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Intervention by India (2 minutes)

Agenda Item 11: Recommitting to accelerate progress towards malaria elimination

Agenda Item 12.3: Communicable Diseases:

- Immunization Agenda 2030
- Road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030
- End TB Strategy

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Thank you Chair,

India's malaria elimination strategy focuses high-burden areas through strengthened surveillance, effective case management and robust vector control measures, supported by near real-time monitoring through the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) for early detection and rapid response.

Our National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination 2023–2027 prioritizes the introduction of newer drugs and diagnostics, AI-driven vector management,

predictive modelling and climate-based early warning systems. contributing to 80% reduction in malaria cases.

Chair

India aligns with Immunization Agenda 2030 and recognizes the global concern regarding zero-dose and under-vaccinated children. Under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), one of the world's largest immunization programmes, India provides free vaccines against eleven vaccine-preventable diseases to all eligible beneficiaries.

Digital innovations such as the U-WIN platform have improved service delivery and beneficiary tracking, contributing to over 97% full immunization coverage nationwide.

Chair

The development of early warning systems, epidemic preparedness mechanisms and strengthened access to field-friendly rapid diagnostic kits with improved sensitivity and specificity remains critical for the timely detection and management of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs).

India emphasizes the need for continued capacity-building to enhance technical and managerial competencies to combat NTDs.

Chair

India underscores the importance of integrated and multisectoral action to address the social, economic, and environmental determinants of tuberculosis. Under the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan – TB Free India Campaign, we adopted a comprehensive, patient-centred approach anchored within primary healthcare

and aligned with universal health coverage (UHC). India supports the development of a post 2030 global tuberculosis strategy.

Thank You!