

## Immunization Agenda 2030

The UN agencies like WHO and UNICEF, with the support of countries and partners, have endorsed a new global vision and strategy, called the Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030), to address the challenges with immunization and vaccines over the next decade and save over 50 million lives.

During World Immunization Week 2021, the United Nations and its various agencies had launched IA2030 with an aim to achieve the UN-mandated Sustainable Development Goals, specifically SDG 3 i.e. Good Health and Well being.

The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded the world of the power of vaccines to fight disease, save lives, and create a healthier, safer, and more prosperous future. Moving forward, strong immunization systems will be needed to ensure that people everywhere are protected against COVID-19 and other diseases.

### Immunization Agenda 2030 - A Global Strategy to leave no one behind

- **Goal:** It envisions a world where everyone, everywhere, at every age, fully benefits from vaccines to improve health and well-being. It aims to maintain hard-won gains in immunization, recover from the disruptions caused by COVID-19, and achieve even more – by leaving no one behind, in any situation or at any stage of life.
- The IA2030 strategy is underpinned by **four core principles**:
  - **People-focussed** - The design, management and delivery of immunization services should be shaped by and responsive to the needs of individuals and communities, including addressing barriers to access to immunization services due to age, location, social and cultural norms and gender-related factors
  - **Country-owned** - Countries should establish targets that represent the local context and should be held accountable for achieving them
  - **Partnership-based** - Immunization partners should align and coordinate their actions to increase efficiency, build on complementarity and involve sectors beyond immunization for mutual benefit
  - **Data-enabled** - High-quality, “fit-for-purpose” data will be used to track progress, improve programme performance and form the basis of decision making at all levels
- **IA2030** has been **adapted from the learnings of the Global Vaccine Action plan (GVAP 2011-2020)** that was developed to help realize the vision of the Decade of Vaccines

#### About World Immunization Week

World Immunization Week is celebrated in the last week of April every year. It aims to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease.

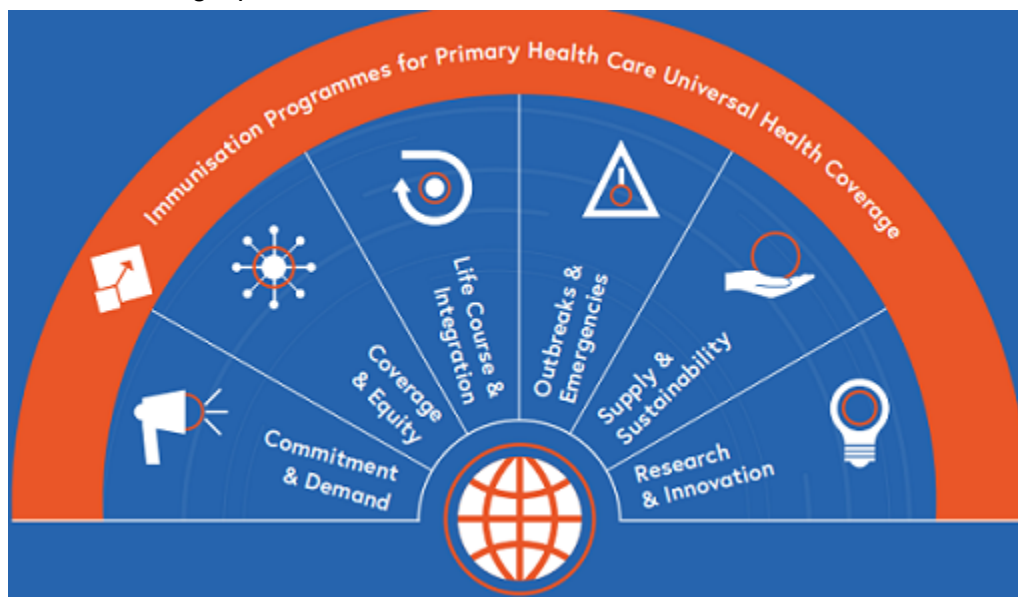
#### World Immunization Week 2021

- Celebrated between April 24th and April 30th

- The theme for the week was “Vaccines bring us closer”
- It will show how vaccination connects us to the people, goals and moments that matter to us most, helping improve the health of everyone, everywhere throughout life
- As part of the 2021 campaign, WHO, partners and individuals around the world will unite to:
  - Increase trust and confidence in vaccines to maintain or increase vaccine acceptance
  - Increase investment in vaccines, including routine immunization, to remove barriers to access

## IA2030 - 7 Strategic Priorities

It is based on a conceptual framework of seven strategic priorities, to ensure that immunization fully contributes to stronger primary health care and attainment of universal health coverage. Discussed below are the seven strategic priorities:



1. **Immunisation for PHC/UHC** - Effective, efficient and resilient immunisation services are accessible to all people as an essential part of primary health care, and thereby contribute to universal health coverage
2. **Commitment & Demand** - Immunisation is valued and actively sought by all people, and health authorities commit to ensuring immunisation is available as a key contributor to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health as a fundamental right
3. **Coverage & Equity** - Full protection of immunisation is realized by everyone regardless of location, age, sex, socioeconomic status, or gender-related barriers
4. **Life Course & Integration** - All people benefit from recommended immunisations throughout the life course, effectively integrated with other essential health services
5. **Outbreaks & Emergencies** - Immunisation programmes can:
  - anticipate, prepare for, detect, and rapidly respond to vaccine-preventable and emerging disease outbreaks
  - ensure immunisation service delivery during acute emergencies and among communities affected by conflict, disaster and humanitarian crisis

6. **Supply & Sustainability** - All countries have a reliable supply of appropriate and affordable vaccines of assured quality and sustainable financing for immunisation programmes
7. **Research & Innovation** - Innovations to increase immunisation programme reach and impact are rapidly made available to all countries and communities

## IA2030 Key Agendas

- Reduce mortality and morbidity from vaccine-preventable diseases for all across the life course
- Leave no one behind, by increasing equitable access and use of new and existing vaccines
- To achieve 90% coverage for essential vaccines given in childhood and adolescence
- Ensure good health and well-being for everyone by strengthening immunization within primary health care and contributing to universal health coverage and sustainable development
- The global agencies like the World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and others have set a target of avoiding 50 million vaccine-preventable infections in this decade
- It also intends to reduce the number of zero-dose children by 50%, i.e., reducing the number of children who have received no vaccines through immunisation programmes

## IA2030 - Operational plans

The global strategy will become operational nationally, regionally and globally through its seven strategic priorities and four core principles:

- **Nationally** - The target must be National Health Planning. Countries will define their own targets and timelines to achieve the goals
- **Regional vaccine action plans** - Regional collaboration will involve stakeholders within and outside of immunization, to take advantage of synergies and promote integration
- **Globally** - Operationalization of the IA2030 vision and strategy will focus on those components that are best coordinated globally, with alignment among stakeholders

Global, regional and national goal- and target-setting should be:

- Aligned with the vision of IA2030
- Responsive to changing trends and conditions
- Aligned with broader health agendas (SDG3, primary health care and universal health coverage)
- Ambitious but achievable and measurable to ensure accountability
- Linked to action and a work plan
- Designed to reinforce previous commitments

Just as the battle against infectious diseases requires agile, flexible immunization programmes, a global vaccine and immunization strategy must also constantly adjust to changing needs and opportunities to respond to rapid shifts in disease epidemiology, technological advances, community needs, financial realities and political contexts.