COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Partnership

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In 2022, countries had the opportunity to catch up on COVID-19 coverage

- With sufficient vaccine supply, many countries have made strong progress over the past months
- Countries are taking steps towards integration of COVID-19 vaccination with routine services
- There still is a need for continued focus to reach high-priority groups, in particular the elderly, and to close the coverage gap

People vaccinated with complete primary series, per 100 people

Data as at 18 January 2023

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Progress since January 2022

- Share of global population with completed primary series
- Share of population with completed primary series in 92 Advanced Market Commitment (AMC) entities
- Share of population with completed COVID-19 primary series in 34 countries for concerted support

Number of countries at or below 10% coverage

2x coverage increase across all AMC92 entities

8x coverage increase across the 34 countries for concerted support at or below 10% coverage in January 2022

Number of countries at or below 10% coverage down to 7 from 34 in January 2022

AMC92 entities covering largely low- and lower-middle-income economies eligible to access COVID-19 vaccines through the Gavi COVAX AMC mechanism; data as of the beginning of each month; data for 34 countries with coverage less than or equal to 10 per cent according to 15 January 2022 data; Source: COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation Analysis and Insights report and CoVDP analysis.

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CoVDP contribution to COVID-19 vaccine delivery in 2022

Delivery funding:
$145 million quick-impact delivery funding disbursed, with over $106 million supporting 23 campaigns targeting 140 million people

Political advocacy:
16 countries where CoVDP helped to resolve policy and political engagement bottlenecks, 27 country missions conducted

Cameroon – political advocacy and coordination support in lead up to the most recent campaign, including at the highest level of Government. The campaign increased coverage from 5% to 11%.

Sudan – Microplanning support for vaccination campaigns. $5 million disbursed only one day after receipt of the request to allow for continuation of vaccination efforts and prevent expiry of vaccines. Campaigns increased coverage from 10% to 19%.

Technical assistance and public goods:
22 countries engaged on “One Plan”, 11 requests for technical assistance received and fulfilled

Countries where CoVDP has already provided technical, financial or political support

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Outlook and challenges

1. **Coverage gaps persist and some countries continued to pursue additional campaigns in early 2023** – the work continues to increase coverage and reach high-priority groups.

2. **Countries are taking steps to integrate COVID-19 vaccination into primary health care**, building on services related to non-communicable diseases, HIV and tuberculosis to reach the elderly and people with comorbidities. This will require new approaches to vaccine administration. A number of countries have limited experience with vaccinating adults at scale.

3. **Many countries with low coverage rates face stretched health systems and/or humanitarian emergencies.** Bundle COVID-19 vaccination with other health and humanitarian activities. Address recovery of essential immunization and COVID-19 vaccination together.

4. **Community health systems represented the first line of response during the pandemic but are severely stretched** – existing funding and partnerships must be leveraged to systematically strengthen community health care with referral pathways and investment in community health workers.
CoVDP focus through June 2023
under WHO base case scenario

1. Continue to support acceleration through April in countries with the lowest coverage rates including 3 to 4 countries beyond the 34 countries for concerted support where coverage has flatlined below 20%.

2. Support integration of COVID-19 vaccination into routine primary health-care services (with links to non-communicable disease programmes or specialized services for the elderly and people with comorbidities). As CoVDP transitions in June 2023, this will be supported by an enhanced operational support model led by UNICEF and WHO working with partners.

3. Conduct high-level meetings to take stock of COVID-19 vaccine delivery, guide COVID-19 vaccine delivery efforts into the phase and prepare for future pandemic responses
   i. Joint convening on COVID-19 vaccinations in humanitarian settings in Nairobi
   ii. Global convening on COVID-19 vaccination monitoring and related system strengthening convening in Geneva
   iii. Regional stock take on COVID-19 vaccine delivery in Addis Ababa

4. Continue engagement on community health systems strengthening with focus on high-level political events and national consultations between Governments and partners.

Support needed

- Continue focus on increasing coverage, particularly among the elderly, including introduction of boosters, in the next phase of the response
- Support the integration of COVID-19 vaccination into routine primary health care services
- Flexible use of remaining COVID-19 funding to continue with vaccination but also to support bundling with other health and humanitarian activities and investments in community health systems
- Work in concert to strengthen community health systems in selected countries