

Immunization Program in the Americas

Achievements and Challenges

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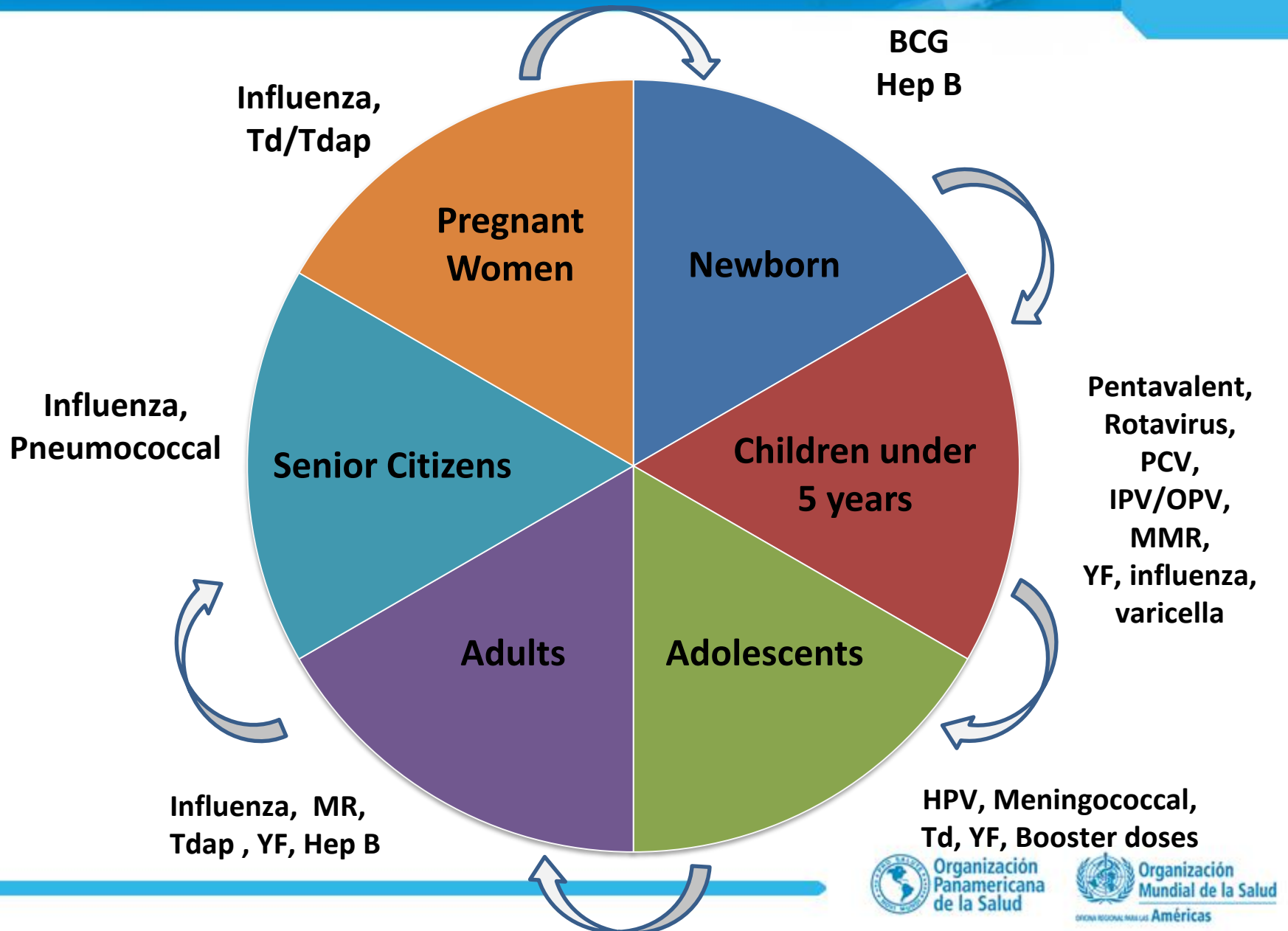
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PAHO's Regional Vaccination Program: Across the Life Course



Milestones in the 40 years of the EPI in the Americas



1977:
EPI established by PAHO's Directing Council

1979:
Revolving Fund created

1983:
"Days of Tranquility"

1985:
EPI Technical Advisory Group established



1994:
"1st Region certified free of polio"

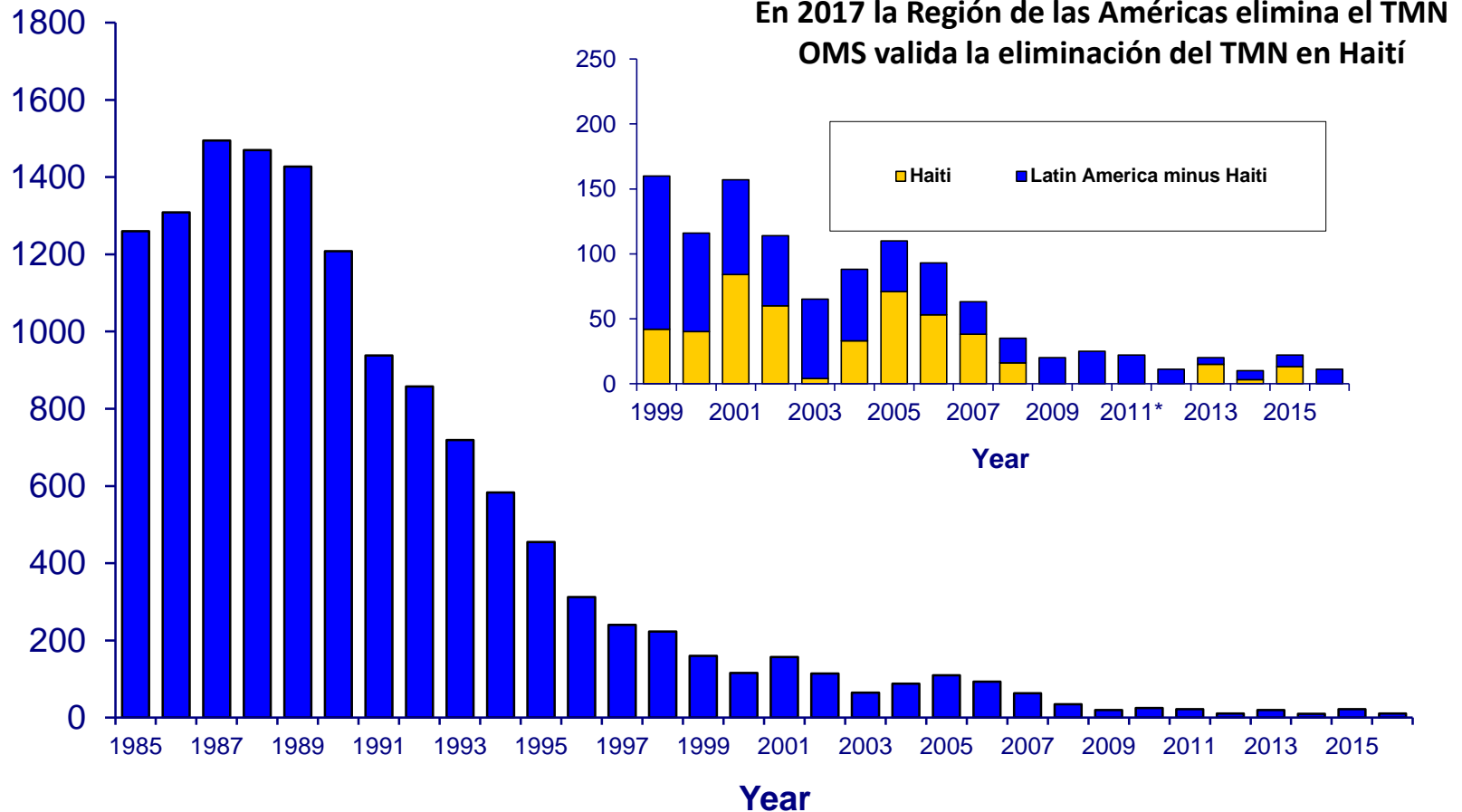
2003:
"1st Vaccination Week in the Americas"

2015:
"1st Region free of rubella"

2015:
"Directing Council resolution on the RIAP"

2016:
"1st Region free of measles"

Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus Elimination Américas, 1985-2017



Source: PAHO-WHO/UNICEF Joint Reporting Form (JRF) and country reports

*2011-2012 not available.

http://www.who.int/immunization/diseases/MNTE_initiative/en/index4.html





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Monsieur le Représentant permanent d'Haïti
auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à
Genève et des autres Organisations
internationales en Suisse
89 rue de Lyon
1203 Genève

Genève, le 24 août 2017

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

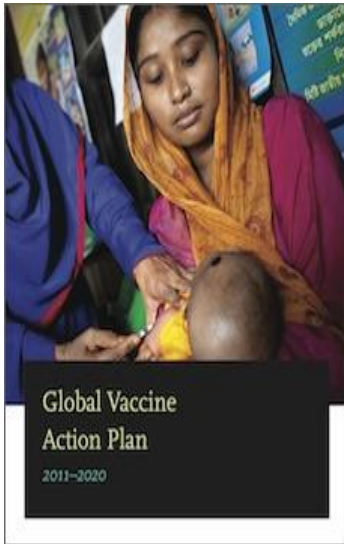
J'ai l'honneur de féliciter Haïti pour avoir franchi le cap décisif de l'élimination du tétanos maternel et néonatal (TMN), en 2017.

L'enquête communautaire pour la validation de l'élimination du TMN a été menée dans le département du sud. Ce département était considéré le moins performant lors de l'évaluation des risques d'élimination du TMN menée en 2016. L'enquête, conduite en juin 2017 et utilisant la méthode standard de l'OMS, a confirmé l'élimination du TMN comme problème de santé publique dans le département du sud durant la période du 1er mai 2016 au 30 avril 2017 et, par conséquent, dans le pays tout entier durant cette même période.

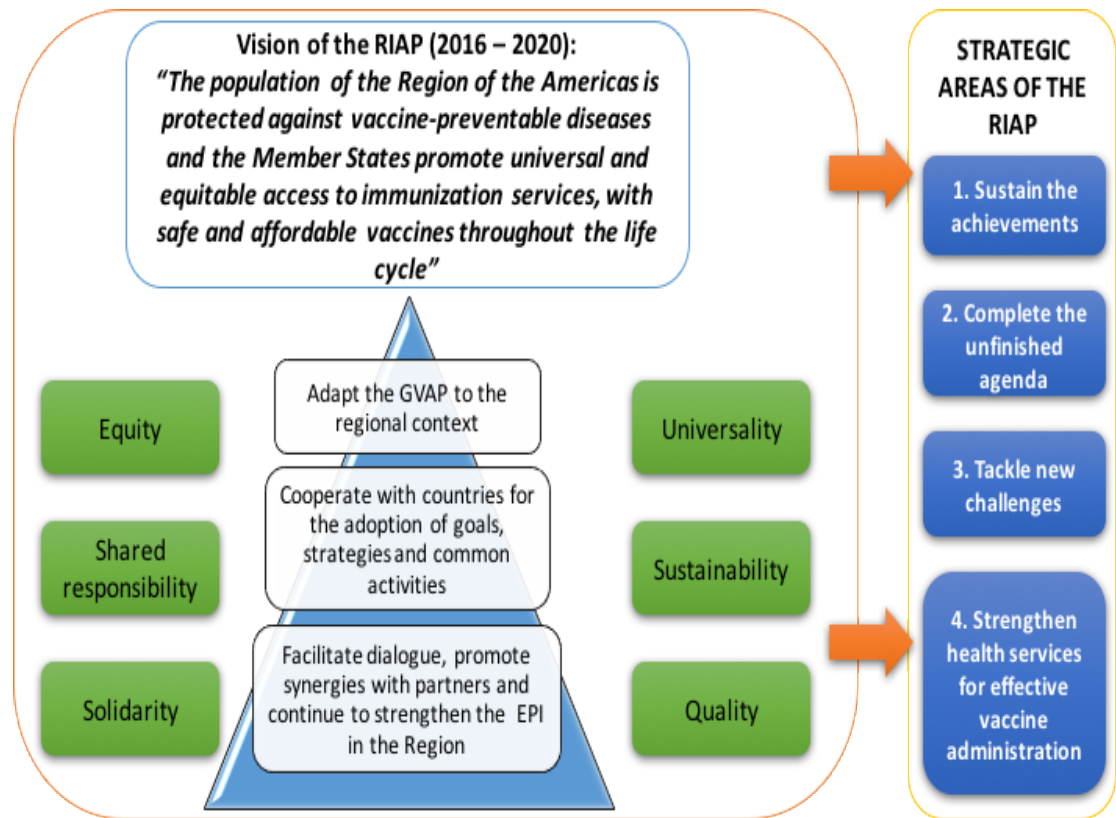
GLOBAL VACCINE ACTION PLAN (GVAP) 2011 - 2020

REGIONAL IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN (RIAP) 2016 - 2020

GVAP

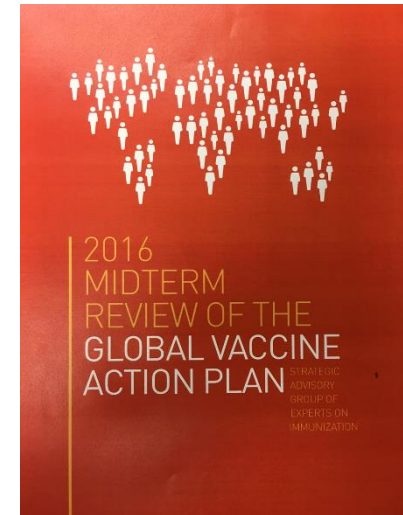


RIAP



GVAP mid-point targets 2016

- **DTP3:** All countries >90% national coverage, and >80% in every district by **end 2015**
- **Polio:** transmission stopped by **end 2014**
- **Maternal and neonatal tetanus:** eliminated by **2015**
- **Measles:** eliminated in 4 regions by **end-2015**
- **Rubella:** eliminated in 2 regions by **end-2015**
- **Introduction of under-utilized vaccines:** At least 90 low or middle income countries to have introduced one or more such vaccines by **2015**



Source: GVAP midterm review, 2016

Regional Immunization Action Plan (RIAP)

STRATEGIC AREAS

GENERAL OBJETIVES

STRATEGIC OBJETIVES

1. Sustain the achievements

- Maintain the Region's status as polio-free
- Maintain elimination of measles, rubella, and CRS
- Maintain achievements reached in vaccine-preventable disease control

- All countries make a commitment to vaccination as a priority for health and development
- Individuals and communities understand the value of the vaccines

2. Complete the unfinished agenda

- Eliminate neonatal tetanus as a public health problem in all countries- Achieved
- Meet DPT vaccination coverage targets at all levels

- Immunization benefits extend equitably to all people and social groups

3. Tackle new challenges

- Introduce vaccines in accordance with technical and programmatic criteria

- Decision-making is evidence-based and impact assessments ensure that policies are adopted to maximize the benefits of vaccination

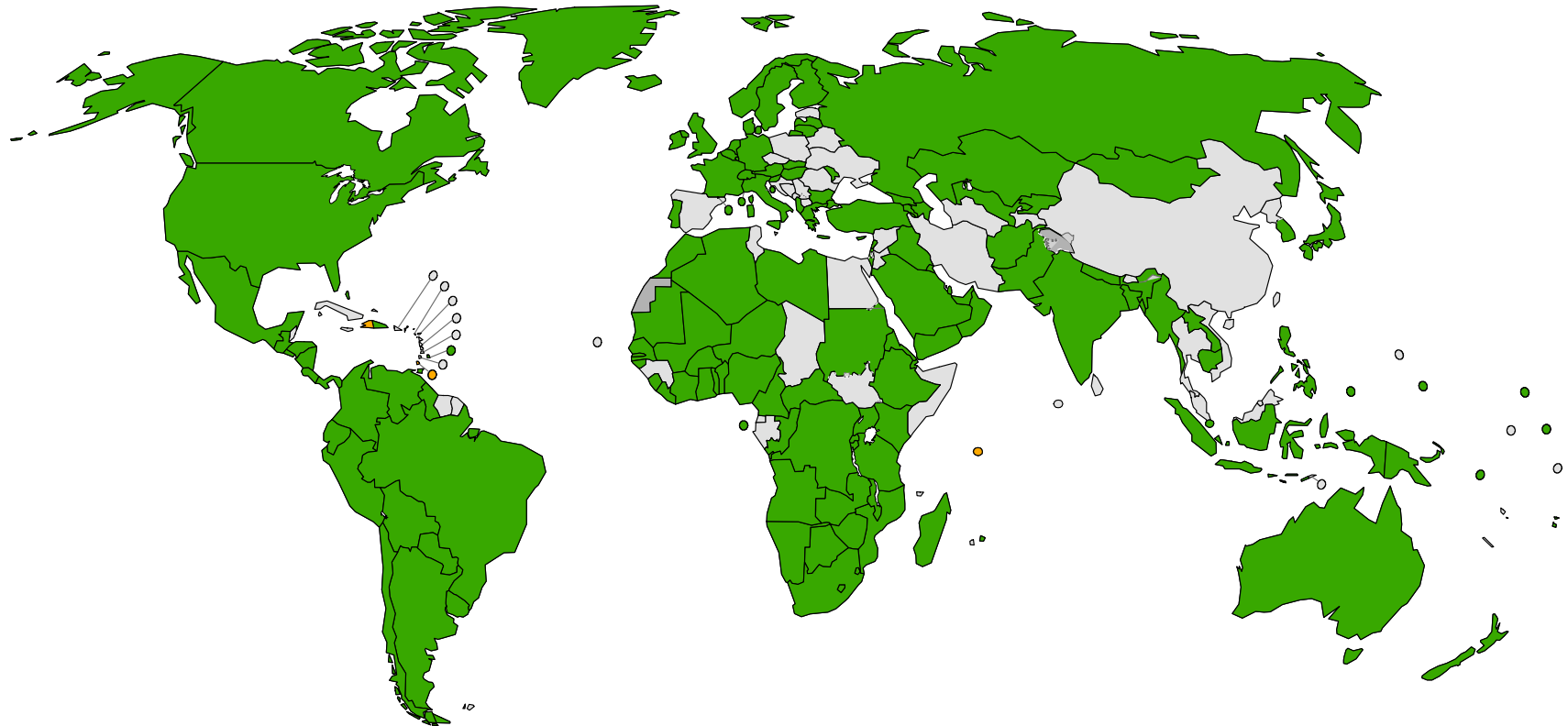
4. Strengthen health services for effective vaccine administration

- Achieve the expected results proposed by the Post-2015 Development Agenda for reductions in infant mortality and maternal mortality

- Supplies are available for the immunization program on a sustainable basis with national resources
- Strengthened immunization services are part of comprehensive, well-run health services

Countries with Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine in the national immunization programme; and planned introductions in 2018

0 1,200 2,400 4,800 Kil



■	Introduced* to date	(138 countries or 71%)
■	Planned introductions in 2018	(3 countries or 2%)
■	Not Available, Not Introduced/No Plans	(53 countries or 27%)
■	Not applicable	

* Includes partial introduction

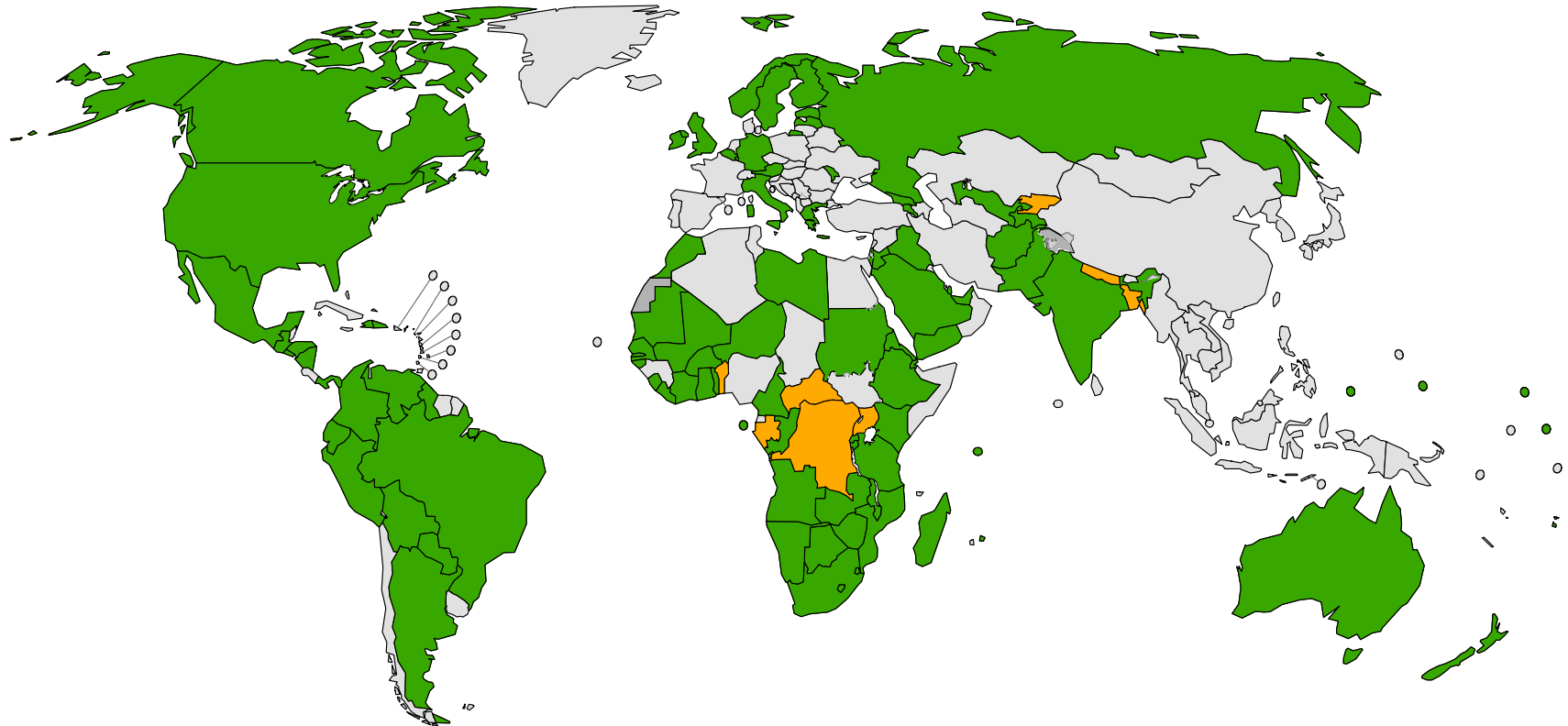
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Countries with Rotavirus vaccine in the national immunization programme; and planned introductions in 2018

0 1,200 2,400 4,800 Kil



■	Introduced* to date	(94 countries or 48%)
■	Planned introductions in 2018	(8 countries or 4%)
■	Not Available, Not Introduced/No Plans	(92 countries or 47%)
■	Not applicable	

* Includes partial introduction

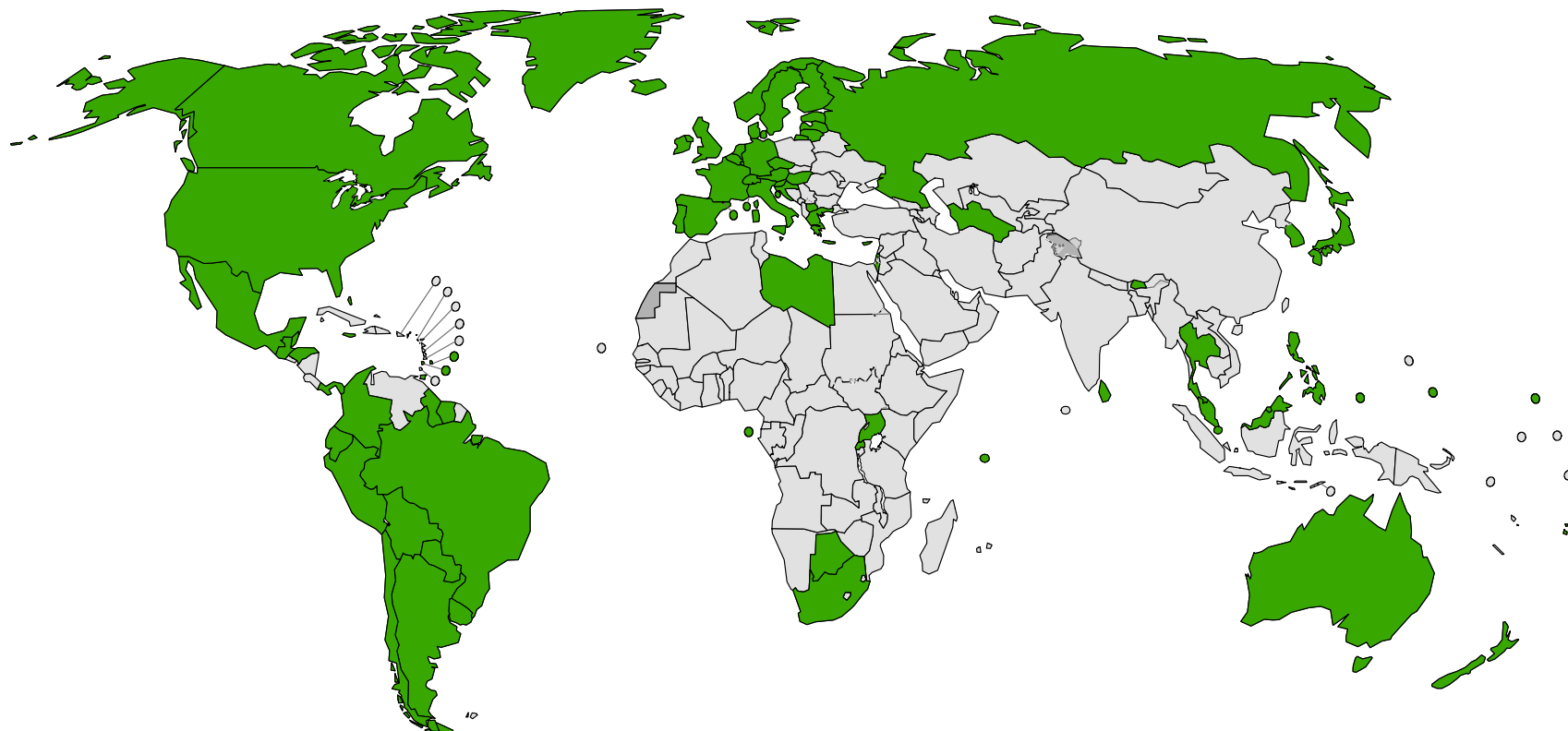
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Countries with HPV vaccine in the national immunization programme

0 1,200 2,400 4,800
Kil



	Introduced* to date	(80 countries or 41%)
	Not Available, Not Introduced/No Plans	(114 countries or 59%)
	Not applicable	

* Includes partial introduction

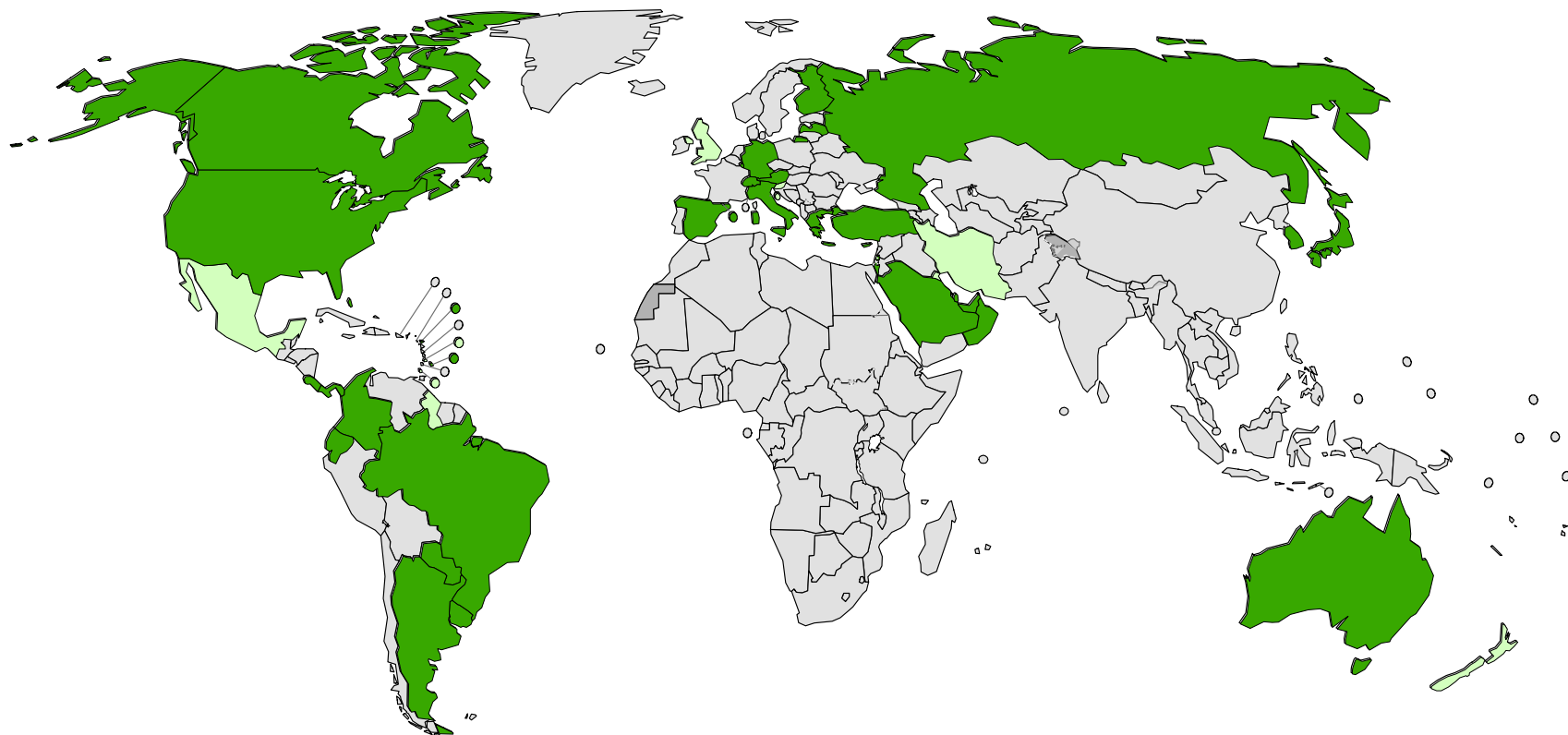
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Introduction of Varicella Containing Vaccines in National Immunization Programmes, updated as of January 2018

0 1,200 2,400 4,800 Kil



 Introduced* to date	(36 countries or 18%)
 Introduced for risk groups only	(10 countries or 6%)
 Not Available, Not Introduced/No Plans	(149 countries or 77%)
 Not applicable	

* Includes partial introduction

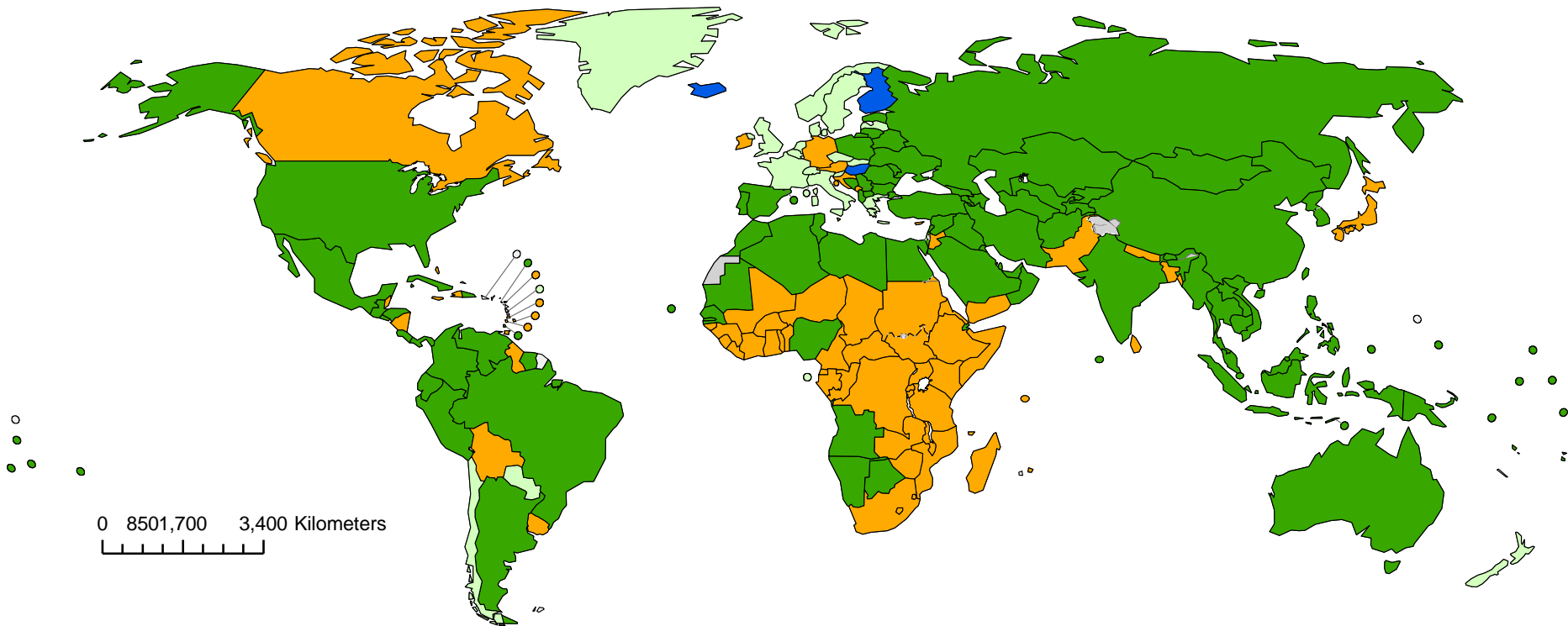
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Hepatitis B Birth dose (HepB-BD) vaccination strategies by country, updated as of January 2018



- Universal HepB-BD introduced to date (102 countries or 53%)
- HepB-BD only for infants born to mothers with chronic hepatitis B virus infection (21 countries or 11%)
- Hepatitis B vaccine in childhood schedule but no universal HepB-BD' (68 countries or 35%)
- HepB only given to adolescents or adults risk groups (3 countries or 2%)
- Not available
- Not applicable

Data source: WHO/IVB Database as at 25/01/2018 and ECDC published data at <http://vaccine-schedule.ecdc.europa.eu/Pages/Scheduler.aspx>

194 WHO Member States

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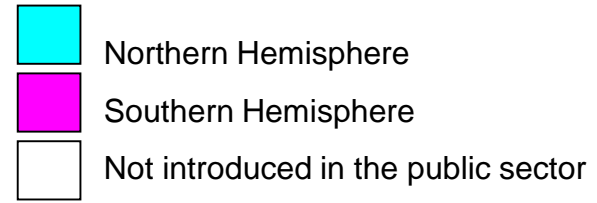
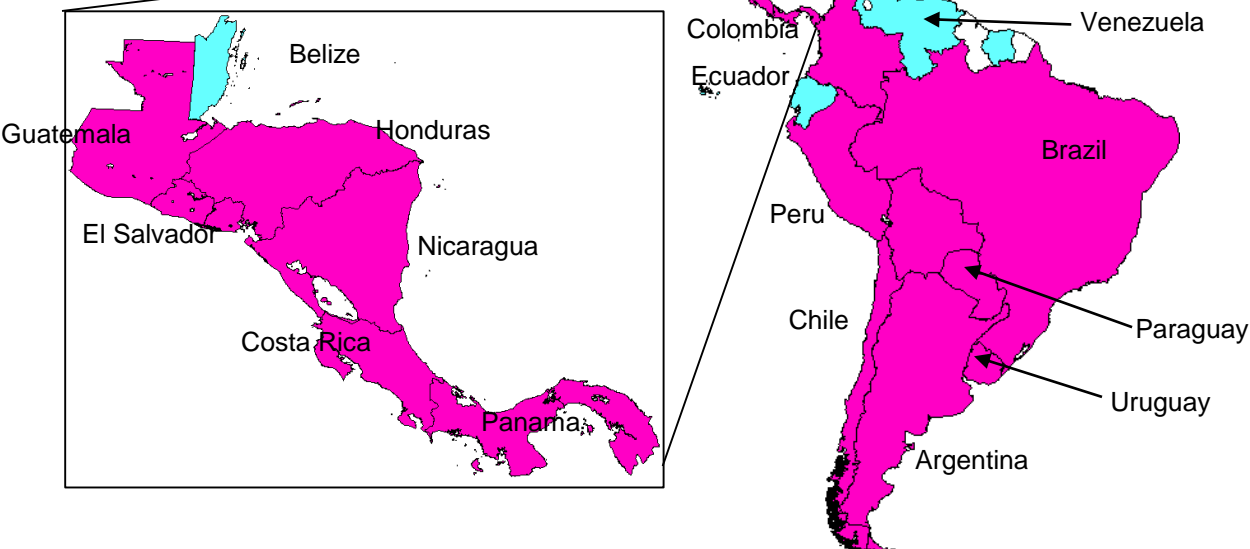
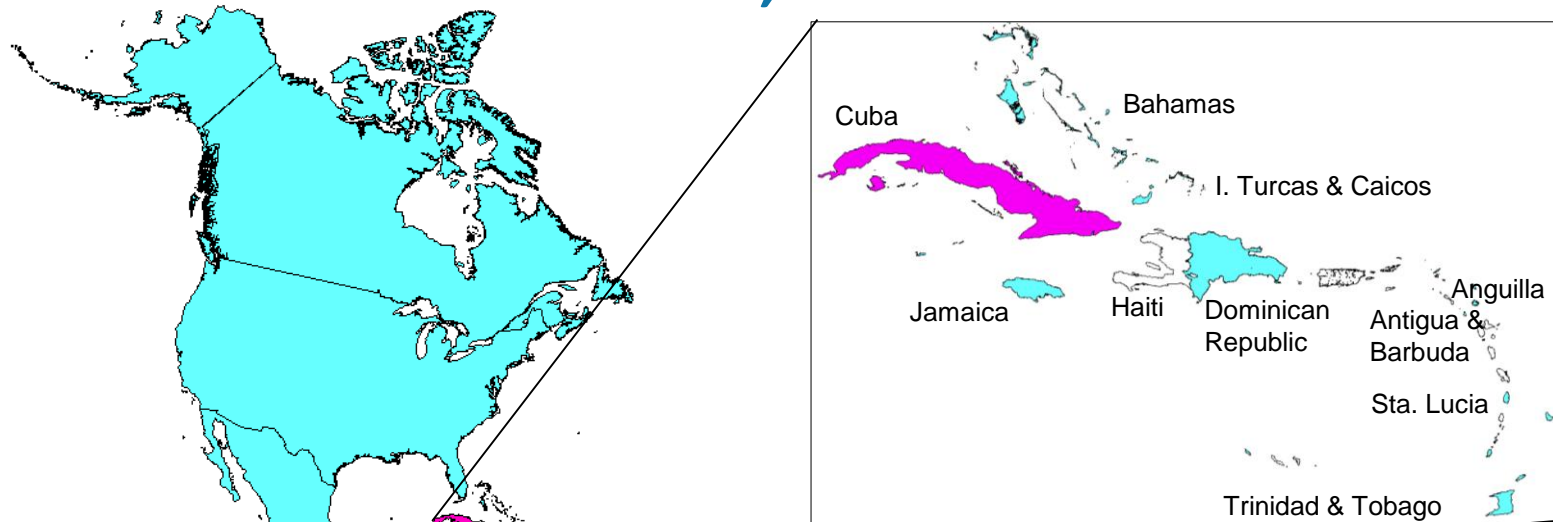
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Use and formulation of seasonal influenza vaccines in the Americas, 2016

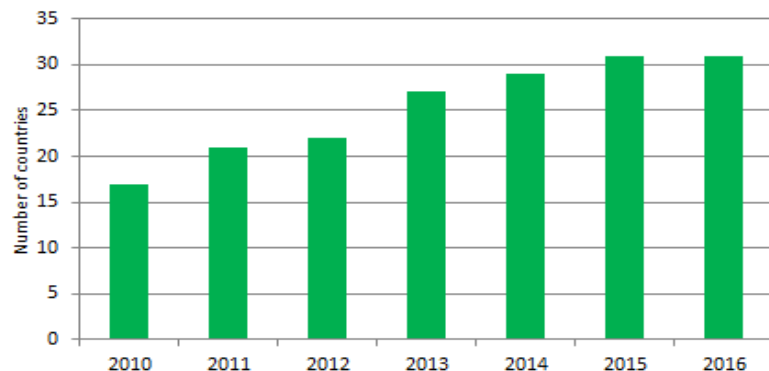


- Policy change from NH to SH vaccine**
- Colombia (2007)
 - El Salvador (2011)
 - Guatemala (2012)
 - Cuba (2015)
 - Honduras (2015)
 - Costa Rica (2015)

Source: Country reports to PAHO, MOHs Webpage, PAHO/WHO Surveys

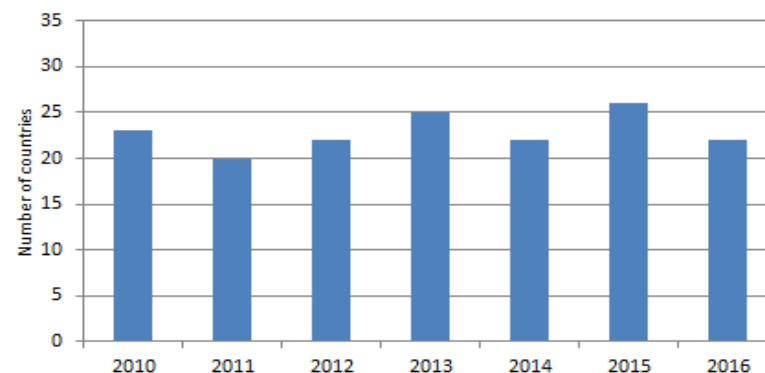
Progress on Maternal and Neonatal Immunization in the Americas, 2010-2016

Countries using Seasonal Influenza in Pregnant Women. The Americas, 2010-2016



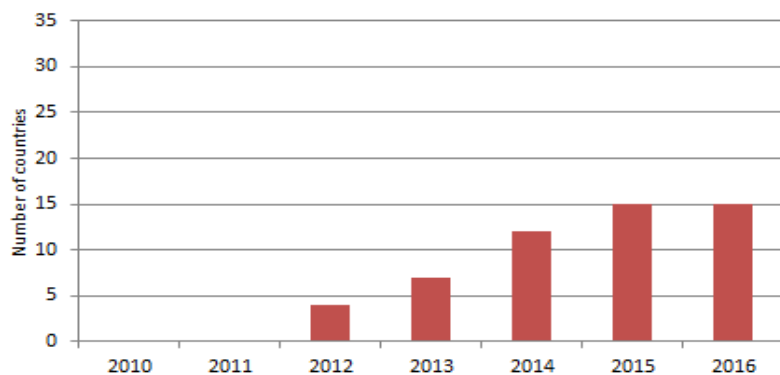
Source: Country reports to PAHO, PAHO/WHO/UNICEF (JRF).

Countries using Td in Pregnant Women The Americas, 2010-2016



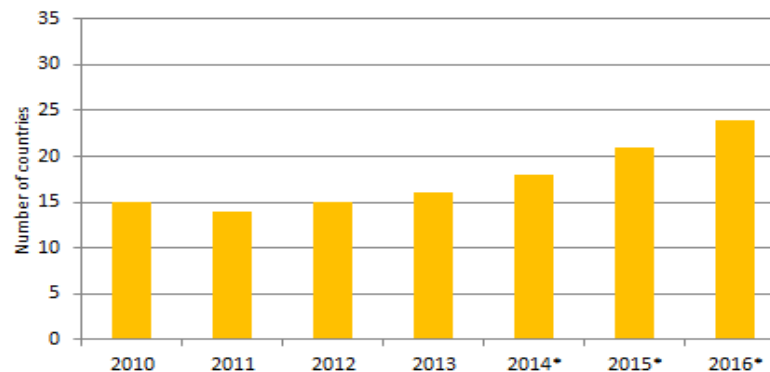
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Countries using Tdap in Pregnant Women The Americas, 2010-2016



Source: Country reports to PAHO, PAHO/WHO/UNICEF (JRF).

Countries using HepB Birth Dose The Americas, 2010-2016



Source: Country reports to PAHO, PAHO/WHO/UNICEF (JRF)
Canada includes 3 provinces.

Regional Maternal Immunization Recommended Vaccines (TAG/SAGE)

Vaccine	Pre-pregnancy	Pregnancy	Post-partum
Tetanus/ diphtheria	Yes, ideal moment	Yes, 2 doses, if she was not previously vaccinated.	Yes, to complete schedule
Inactivated influenza*		Yes, ideal moment	Yes if she was not vaccinated during pregnancy, to protect the newborn.

*Since 2004

2012, 87, 461–476 No. 47



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Weekly epidemiological record
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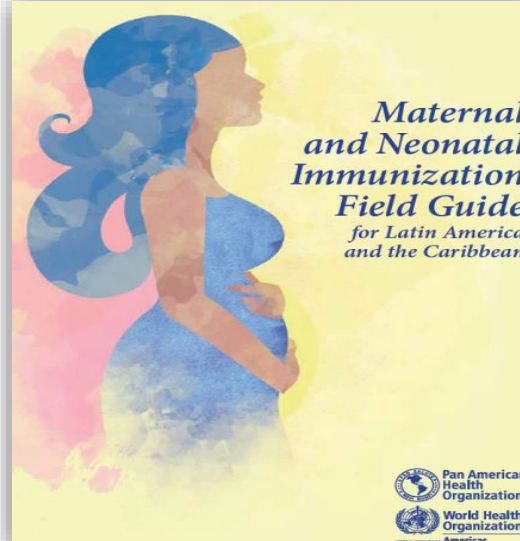
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Immunization
Field Guide
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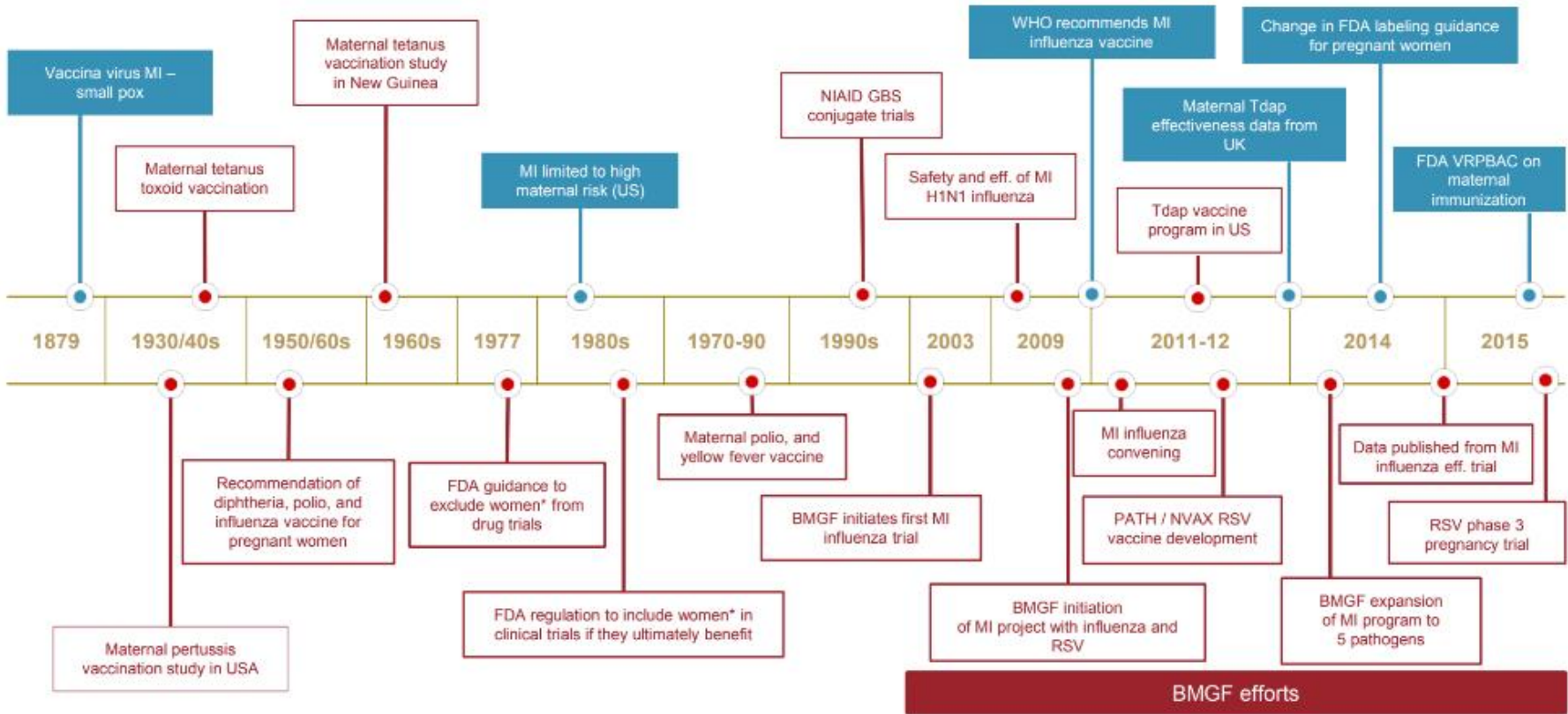
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Recommended Vaccines during Pregnancy in Special Situations Only

Vaccine	Pre-pregnancy	Pregnancy	Post-partum
Tdap		Yes, during outbreaks (ideal moment between 27-36 weeks of gestation)	Yes
Hepatitis B	Yes, ideal moment	Yes, IF she didn't complete schedule and IF high risk situation (eg. More than 5 sexual partners during last 6 months, STD, IDU, partner + for HBsAg)	Yes, to complete schedule: 3 doses.
Hepatitis A		Yes, during outbreaks.	
Yellow fever	Yes, ideal moment (in endemic areas).	Yes, prior to travel to endemic areas with current outbreak, with prior risk/benefit analysis.	
IPV		Yes, prior to travel to endemic areas with current outbreak	
OPV		Yes, prior to travel to endemic areas with current outbreak	
Rabies		After high risk exposure.	
Meningococcus conjugate		Yes, during outbreaks.	
Meningococcus Polysaccharide (MPSV4)		Yes, during outbreaks.	

Long history of progress in MI

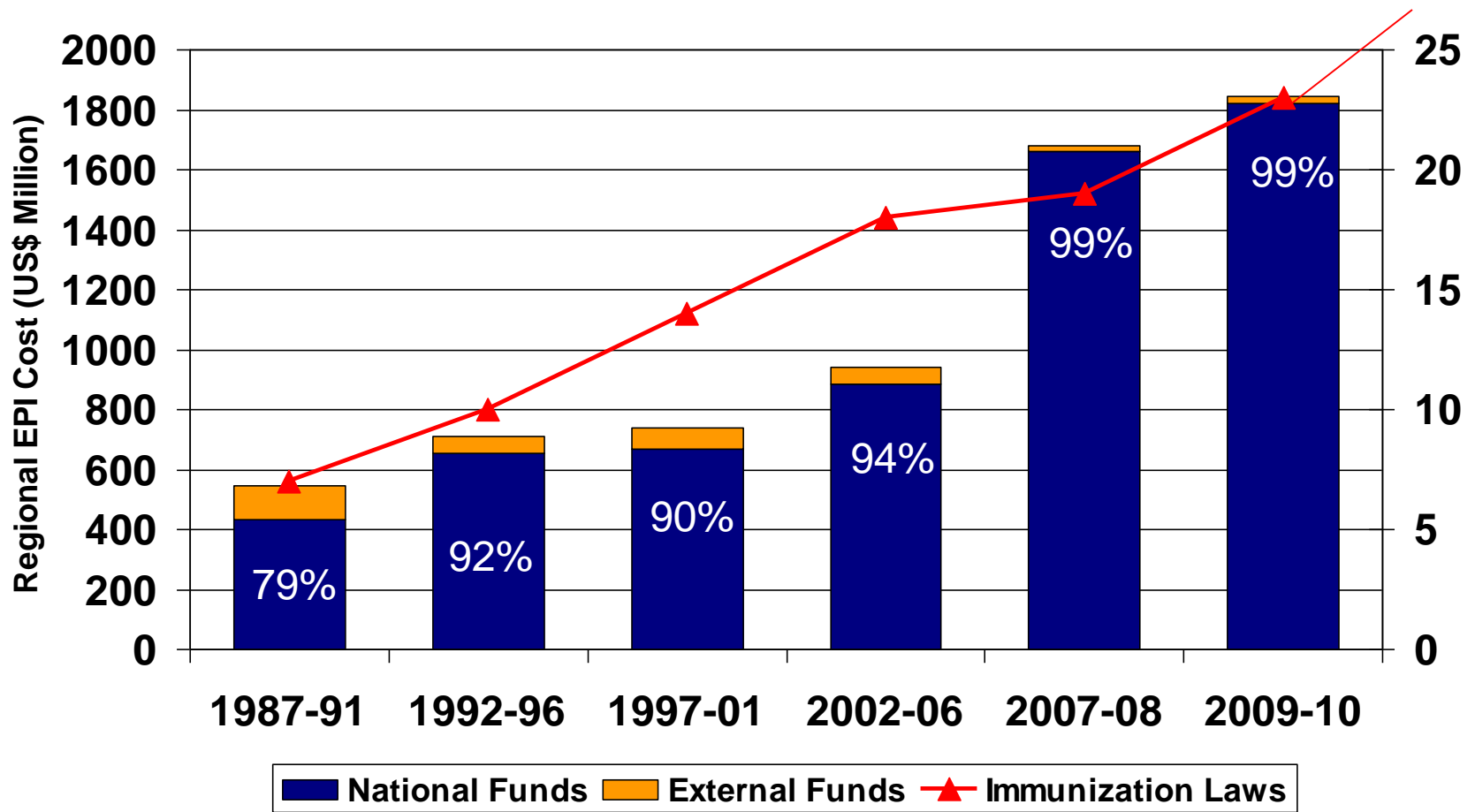
>150 Million women* vaccinated
WHO/UNICEF MNTE program since 1999



*pregnant women and women of childbearing age

Regional Immunization Program in Latin America and the Caribbean

Leyes y Fuente de Recursos



A new study, published February 2016 in the journal *Health Affairs*, puts a precise figure on the value of vaccinating children.

IMMUNISATION

A HEALTHY RETURN ON INVESTMENT

\$16

Saving in healthcare costs, lost wages and productivity due to illness

\$7

\$3

\$9

\$5

50¢

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

FOR EVERY \$1 INVESTED IN:

IMMUNISATION¹

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE³

GOVERNMENT BONDS (10-YEAR)⁵

PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION²

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS⁴

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE RESEARCH⁶

Indicative figures based on the rounded average values cited in the following sources:

1. Return on investment from childhood immunisations in low- and middle-income countries, 2011-20. *Health Affairs*, 35(2):199-207. Ocuwa S, Clark S, Parvizoy A, Grenell S, Beeson L, Walter D. 2016

2. The rate of return to the HighScope Perry Preschool Program. Department of Economics, University of Chicago, April 2009

3. The Economic Benefits of Public Infrastructure Spending in Canada. The Centre for Spatial Economics, September 2015

4. Strengthening primary health care through community health workers... Desalegn H, Chambers R, Clifton C, Phuongphol J, Sibhat J, Swaro T, et al. 2015

5. Example bond issued with a fixed coupon rate of 5% over a 10-year period.

6. Returns on NHMRC funded Research and Development. Australian Society for Medical Research, 17 October 2011

Vaccination Legislation in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2012

Original Article

Vaccination legislation in Latin America and the Caribbean

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Abstract Governments have the authority and responsibility to ensure vaccination for all citizens. The development of vaccination legislation in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) parallels the emergence of sustainable, relatively autonomous, and effective national immunization programs. We reviewed vaccination legislation and related legal documents from LAC countries (excluding Canada, Puerto Rico, the United States, and the US Virgin Islands), and described and assessed vaccination legislation provisions. Twenty-seven of the 44 countries and territories in the Region have proposed or enacted vaccination legislation. Provisions vary substantially, but legal frameworks generally protect the sustainability of the immunization program, the individual's right to immunization, and the state's responsibility to provide it as a public good. Of the legislation from countries and territories included in the analysis, 44 per cent protects a budget line for vaccines, 96 per cent mandates immunization, 63 per cent declares immunization a public good, and 78 per cent explicitly defines the national vaccine schedule. We looked for associations between vaccination legislation in LAC and national immunization program performance and financing, and conclude with lessons for governments seeking to craft or enhance vaccination legislation.

Journal of Public Health Policy (2013) 34, 82–99. doi:10.1057/jphp.2012.66

Keywords: public health law; immunization; vaccination law; vaccination policy; vaccine financing

- 29 países con legislación nacional
- Criterios identificados
 - Declarativos (gratuidad, obligatoriedad)
 - Financieros (línea presupuestaria, exoneración de impuestos)
 - Operativos (Normas, NTAG)
 - Regulatorios (Funciones reguladoras, habilitación de centros de vacunación etc.)

1979

2017

PAHO
Revolving
Fund

1979:
38 years

46 vaccines



29

syringes and
cold chain products



31 providers



41 countries and territories
in Latin America and the Caribbean



Vaccination
coverage
in the Americas

93%

for diphtheria-
tetanus-
pertussis

Over

95%

of vaccine costs
covered with
national funds

15 million

people vaccinated
through the fund in 2013

\$620 MM

Procured in 2017

Working capital
of more than

\$173 MM

Dec. 2017 (credit line for
countries)

www.paho.org/revolvingfund

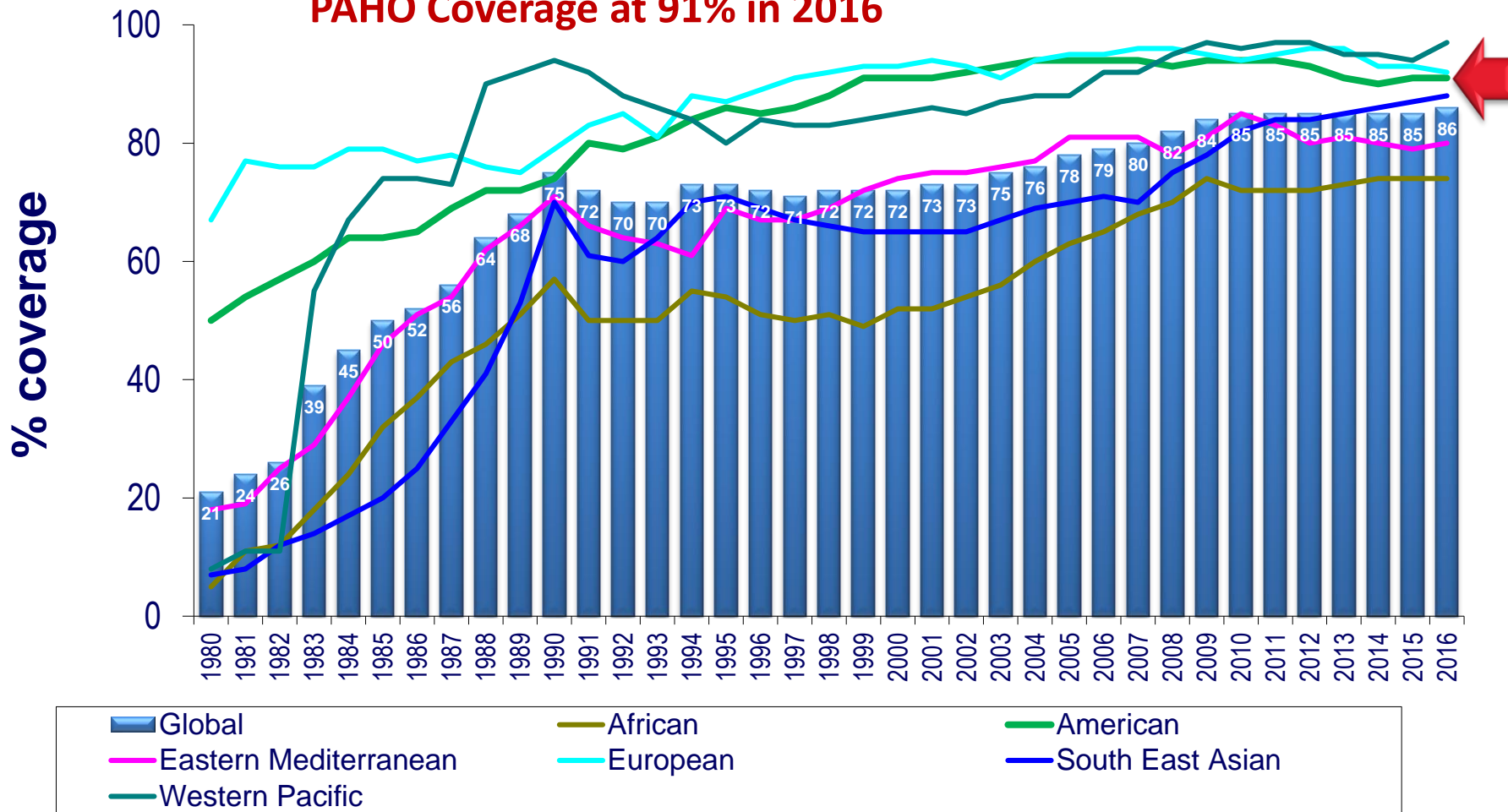


Complete the Unfinished Agenda and Tackle New Challenges

Global and Regional DTP3 Coverage, 1980-2016

Global coverage at 86% in 2016

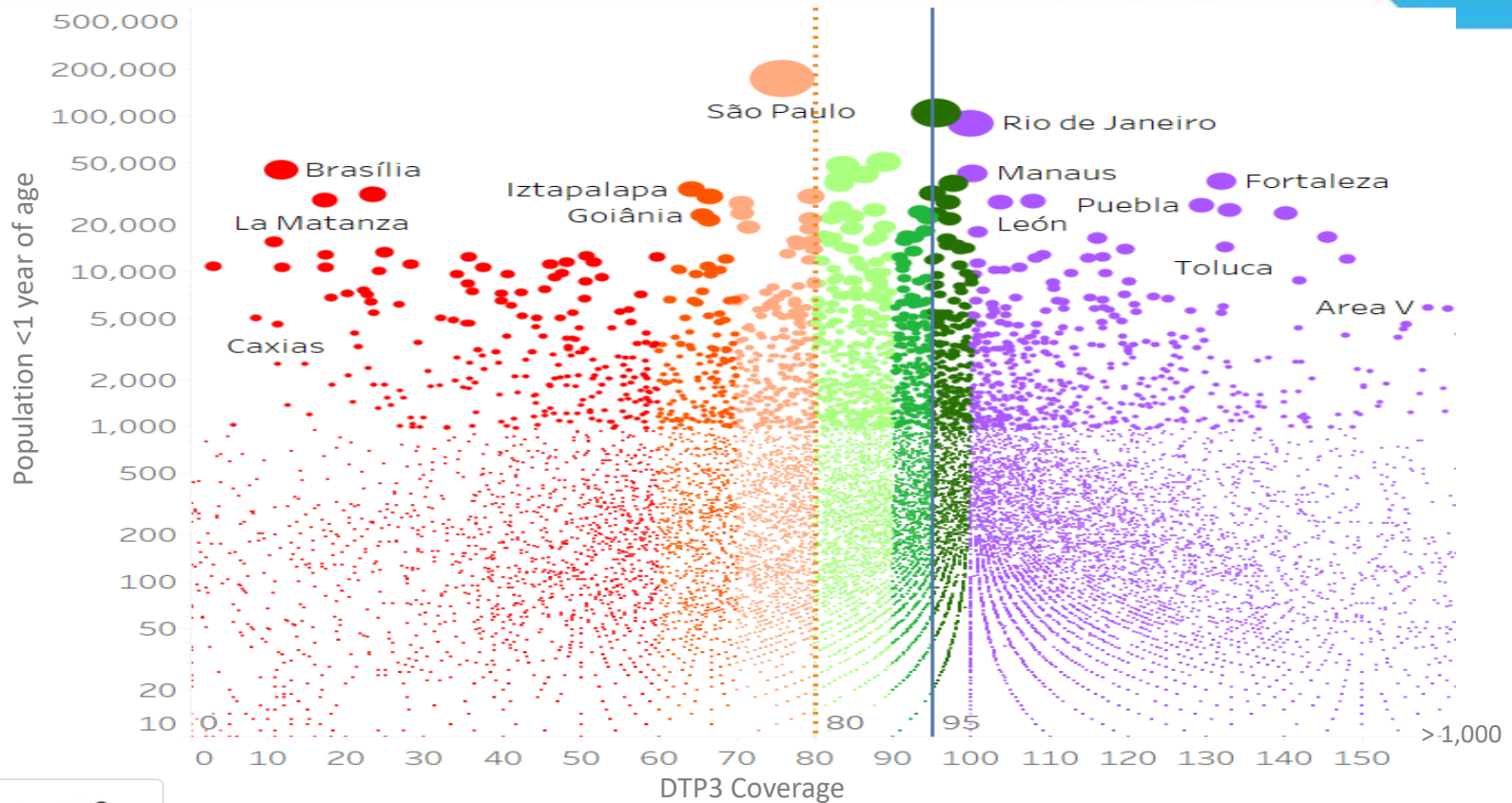
PAHO Coverage at 91% in 2016



Source: WHO/UNICEF coverage estimates 2015 revision. July 2016
 Immunization Vaccines and Biologicals, (IVB), World Health Organization.
 194 WHO Member States. Date of slide: 16 July 2016.

DTP3 Coverage by municipalities

Latin America and the Caribbean, 2016



0 – 80%:

- 3,711 municipalities
- 25% de los municipios

80% - 94%:

- 3,553 municipios
- 23% de los municipios.

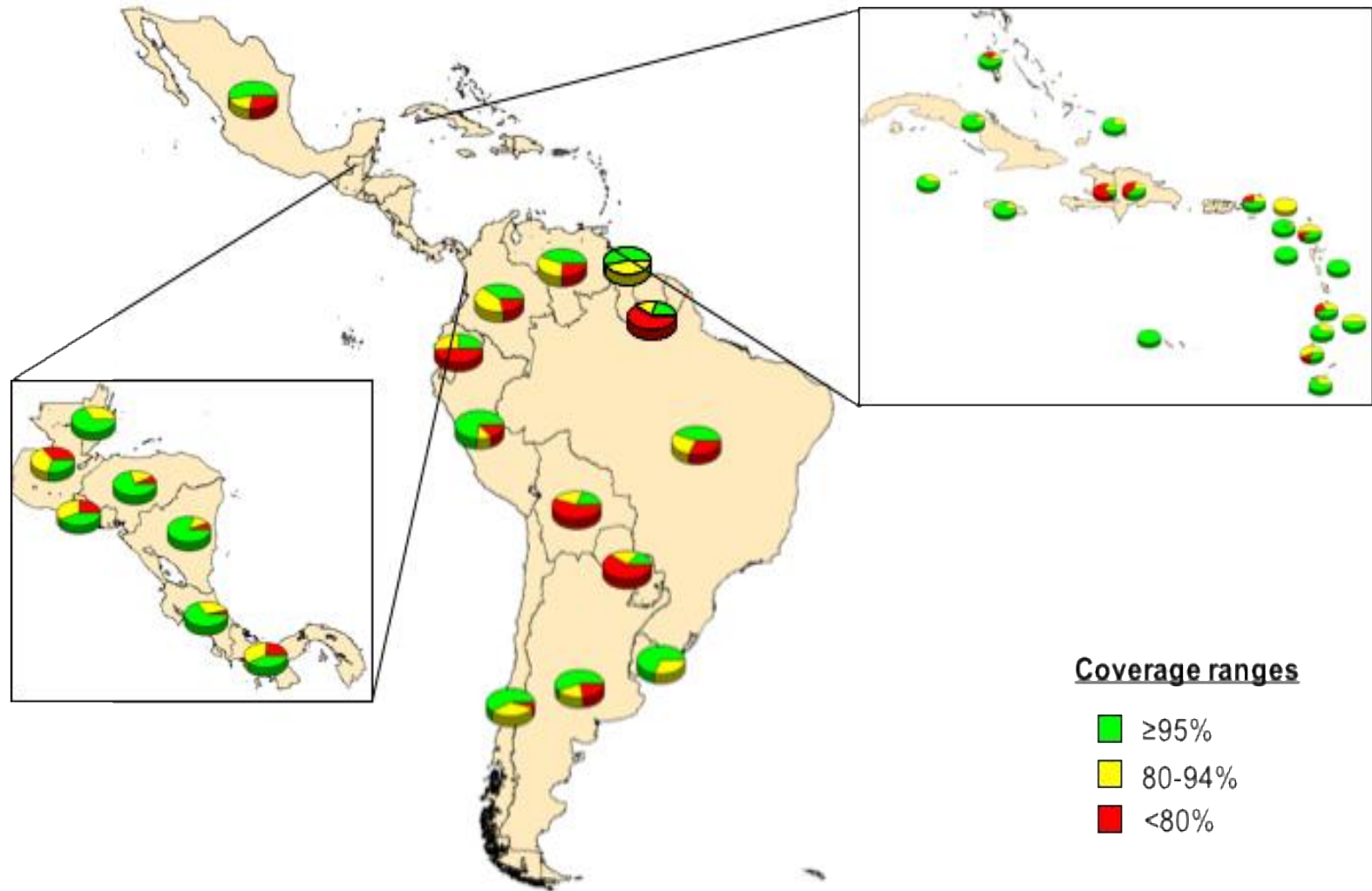
95% - 100%:

- 1,835 municipios
- 12% de los municipios.

>100%:

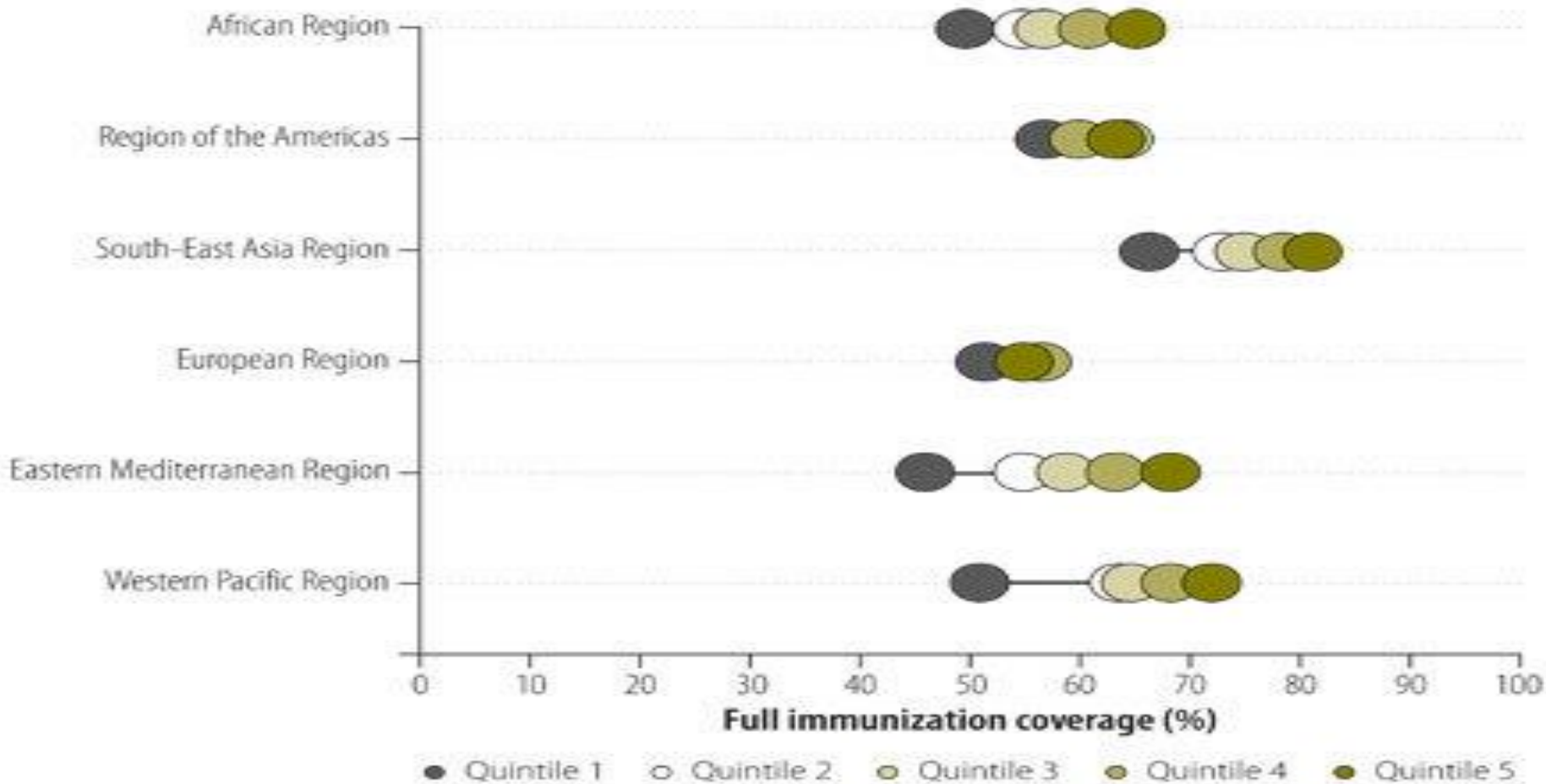
- 6,017 municipios
- 40% de los municipios.

Percentage of municipalities by Coverage Levels, DPT3, 2016



Source: Country reports through the PAHO-WHO/UNICEF Joint Reporting Form (JRF), 2017.

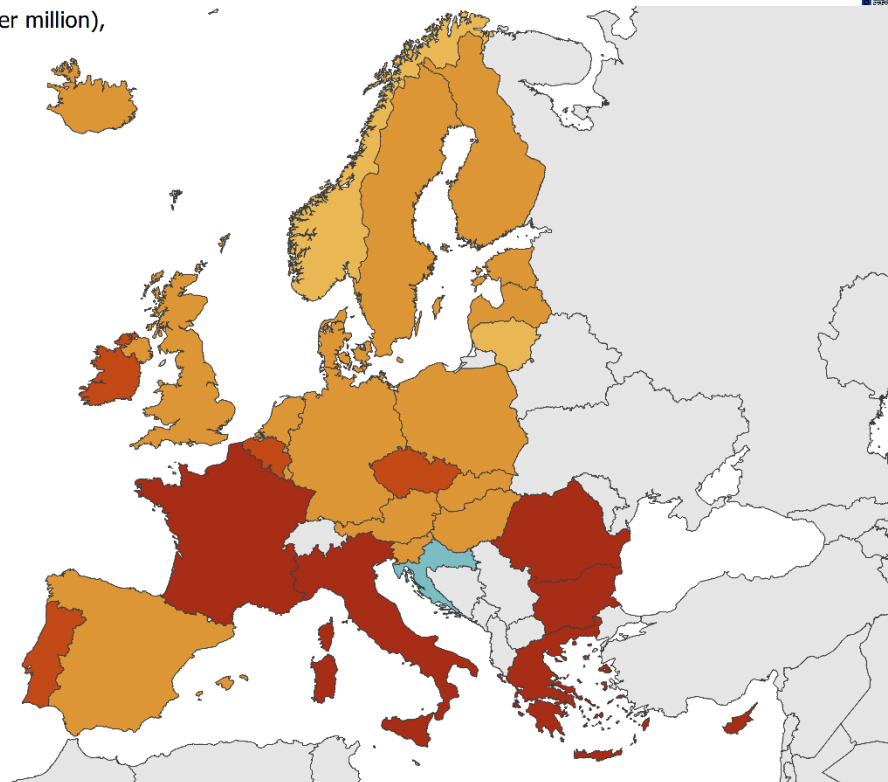
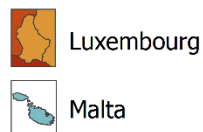
Inequalities in Full Immunization Coverage in 86 Low and Middle Income Countries per Quintiles 2001-2012



Risk of Importation of VPD

**21,315 cases
2017**

Notification rate of measles (per million),
April 2017–March 2018



**72% of cases
in 3 countries**

Rumania	Italia
5,562	5,006
	Ukraine
	4,767

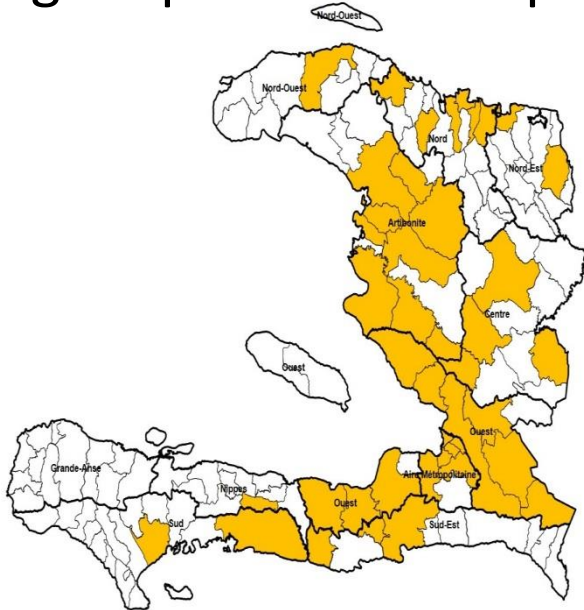
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- Travel
- Migration
- Areas with low coverage
- Lost of Herd immunity

Response to the Diphtheria outbreak in Haiti

Mini campaigns in 40 districts of 9 high risk departments

- Target children pop (1 to <15yrs old): 2.372,302
 - Phase 1: 8 departments, March 11-27
 - Western department: April 8-12
- Coverage reported as of April 10: **97%**



Areas at risk for YF transmission in Brazil, PAHO/WHO

Brazil: July 2017- 2018*

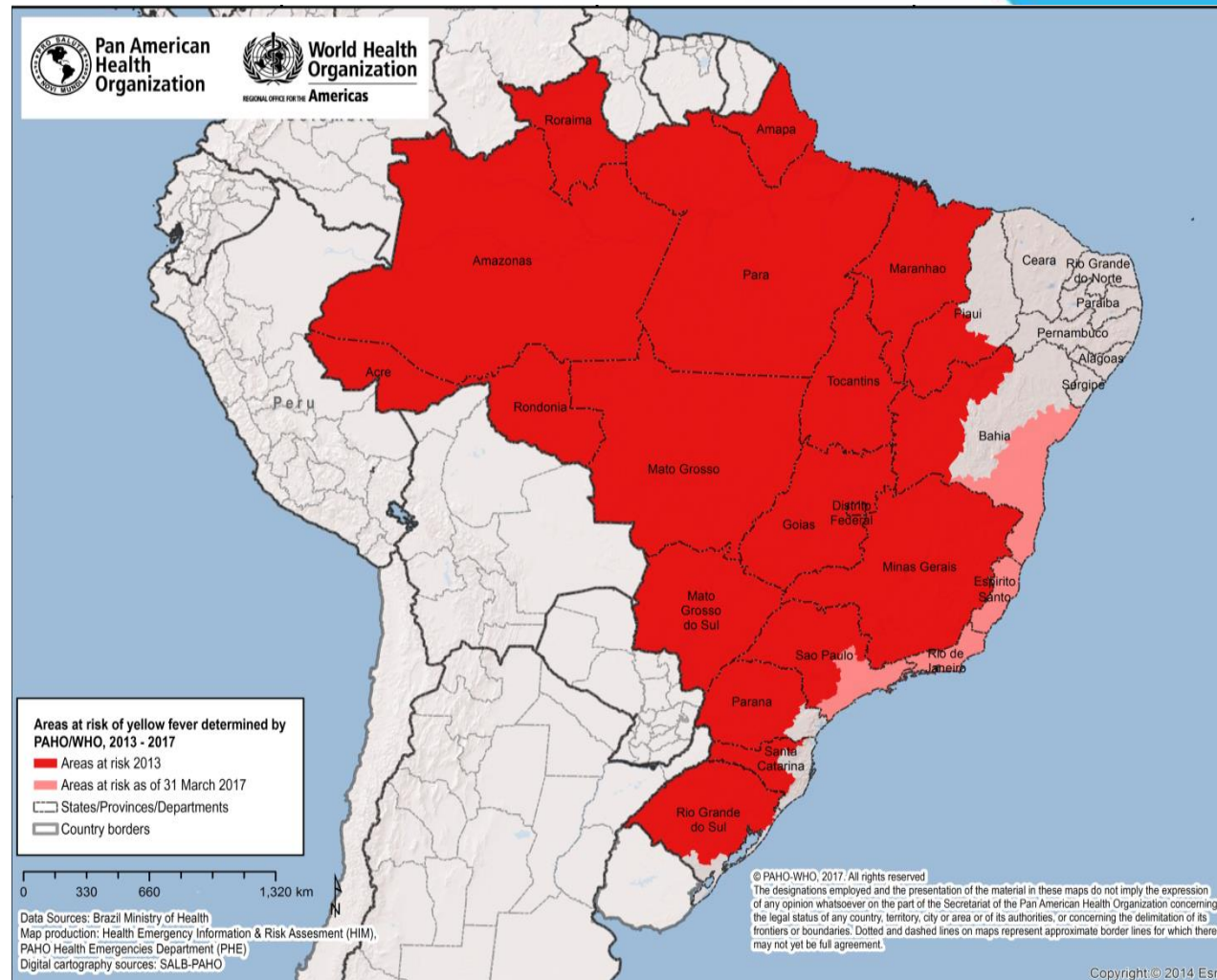
- 1.261 confirmed cases
- 409 fatalities
- 5 states: SP, MG, RJ, ES and DF

Peru: 2018*

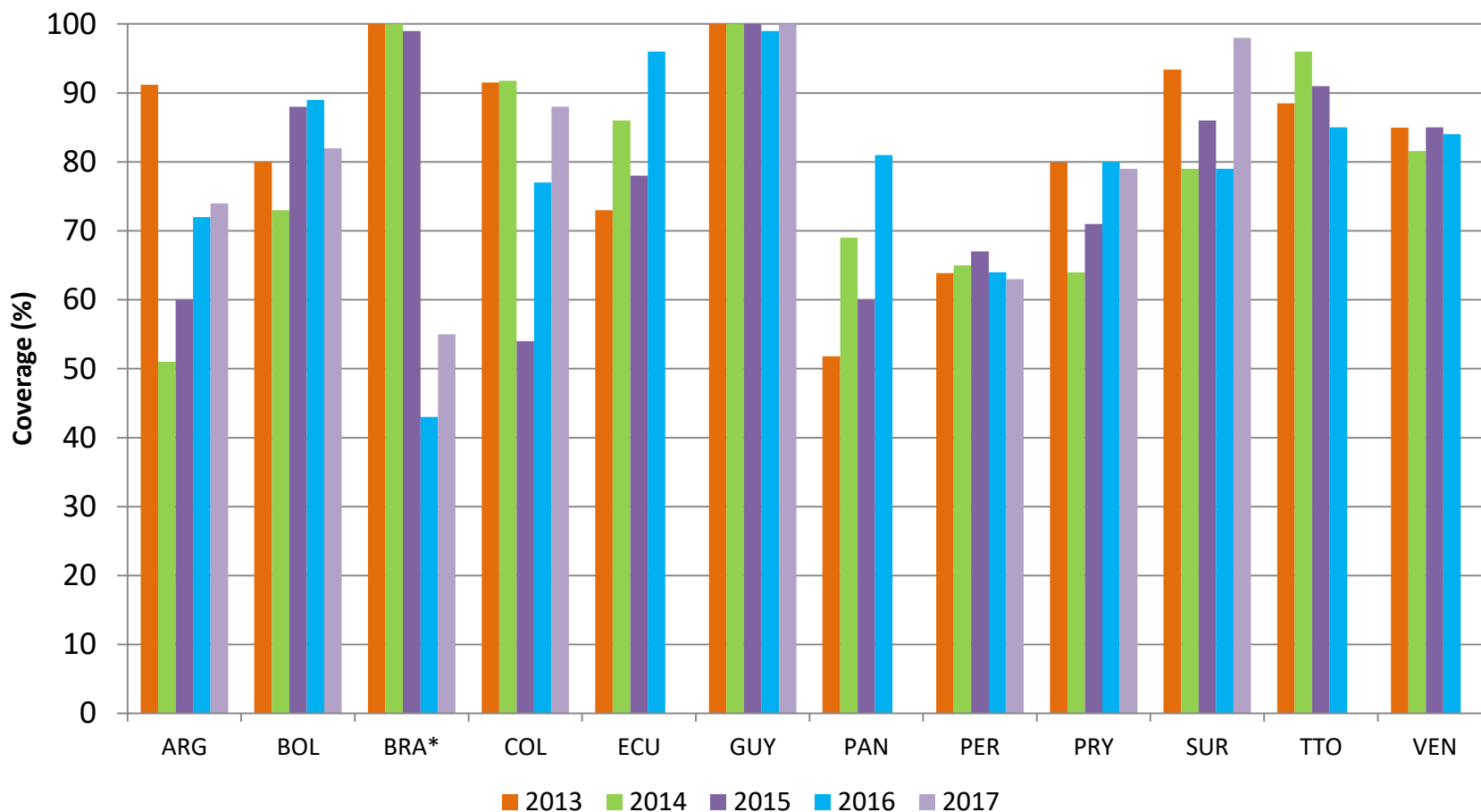
- 12 confirmed cases
- 2 departments: Ucayali, Madre de Dios

2016-18 epizootic spread in Brazil:

- > 60 M. people living in new areas determined at risk
- Vaccination campaign with YF fractional dose targeting 22 million people in Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Bahia



Yellow Fever Coverage in Children 1 year of age in selected countries in LAC, 2013-2017**



Source: Country reports through the PAHO-WHO/UNICEF Joint Reporting Forms (JRF).

*Vaccination in areas at risk and reported coverage >100%

**Provisional data

The PAHO Revolving Fund Vaccine Market Present Outlook

Competitive

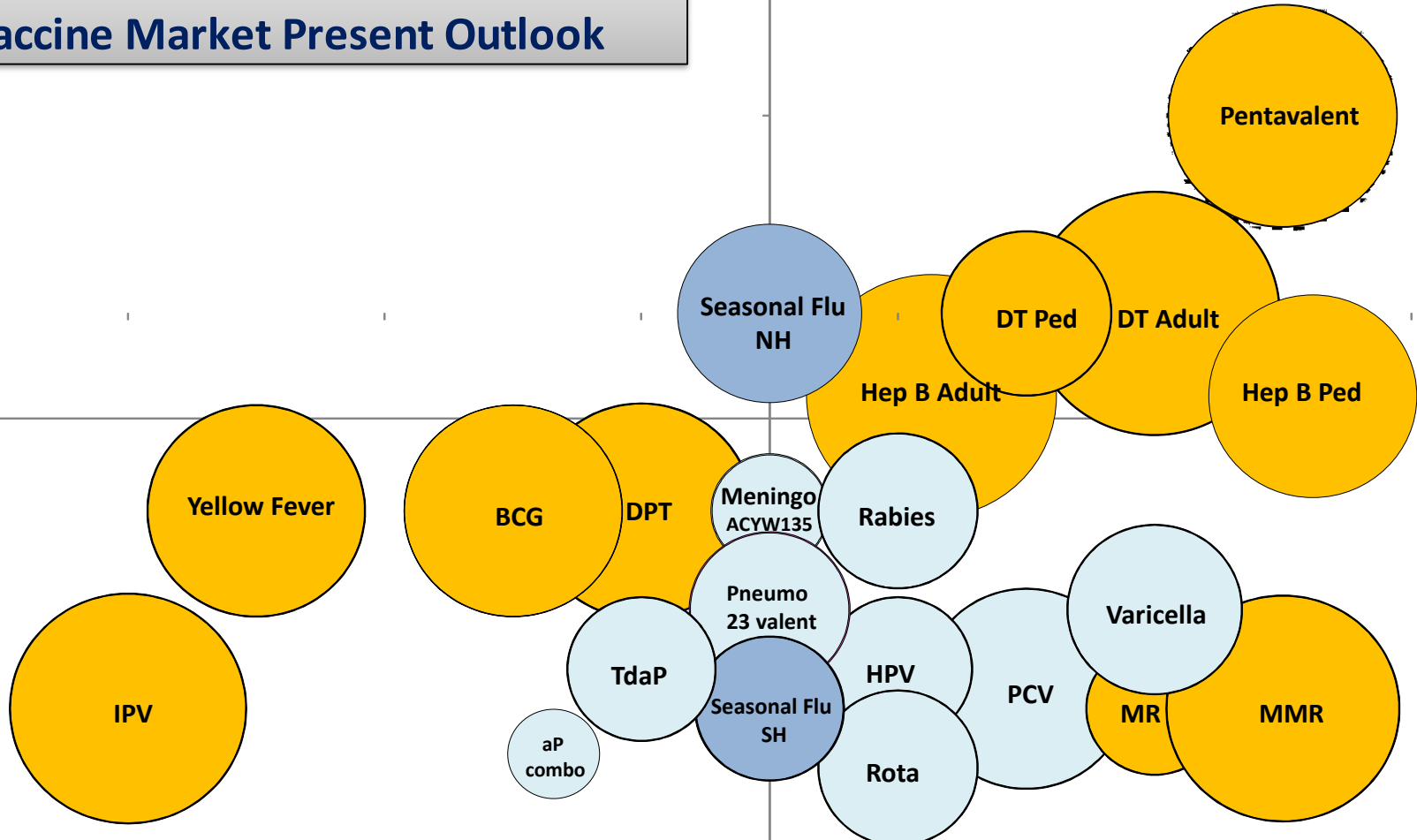
Manufacturers

Sole Source

Insufficient

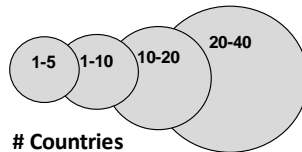
Supply

Sufficient



Vaccine Groups

- Traditional
- New and underutilized
- Seasonal Influenza

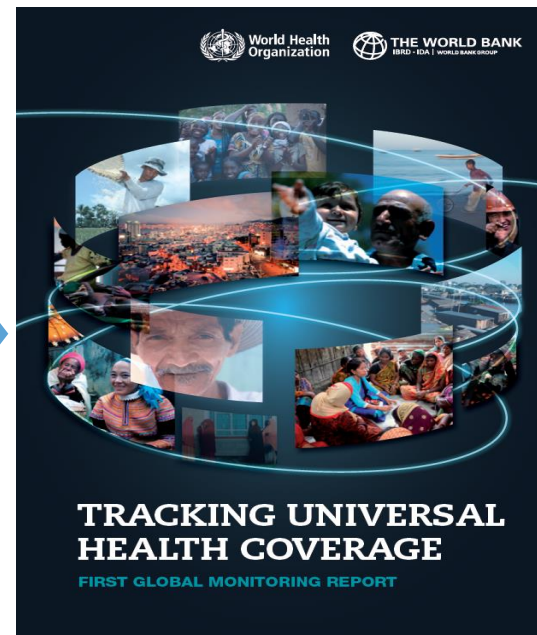




Opportunities

Immunization in the Framework of Sustainable Development Objectives Universal Coverage

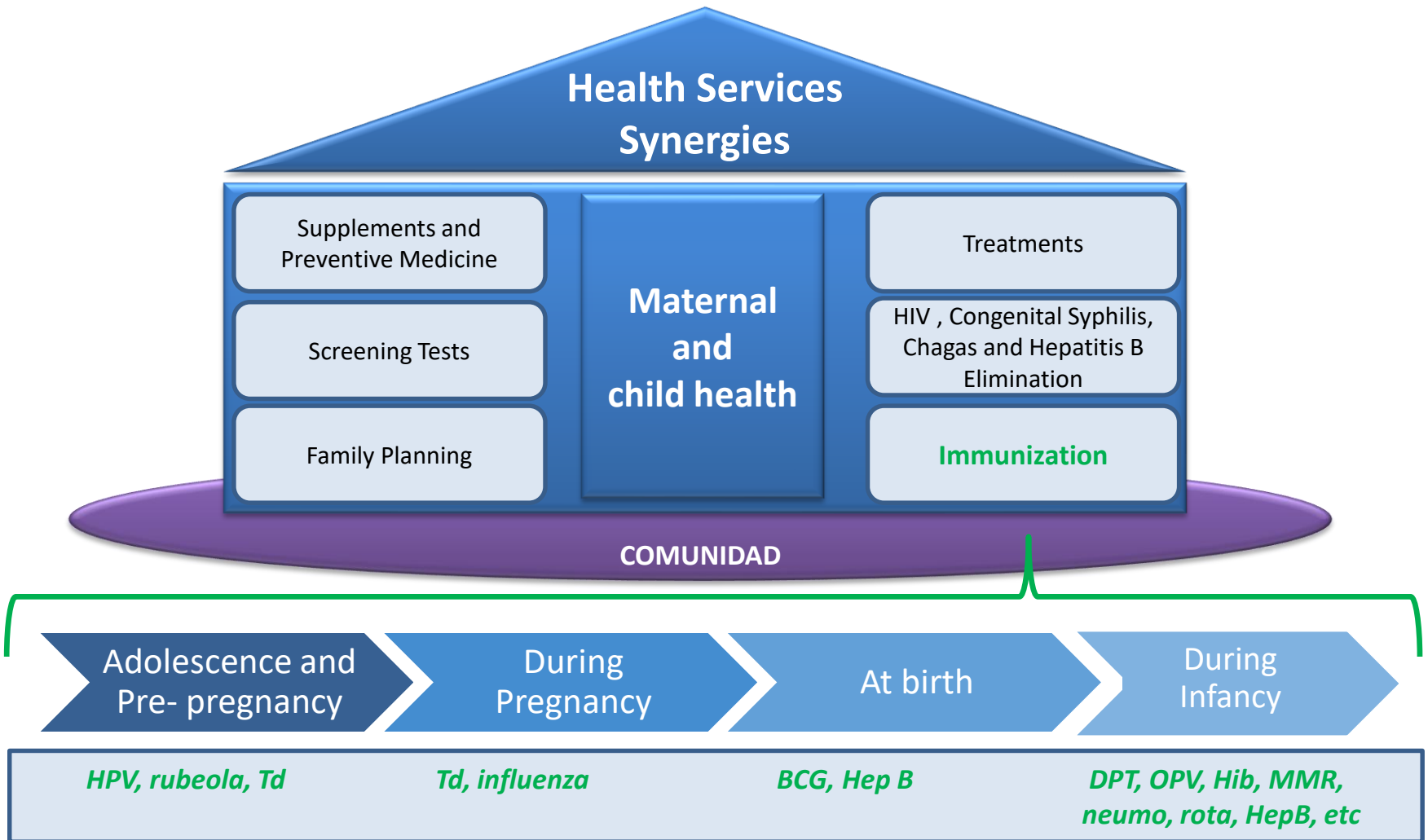
Opportunities to Maintain Immunization in the Political Agenda



Immunization coverage as a tracer

MoF, Regional and Sub-regional Bodies

Integration of Immunization with other Health Services

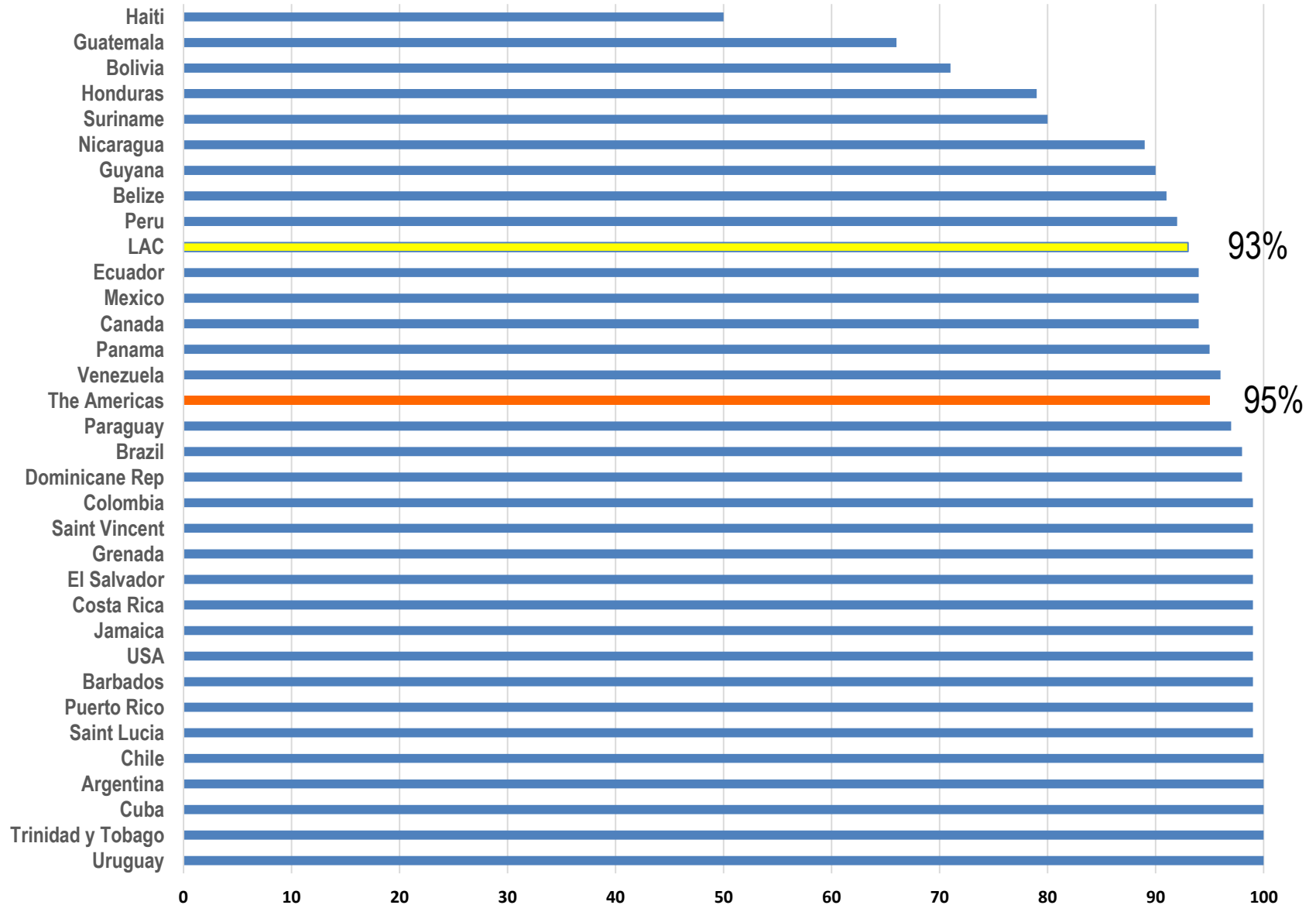


Health services:

Missed Opportunities in vaccination, Human Resources

Lack of integration with other interventions, Reach the unreached

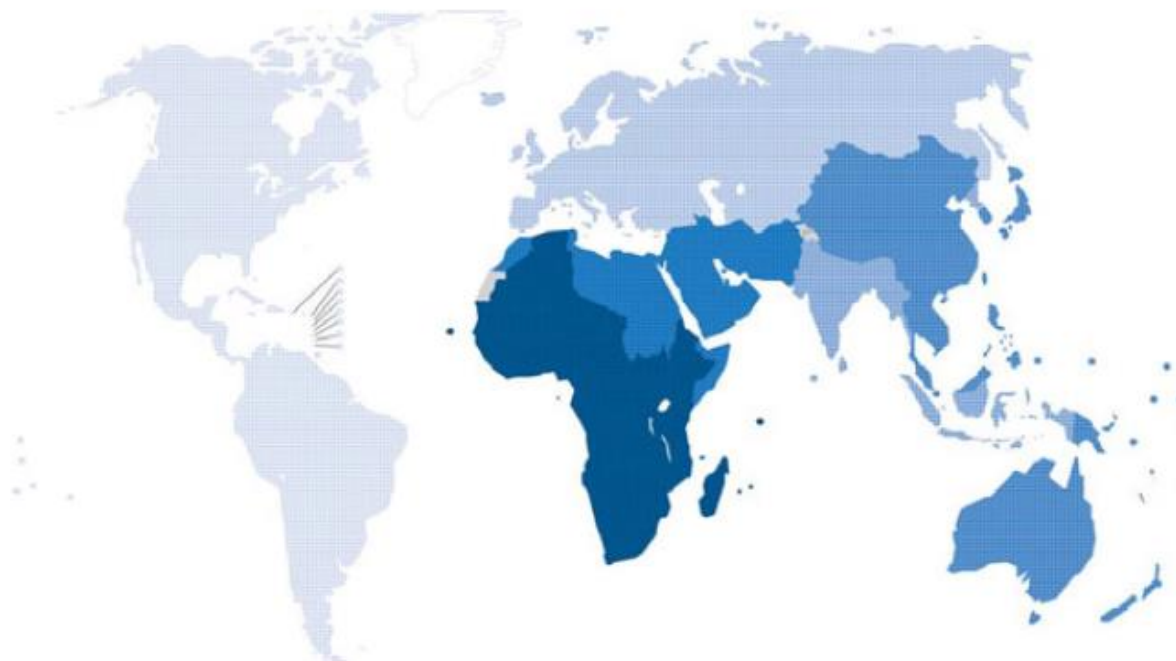
Percentage of deliveries assisted by SBA - 2015









Sources: PAHO. Basic Indicators 2017

WHO Global Hepatitis Report 2017

Table 1 (with map). Cumulated incidence of chronic HBV infection, 2015 (prevalence of HBsAg in children under 5 years) after the use of the vaccine by WHO region: about 1.3% of under-5 children have developed chronic HBV infection

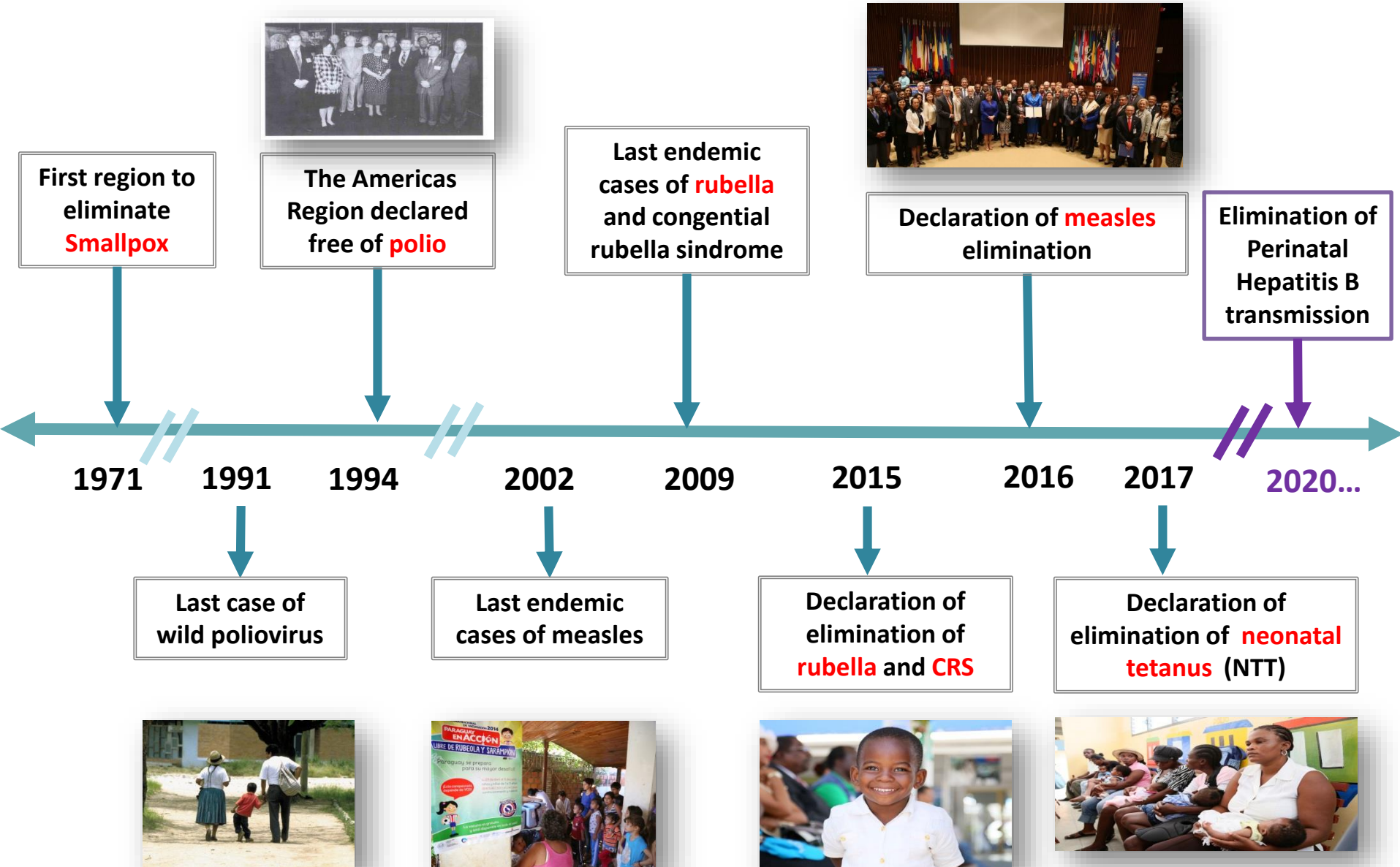


WHO region	Map key	Prevalence of HBsAg (%)		
		Best	Lower	Higher
African Region		3.0	2.0	4.7
Region of the Americas		0.2	0.1	0.5
Eastern Mediterranean Region		1.6	1.2	2.1
European Region		0.4	0.2	0.8
South-East Asia Region		0.7	0.5	1.6
Western Pacific Region		0.9	0.6	1.3
Total		1.3	0.9	2.2

Source: WHO, work conducted by the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). See Annex 2.

<http://whohbsagdashboard.com/#global-strategies>

Elimination and eradication of VPD in the Americas



Strengthening Immunization to Achieve the Goals of the Global Vaccine Action Plan, WHA70/A70_R14., 2017

URGES Member States:

1. Demonstrate **stronger leadership and governance** of national immunization programmes
2. Ensure use of **up-to-date data**
3. Strengthen and sustain **surveillance capacity**
4. Expand immunization services beyond infancy to **cover the whole life course**
5. Ensure the application of the **International Health Regulations (2005)**
6. Mobilize **domestic financing**
7. Strengthen **international cooperation**; national and regional manufacturing capacity for **affordable vaccines and technologies**
8. Social and Risk communication -Anti-vaccine groups (HPV)



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