

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### POLIO, MEASLES AND MALARIA ACTIVITIES IN ETHIOPIA

#### POLIO ERADICATION ACTIVITIES

In line with the national commitment towards eradication of polio, the Ministry of Health in Ethiopia has been consistently conducting immunisation campaigns since 1996 with the support of partner organisations, including the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the Japanese International Cupertino Agency (JICA), the Government of Japan, Rotary International, the Centres for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF).

In 2004 Sub-National Immunisation Days (SNIDs) are being conducted in selected 21 Woredas of East Shoa, West Shoa and South West Shoa zones of Oromia Region targeting 750,000 under five children.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY IMMUNISATION ACTIVITIES (SIA) AGAINST POLIO

Year	Strategy	Target Population	Round 1 Percentage of Target Reached	Round 2 Percentage of Target Reached
1996	Fixed Site Sub-National Immunisation Days (SNIDs)	300,000	83%	98%
1997	Fixed Site NIDs	8.7 million	82.7%	94%
1998	Fixed Site NIDs	9.1 million	98%	107%
1999	Fixed Site NIDs	10,600,000	103.3%	103.3%
2000	Fixed site SNIDs	385123	103.3%	106.4%
2000	Fixed Site-26 zones; House-to House-46 Zones	11,500,000	109%	115%
2001	House-to-House SNIDs	1.4 million	117%	122%
2001	House-to-House NIDs	13.6 million	100%	95%
2002	House-to-House SNIDs	3.3 million	108%	110%
2002	NIDs	14.18 million	97%	97%
2003	SNIDs	2.5 million	119%	111%

## MEASLES CONTROL PROGRAMME

Measles is one of the leading causes of childhood illness and death in Ethiopia. The case fatality rate (CFR) is 4 per cent, which is one of the highest in the world. From epidemiological estimates, more than a million cases and 60,000 deaths are expected to occur in Ethiopia every year. A catch up measles immunisation and Vitamin A supplementation campaign started in December 2002 continued to be conducted in 2004 in remaining zones and Woredas targeting children from six months to 14 years of age. Ethiopia has been conducting measles immunization and vitamin A supplementation campaigns since 1998 in selected areas of the country. The target population and the results of the campaigns are shown in the table below:-

### SUPPLEMENTARY IMMUNISATION ACTIVITIES (SIA) AGAINST MEASLES

Year	Target Area	Target Population	Round 1 Percentage of Target Reached
1998	9 Selected Urban Areas	304,733	84%
1999	9 Zones	3,752,360	79%
2000	30 zones	3,800,000	95%
2001	28 zones	2,166,232	76%
2002	7 zones	2,316,214	98%
2003	34 Zones	19,922,338	92%
2004		9.4 million	63%

In addition to polio, measles and Vitamin A supplementation campaigns, the MOH in collaboration with partner organizations are conducting TT supplemental immunization campaign in nine selected high risk zones in Amhara, SNNPR and Oromia regions. This campaign is targeting 2.7 million child bearing age women.

