



IMMUNIZATION: SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S AND WOMEN'S LIVES FOR A HEALTHIER AND SAFER WORLD

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USAID's immunization programs are at the forefront of saving lives around the world, stopping the spread of vaccine-preventable infectious diseases, and helping communities thrive. These programs are an essential component of USAID's support for partner countries to progress toward Sustainable Development Goal 3.2, ending preventable newborn and child mortality.

USAID's technical leadership helps to shape global policies and strategies for immunization, while our partnerships empower communities to co-create and implement their own solutions to immunization challenges. Through these innovative programs, USAID is helping to reduce gaps in vaccination coverage; reduce the numbers of under-immunized (children who have not received the full series of vaccinations recommended for their age) and zero-dose children (children who have never received vaccines before); fulfill essential services in delivering primary health care; and strengthen pandemic preparedness and response.



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INCOME COUNTRIES
SAVES LIVES
AND PREVENTS
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OF \$26 USD.**



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PRIORITIZING COVERAGE, QUALITY, AND ACCESS

Not every child has access to the vaccines that can help them survive and thrive. In 2022, an estimated 20.5 million children missed out on one or more vaccines delivered through routine immunization services. USAID works to eliminate disparities in access to immunization services, improve quality of service experience, and strengthen national routine immunization systems in order to reach all children.

Our programs increasingly operate through local partners with the credibility and understanding of their communities to define priorities in local immunization programming. As an example, our flagship immunization project works with 35 local implementing partner organizations in seven countries. These partners can carry out tailored solutions to reach zero-dose and under-immunized children. Approaches such as these are critical to reducing gaps in vaccination coverage and regaining ground lost in the COVID-19 pandemic for routine immunizations.

DELIVERING GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION

USAID's longstanding commitment to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, membership in the Immunization Agenda 2030 Working Groups, and contribution to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative all help to shape global policies and priorities in immunization programming. Our learning agenda helps create a pipeline to apply new research and innovation for what works in immunization programs, science, and practice. Our programs adapt to science and global policy when new, game-changing vaccines are introduced, such as for malaria, COVID-19, or the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to prevent cervical cancer. By expanding the use of digital tools like electronic vaccination records, interoperable data management systems, and geospatial mapping, we are strategically directing programs to efficiently deliver services where they are most needed.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

In addition to our global partnerships, USAID directly supports governments and partner organizations around the world to equitably reach their targets for immunization coverage while ensuring that every child is vaccinated. USAID works with partners to support countries to remove barriers in access to quality immunization services, adapt programs, and strengthen local decision-making. By addressing misinformation about vaccines through our partnerships, networks, and local community partners, our programs boost demand for vaccines and other essential services. As a key component of primary health care and an entry point into health care services, our immunization programming also builds resilient health systems. These investments not only provide lifesaving services to communities right now but help to strengthen health security and pandemic preparedness for the future.



IN THE LAST YEAR, USAID HAS REACHED IMMUNIZATION PROFESSIONALS FROM NEARLY 60 COUNTRIES WITH ONLINE TRAINING TO RECOGNIZE BARRIERS AND PLAN RESPONSIVE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS.



USAID HAS WORKED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GAVI, THE VACCINE ALLIANCE, SINCE 2001, CONTRIBUTING TO THE VACCINATION OF OVER ONE BILLION CHILDREN.



FROM 2012-2020, USAID'S 25 PRIORITY COUNTRIES FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH INCREASED COVERAGE OF THE MEASLES VACCINE AT AGE ONE YEAR BY 12%.