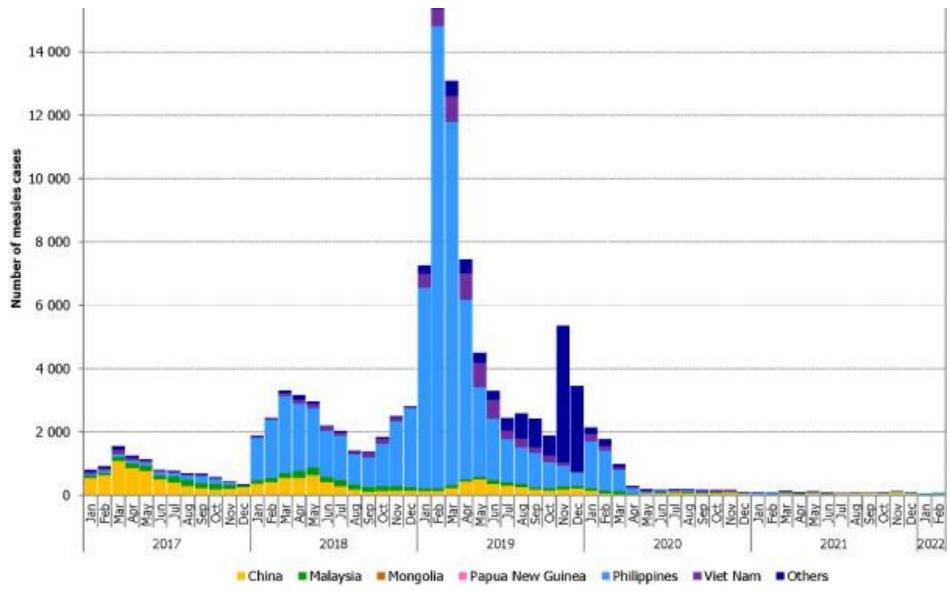
Dramatic drop in vaccine confidence in the Philippines

Amidst the noise, controversy, and complacency, the value of vaccination got lost...









Total (confirmed and compatible) measles cases by selected country and month of rash onset, WHO Western Pacific Region, 2017–2022 (as of 20 March 2022)

Measles cases up 200% this year in the Philippines

by NEWS DESK

(C) October 25, 2022



NewsDesk @bactiman63

Philippines health officials report a 203 percent increase in measles cases in 2022. From January 1 to October 8, 467 cumulative measles cases have been reported.



Measles/CDC

The regions reporting the most measles cases include Calabarzon (84), COULD ALSO FOREWARN Central Visayas (63) and Metro Manila (53).

This compares with 154 cases reported during the same period in 2021. OUTBREAKS OF MEASLES OUTBREAKS OF OTHER DISEASES THAT DO NOT SPREAD AS RAPIDLY."

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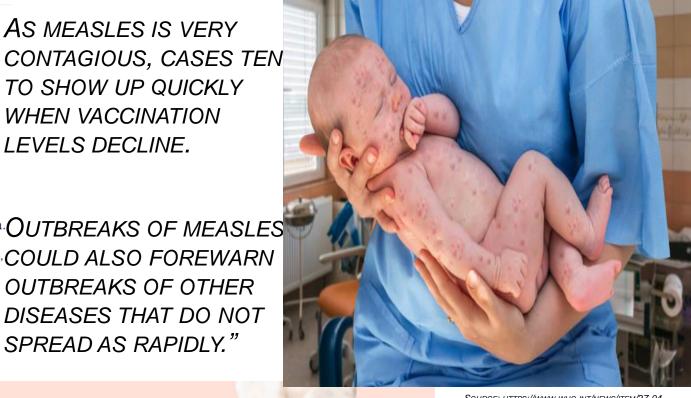
TO SHOW UP QUICKLY

WHEN VACCINATION

LEVELS DECLINE.

"REPORTED WORLDWIDE MEASLES CASES INCREASED BY **79%** IN THE FIRST 2 MONTHS OF 2022, COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD IN 2021

AS WHO AND UNICEF WARN CONDITIONS RIPE FOR SERIOUS OUTBREAKS OF VACCINE-PREVENTABLE **ILLNESSES**"



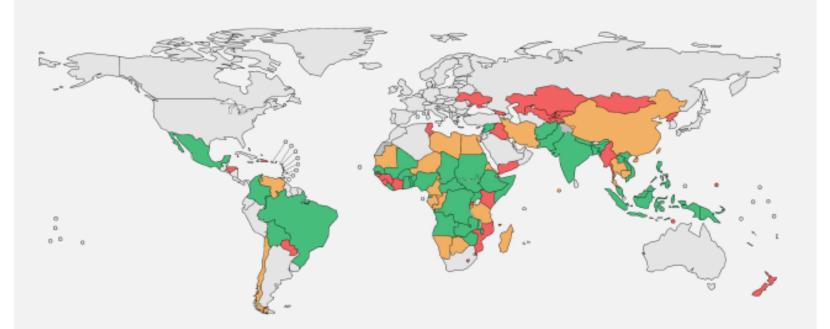
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FAKE NEWS

VACCINES CAUSE AUTISM



- NATURAL IMMUNITY IS BETTER THAN VACCINE INDUCED IMMUNITY
- VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES ARE NOT LIFE THREATENING/ SERIOUS



- Countries with at least one VPD immunization campaign reinstated (38 countries)
- Countries with at least one VPD immunization campaign postponed (fully or partially) (47 countries)
- Countries with planned campaigns with status 'might postpone', 'postponed - other reasons', 'unknown' and 'on track' (22 countries)
- Countries with no campaign
- Not applicable



Map production: Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals (IVB), World Health Organization (WHO)

Data source: WHO/IVB Repository, 1st July 2021

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Vaccine Campaigns are key to Vaccine Coverage

- 38 countries reinstated at least one campaign by July 1st, 2021
- In 2021, more countries were able to reinstate a supplementary immunization activity.
- 57 campaigns (24 in AFR) in 47 countries were still postponed by July 2021 (including some that were scheduled in 2021).

"Now is the moment to get essential immunization back on track and launch catch-up campaigns so that everybody can have access to these life-saving vaccines."

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization.



"Routine and catch-up campaigns are needed

So as not to repeat the outbreaks of 2017–2019,

-over 115 000 cases of measles

- 41 deaths in the country – the highest incidence in Europe."



Key Point: Coverage at or above 95% with 2 doses of the safe and effective measles vaccine can protect children against measles.

COVID-19 pandemic related disruptions should be addressed by each country as a national immunization strategy (NIS)



"As of 1 April 2022,

57 vaccine-preventable disease campaigns in 43 countries since start of the pandemic are still postponed,

- impacting 203 million people, most of whom are children.

19 are measles campaigns, and put 73 million children at risk of measles due to missed vaccinations."

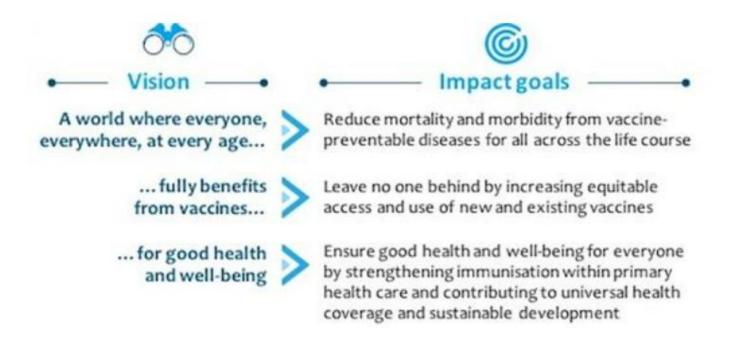


Threats

 Vaccine hesitancy affects the implementation of DOH's health reform agenda, such as the Universal Health Care Act

- Budget for **prevention** may be **diverted** to **treatment** of supposedly vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles, polio, & dengue

IMMUNIZATION AGENDA 2030: A GLOBAL STRATEGY TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND



"IA2030 has been developed through a "bottom-up" co-creation process, with close engagement of countries to ensure that the vision, strategic priorities and goals are aligned with country needs.

As an adaptive and flexible strategy, the IA2030 framework is designed to be tailored by countries to their local context, and to be revised throughout the decade as new needs and challenges emerge."

IMMUNIZATION AGENDA 2030: A GLOBAL STRATEGY TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

Core principles

The IA 2030 strategy—to extend the benefits of vaccines to everyone, everywhere—is underpinned by four core principles: it puts **people** in the centre, is led by **countries**, implemented through broad **partnerships**, and driven by **data**. The IA2030 strategy systematically applies the core principles across each of the strategic priorities.



People-Focused



Country-Owned



Partnership-Based

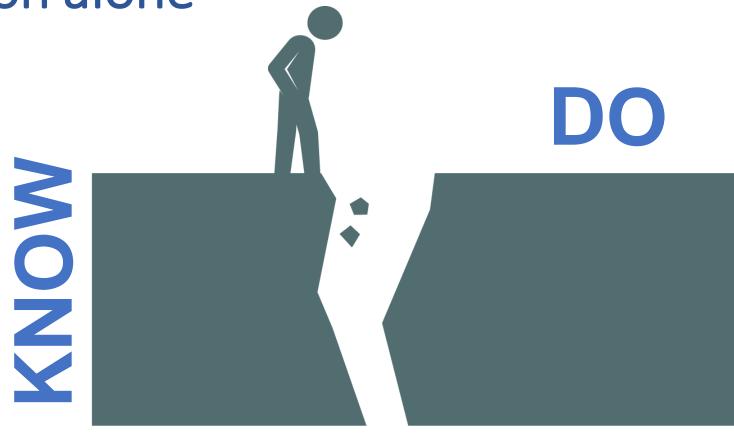


Data-Enabled

Source: WHO https://www.who.int

Vaccine confidence cannot be increased by

facts and education alone



The path towards the success of the COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines depend on vaccine confidence. Vaccine confidence now depends on effective communication and careful planning.



Talk about VACCINE SAFETY clearly





Keep your key message clear and simple



Develop a plan



Know your target audience: What questions do they have?



Understand the media's perspective

EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN IMMUNIZATION SYSTEMS:

- Restoring services and vaccination campaigns
- ✓ Helping health workers and community leaders communicate actively
- ✓ Rectifying gaps in immunization coverage, including identifying communities and people who have been missed during the pandemic;
- ✓ Ensuring that COVID-19 vaccine delivery is independently financed and well-integrated into overall planning for immunization services
- ✓ implementing country plans to prevent and respond to outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases and strengthening immunization systems as part of COVID-19 recovery efforts.

FORGING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

"WE MUST SUPPORT THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT IN ITS GOAL TO RESTORE AND INCREASE VACCINE CONFIDENCE TOGETHER WITH OTHER GOVT AGENCIES AND PRIVATE SECTOR"































Goal: Restore public trust, confidence and acceptance on vaccination, healthcare workers and institutions

of vaccination and the consequences of non-vaccination to individuals, families, tourism, security and economy

Heighten understanding about the safety and efficacy of vaccines including those in national vaccine programs

Increase appreciation for vaccination, the scientists and the people behind vaccination while dispelling myths in the process

Gathering Experts to be Involved Who Would Respond with: Transparency, Empathy, Equity, Equality, Timeliness, Honesty and Confidence





Health Technology Assessment Council (HTAC)



National Immunization Technical Advisory Group (iNITAG)



Technical Advisory Group (TAG)



Vaccine Expert Panel

(VEP)

The All Expert Groups on

COVID-19 Vaccines



National Adverse Events
Following
Immunization
Committee (NAEFIC)





Vaccination Matters!

- Positively shape public perception on the benefits of immunization against the risks
- Increase awareness on the burden of diseases in life and economy
- Dispel myths and rumors on immunization Ask the EXPERTS (The Reliable Sources)!



"Life or death for a young child too often depends on whether he is born in a country where vaccines are available or not"

- Nelson Mandela Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, 1993

Thank you!

