

INTRODUCING PCV AND ROTAVIRUS VACCINE

Workshop to Accelerate Introduction of Lifesaving Vaccines for Children

EVENT DESCRIPTION

The governments of **Chad, Guinea, Somalia, and South Sudan** are committed to introduce two life-saving vaccines for children: the Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) and Rotavirus vaccine.

When introduced and scaled-up, these vaccines will have the potential to save lives of approximately 60,000 children under 5 years of age and avert around 2.4 million cases of severe pneumonia, meningitis, and diarrhea across the four countries cumulatively from 2024 to 2030*, significantly advancing each country's progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal for child survival.

To ensure the four governments receive necessary support towards introducing PCV and Rotavirus vaccine, **the Mériex Foundation, Every Breath Counts, Save the Children, the Malaria Consortium, and the International Vaccine Access Center (IVAC)**, are bringing together national, regional, and international stakeholders to address challenges and explore solutions to introduction and scale-up.

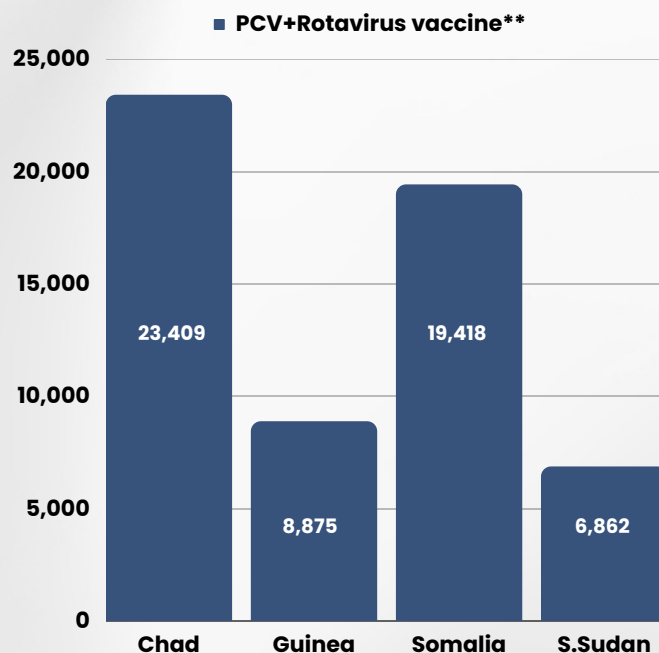
During this workshop, the four health ministries will share their plans for PCV and Rotavirus vaccine introduction, addressing issues of financing, vaccine procurement and delivery infrastructure, public messaging, healthcare workforce capacity, safety monitoring, and caregiver behaviors.

Regional and international health and development agencies will discuss **the latest epidemiological evidence, lives saved analysis, financing options, Gavi application support, and best practices** taking into account the unique challenges of fragile and conflict-affected countries for the successful introduction and sustained high coverage of PCV and Rotavirus vaccine.

*This estimate does not include the lives saved from catch-up campaigns for children 1-4 years.



Potential Lives Saved of Children from 2024-2030 with PCV+ Rotavirus vaccine



**PCV: pneumococcal conjugate vaccine 3 doses

**Rotavirus vaccine: 2 or 3 doses (as per the manufacturer's schedule)

Source: The Lives Saved Tool (LiST) estimates the impact of scaling up global health interventions in low- and middle-income countries. LiST was developed by the Institute for International Programs at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. To learn more about LiST, visit LivesSavedTool.org.



This is an invite-only, in-person workshop with no virtual access. French/English Interpretation available.



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