Introduction

The mission of Universal health coverage (UHC) is to ensure that all people and communities can use the promotive, preventive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative health services they need, of sufficient quality to be effective, while also ensuring that the use of these services does not expose the user to financial hardship. In order to achieve this it is important to look at equity in access to health services, quality of health services, and financial vulnerability.

UHC is firmly based on the WHO constitution of 1948 declaring health a fundamental human right and on the Health for All agenda set by the Alma Ata declaration in 1978, celebrating 40 years this year, which promoted and protecting health as essential to human welfare and sustained economic and social development. In this regards UHC cuts across all of the health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and brings hope of better health and protection for the world’s poorest in the spirit of leaving no one behind.

The WHO GPW recognises immunisation as a platform to achieve UHC, being a well-defined first step towards its achievement that by providing a robust platform for other free-of-charge, prevention focused services to reach populations through the public health systems. Globally, 86% children (116.5 million) are now receiving their third dose of a diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-containing vaccine, including in many hard-to-reach locations. 4 out of 5 children in countries supported by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance receive the third dose of DTP vaccine. No other health touches so many lives during their most vulnerable first year of life. Lastly, through immunisation, communities access other health services, such as neonatal and maternal healthcare, nutritional supplements, malaria prevention measures, and sexual and reproductive health and education, among others.

Objectives

Demonstrate the relationship between immunisation, health system strengthening, integration and Universal Health Coverage.

Understand country needs by sharing country experiences in increasing immunisation coverage including best practices, emerging issues and lessons learned.
Share early thinking for GAVI next strategic period.

**Programme and speakers**

The session will be an interactive briefing by Minister of Sudan on behalf of Gavi board countries to share their country experiences with immunization programs in the context of UHC. The speakers for the session are Hon. Minister of Health of Sudan, Dr Tedros, Director of WHO, Dr Seth Berkley, CEO GAVI Alliance, with interventions from Ministers from the floor.

The session format will begin with opening remarks from the Sudan Mission to the UN in Geneva. This will be followed by short presentations by Dr Tedros, Minister of Health of Sudan and Dr Seth Berkley.

The speakers proposed format are as follows:

- Dr Tedros, Implementation of Universal Health Coverage through immunisation in the GPW13 and
- Lessons learned on the road to UHC in Sudan, Laos, Ivory Coast and Tanzania by Minister of Health of Sudan.
- GAVI contribution to UHC by Dr Seth Berkley
- Interventions between each speaker (Q&A)

Audience will be invited to participate in an interactive question and answer session with the presenters following each speaker. The session will be closed by Minister of health of Sudan and Dr Seth Berkley who will provide concluding remarks and call on the countries to support immunization and GAVI’s replenishment

**Agenda**

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**Event details / détails de la réunion**

- **Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus:** 100
- **Exact title of the meeting/Titre exact de la réunion:** GAVI's contribution to UHC

**Interpretation/Interprétation**

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- Spanish / Espagnol [x]
- Chinese / Chinois [ ]
- Arabic / Arabe [ ]

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