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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AVW	African Vaccination Week
CAM	Communication, Advocacy and Media
CAH	Child and Adolescent Health
CDC	Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
DPT	Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus
EGPAF	Elizabeth Glaser Paediatric AIDS Foundation
EPI	Expanded Programme on Immunization
ESARO	UNICEF East and Southern Africa Regional Office
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FMOH	Federal Ministry of Health
GAVI	Global Alliance for Vaccines & Immunization
GVAP	Global Vaccine Action Plan
HepB	Hepatitis B
Hib	Haemophilus influenzae Type B
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ITNs	Insecticide Treated Nets
IST	Intercountry Support Team
IVE	Immunization and Vaccines Emergency Cluster
MCV	Measles Containing Vaccines
MNCHW	Maternal, Neonate and Child Health Week
MoHS	Ministry of Health and Sanitation
MSF	Médecins Sans Frontières
OPV	Oral Polio Vaccine
ORS	Oral Rehydration Salts
PCV	Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine
REJAV	Réseau des Journalistes Amis de la vaccination
TFI	Task Force on Immunization
TT	Tetanus Toxoid
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
VDC	Village Development Committees
VHC	Village Health Committees
WCARO	UNICEF West and Central Africa Regional Office
WCO	WHO Country Office
WIW	World Immunization Week
WPV	Wild Polio Virus
WHA	World Health Assembly
WHO	World Health Organization
WHO/AFRO	WHO Regional Office for Africa

FOREWORD

The 2014 edition of the African Vaccination Week (AVW) was celebrated by Member States in the WHO African Region from 22 to 27 April 2014. During the same period, they observed the 40th anniversary of the Expanded Programme on Immunization, which was launched in 1974. In the course of celebrating AVW, countries in the Region embarked on awareness-raising about benefits of vaccination. They also used the opportunity to conduct different catch-up vaccination activities. The theme for this year's commemoration, "*Vaccination, a shared responsibility*" was both timely and apt in highlighting the crucial collective responsibility of governments, health-care workers, parents, families and communities — all doing their part to promote immunization. Every individual has a role to play in the fight against vaccine-preventable diseases such as polio, whooping cough, measles, tetanus, diphtheria, diarrhoea, pneumonia, hepatitis, among others, which cause death and disability.

Introduced only three years ago, the AVW initiative is now known for promoting benefits of immunization during the life-course and delivery of other life-saving interventions in the WHO African Region. Indeed, hundreds of millions of infants, children, adolescents, women, and men were vaccinated and/or received other health interventions during the last three editions. Progress has been made in the control of some of the vaccine-preventable diseases such as epidemic meningococcal type A meningitis, measles, polio and others.

Introduction of several new vaccines being carried out by countries has injected a new momentum into vaccination programmes. This progress is a shining example of what can be done when all stakeholders join hands to improve health. However, one out of five children in the Region is still not being immunized and the pace at which new vaccines are being introduced is still slow. Moreover, sustainable progress can only be made if vaccines are provided as part of a comprehensive approach to the delivery of health services, with all stakeholders – governments, communities and households as well as individuals – playing their roles.

In commemorating the AVW 2014, countries demonstrated awareness of the collective vulnerability to diseases, of individuals, families, communities, nations, the Region, continent and the world – a vulnerability which demands shared responsibility and investment of even more resources in immunization. Health partners were on hand to provide technical and other support for the 2014 AVW. It is gratifying to note that, 46 countries out of the 47 in our Region participated this year, signalling to the world that immunization is a priority for countries of the Region.

This report summarizes the activities undertaken by countries in commemorating the fourth edition of the AVW in 2014. It contains immunization and other interventions delivered, in addition to memorable pictures of the launches across the region, press cuttings, posters, messages on twitter and you tube, all promoting immunization. The report is useful for preparations towards the 5th edition of AVW in April 2015.

WHO is fully committed to universal access to immunization by children, adolescents, adults and the elderly, regardless of where they are born, who they are, or where they live, through a strong community demand for services. Let us all strive to vaccinate, save lives and prevent disabilities.

Dr Luis Gomes Sambo
Regional Director

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to African Vaccination Week

The sixtieth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, in 2010, adopted Resolution AFR/RC60/R4 "to institutionalize an annual African Vaccination Week (AVW) for sustaining advocacy, expanding community participation and improving immunization service delivery". Subsequently, the World Immunization Week (WIW) was endorsed in May 2012, by 194 Member States of the Sixty-fifth session of the World Health Assembly (Resolution 65.18), designating the last week of April as World Immunization Week (WIW).

Since April 2011 the AVW has been commemorated annually by countries, with some flexibility in their choice of activities, while focussing on goals of national health strategies. Countries conducted large-scale vaccination campaigns, small-scale vaccination activities or information outreach and health promotion through immunization and other child-survival interventions.

The AVW is led and coordinated by the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Africa but implemented by countries. The initiative provides a unique opportunity for countries and partners to strengthen national immunization programmes and, through advocacy and partnerships, keep immunization high on the national and regional agendas. It also promotes other high-impact, life-saving interventions. The overarching slogan of AVW is "*Vaccinated communities, Healthy communities*". Each year, a suitable theme is chosen to reflect regional priorities and public health realities.

In 2011, 40 of the 46 countries in the Region organized various activities, such as vaccination of all ages against vaccine-preventable diseases and provision of various life-saving interventions, particularly for vulnerable groups and remote communities that traditionally lack access to health services. AVW reports over the past 3 years show that, more than 180 million people were vaccinated with OPV in 19 countries¹ and in the 2013 edition, approximately 7.5 million doses of various vaccines were administered in 17 countries². In addition, 31.5 million vitamin A and 21.2 million deworming tablets were distributed in 13³ and 9⁴ countries respectively; a total of 6.4 million children were screened for malnutrition in Cameroon, Madagascar, Mozambique; and 3.8 million wash kits distributed in Botswana, Cameroon and Nigeria.

The annual implementation of the WIW serves as the overarching framework for immunization week initiatives in all WHO Regions. In each Region, the week is dedicated to scaling up awareness on the importance of vaccination across the life-course, and ensuring in all countries universal access to this essential preventive health service. April 2014 marked the 4th year of celebration of the AVW under the theme "***Vaccination, a shared responsibility***" coinciding with the celebration of the 3rd edition of the World Immunization Week.

¹ Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, DRC, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and South Africa

² Angola, Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Congo, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritania, Swaziland, Togo, Zimbabwe.

³ Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria Rwanda, and Swaziland.

⁴ Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria and Zimbabwe.

1.2 Goal and objectives of African Vaccination Week

1.2.1 Goal

To strengthen immunization programmes in the African Region by increasing awareness of the importance of every person's (particularly every child and woman) need and right to be protected from vaccine-preventable diseases.

1.2.2 Objectives

- To increase stakeholder awareness of the value and benefits of immunization.
- To promote and maintain immunization as a priority for decision-makers.
- To advocate for and mobilize human, financial and material resources for immunization.
- To increase demand and utilization of immunization services.
- To improve access for high-risk populations and hard-to-reach areas in the Region.

2. ACTIVITIES IN THE AFRICAN VACCINATION WEEK 2014

2.1 Regional activities in the 2014 African Vaccination Week

Activities conducted at the regional level include feature stories, FAQ's on AVW, audio & TV spots, and the Regional Director's message. A joint WHO/UNICEF press release was also shared with the media and posted on the WHO African Region website (<http://www.afro.who.int/en/media-centre/events/african-vaccination-week/2014.html>)

A briefing of local and international media represented in Congo was held, and tweets on immunization and AVW were sent out using the WHO/AFRO twitter account. A 13-minute TV programme was also developed and broadcast on various international channels (TV5 Monde, Ouest TV and national TV stations). The programmes featured a health talk, prior to an immunization session, in a health facility, and an interview with the Director for Immunization, Vaccines and Emergencies (IVE) cluster in the WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO/AFRO). The IVE Director provided the rationale for the 2014 AVW theme. The Director of Health, Ministry of Health and Population, Congo, highlighted the roles and responsibilities of Governments and partners in immunization in the African Region.

The Minister of Health and Population, Republic of Congo, Mr Francois Ibovi, launched the 2014 edition of the Regional AVW on 24 April 2014 in Brazzaville. The IVE cluster Director, Dr Deo Nshimirimana, a wide range of international (GAVI, UNICEF, SABIN) and national partners, as well as representatives of the diplomatic corps in Congo were present at the regional launch.

Launching the AVW, the keynote speaker and Minister of Health and Population, Republic of Congo, underlined the intrinsic values of vaccines as proven, powerful tools for disease prevention and called on all stakeholders to promote it and get the population to appropriate the benefits for healthy society. The Minister stated *"The success of vaccination depends largely on its promotion by the media, local authorities, educators and parents. All skills and competencies must therefore be mobilized to ensure that vaccines reach the maximum number of children. Everyone has a share of responsibility"*.

The Minister also used the occasion to announce the formal introduction of the rotavirus vaccine into immunization programmes in the Republic of the Congo. He equally announced the provision of vitamin A, long-lasting insecticide-treated nets to pregnant women and children as well as sensitization on breastfeeding during the week.



Dr. Deo Nshimirimana, Director IVE/AFRO, distributing ITNs to mothers in Brazzaville, Congo



Minister of Health & Population, Congo, launching the regional 2014 edition of AVW



The Minister of Health & Population, Congo, administering rotavirus vaccine



Dr Faumata Binta Diallo, WHO Rep in Congo, speaking at the regional launching of the 2014 edition of AVW

Dr Fatoumata Binta Diallo, WHO Representative in Congo, speaking on behalf of the WHO Regional Director for Africa and other development partners in Congo, pledged their commitment to support African countries in their quest to improve maternal, child and community health.

2.2 Selected country activities in the 2014 African Vaccination Week

Fifteen of the 47 countries in the African Region celebrated the 2014 edition of the African Vaccination Week (AVW) from 22 to 27 April 2014. Celebration of the event, however, continued in the remaining 30 countries in the Region between May and July 2014. Two countries (Gabon and South Africa) did not celebrate the event. Reports indicate that Member States used the occasion to hold round-table discussions, undertake advocacy and social mobilization activities for immunization, training, introduction of new vaccines into national routine immunization programmes; provision of life-saving interventions such as deworming, vitamin A supplementation, mosquito net distributions and growth monitoring.

Others conducted 'catch-up' vaccination against polio, measles, diphtheria, whooping cough, neonatal tetanus, influenza, yellow fever, rotavirus and bacterial pneumonia. See Table 1 for details.

Table 1: Public health interventions provided and communication activities per country during the AVW 2014

Interventions planned/conducted during AVW 2014	Number of countries	List of countries
Communication activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy, sensitization, social mobilization, production of IEC material, training/media briefing • SMS campaign • Award to districts with good performance in immunization 	45	45 countries in the African Region Mauritius & Uganda Kenya
Catch-up vaccination activities	32	Angola, Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cap Verde, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Central African Republic, Congo, Comoros, DRC, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Lesotho, Malawi, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Sao Tome, Senegal, Togo, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Vitamin A administration	20	Angola, Botswana, Cameroon, Comoros, Eritrea, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nigeria, Namibia, São Tomé, South Sudan, Swaziland, Rwanda, Zambia, Togo,
Deworming tablets	15	Angola, Botswana, Cameroon, Comoros, Gambia, Guinea, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Swaziland, Zambia, Togo
Polio campaign	7	Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Gambia, Niger, Burkina Faso, Benin, Central African Republic
New vaccine introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotavirus • PCV • HPV • Measles 2nd dose 	7	Angola and Congo; Lesotho and Swaziland; Rwanda, Tanzania and Seychelles. Tanzania
Combined with Child Health days	6	Botswana, Cameroon, Ghana, Madagascar, Nigeria, Rwanda
Growth monitoring	5	Chad, Ghana, Mauritania, Madagascar, Rwanda
Distribution of LLITNs	4	Angola, Chad, Congo, Guinea Bissau

2.3 Some examples of communication strategies

2.3.1 Social media and media coverage

This year, the AVW was covered by the news media in all 47 countries of the Region, including South Africa that did not celebrate the event. The event was also promoted through the official WHO website and twitter account. The links to the original media reports, documents, tweets and re-tweets are provided in annex 2. The sources of press cuttings include: News agencies, newspapers/magazines, radio/TV, online and other media.

The twitter campaign was held from 17 March 2014 till 24 April 2014. A 14% increase in twitter followers was achieved during the period. Tweets contained links to documents, images, videos and stories for more information. Topics covered include AVW announcement; background information; past success of AVW; planned activities for AVW 2014; regional and country launch of AVW; vaccine safety; importance of vaccination; other interventions during AVW; vaccination of adults; vaccination in crisis situations; pneumonia and diarrhoeal diseases; human papillomavirus (HPV), as well as cervical cancer, measles, and polio.

2.3.2 Selected AVW media links

Some selected media links are provided below.

- African Vaccination Week proves its worth
(<http://www.panapress.com/Congo--African-Vaccination-Week-proves-its-worth-%28WHO-AFRO-FEATURES%29--15-906401-29-lang2-index.html>)
- African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major killer diseases
(<https://www.google.com/webhp?hl=en#hl=en&q=relief+web+-+African+Vaccination+Week+gathers+steam%2C+seeks+to+protect+millions+against+major+killer+>
- The presidential couple at the launch of the National Vaccination Campaign against polio (Equatorial Guinea)
(<http://www.guineaecuatorialpress.com/noticia.php?id=5098&lang=en>)

3. LAUNCH OF AVW 2014 IN COUNTRIES AND BY SUBREGION

High-level authorities, local leaders and partners participated in celebrations, the major activities of which have been summarized below, from some selected countries.

3.1 West Africa (IST/West)

Côte d'Ivoire

The AVW was launched at the Anzoumana Konaté stadium in the commune of Treichville (Abidjan – Centre). The mayor, local members of parliament, traditional chiefs and WHO, Rotary International, the Association of Preventive Medicine and the Red Cross, all international partners were present at the ceremony.

The Ivorian Minister of Health and HIV/AIDS Control, Dr Raymonde Coffie – Goudou chaired the launching ceremony. Applauded and galvanized by songs and music provided by the town band, she discussed some salient points on immunization and appealed to the people, especially parents, to get their children adequately vaccinated. According to her, "Vaccination protects the child against disease. African Vaccination Week, which kicks off today, is an invitation and encouragement to get more people involved in vaccinating their children and themselves. I urge you to have your children vaccinated, especially those between zero and eleven months. The government supports you".



The Minister of Health Dr Raymonde Goudou-Coffie, vaccinating a child during the 2014 AVW launching

Liberia

A formal national launch of African Vaccination Week took place on 6 May, 2014 at the Duport Road clinic in the borough of Paynesville on the outskirts of the capital, Monrovia. Senator Geraldine Doe Sharif, deputy chair, senate committee for health and Ambassador Miatta Fahnbulleh, goodwill ambassador for maternal and child health, jointly launched the event. The country representatives of UNICEF and WHO in Liberia, Rotary International, Polio Plus, and representatives of local and international NGOs and community leaders graced the occasion. The Assistant Minister for Preventive Services, Councillor Tolbert Nyenswah, represented the Minister for Health at the event.

Other dignitaries, who made remarks during the launch, are Dr Bernice T. Dahn, Chief Medical Officer of Liberia and Deputy Minister for Health Services, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. County-level advocacy meetings were held on 4 April. Radio talk shows and radio messages promoting routine immunization were aired during the African Vaccination Week.



Banner showing important key messages during AVW 2014



WHO/UNICEF/MOH/PARTNERS/Goodwill Ambassador/Senator displaying key messages

One of the key innovations during the week's celebration was the unveiling of murals with routine immunization messages in Grand Kru, River Gee, and Maryland, all poor-performing and hard-to-reach counties.

Ghana

The Honourable Minister for Health, Ms Sherry Ayittey, launched the 10th anniversary of the Child Health Promotion Week (CHPW) on 2 May 2014 at Jubilee Park, in Bolgatanga, regional capital of the Upper East Region. The week was observed concurrently with the 4th African Vaccination Week. A colourful crowd of traditional and religious leaders, as well as a cross-section of the public, participated in the launching. The Country Director of UNICEF, Dr Ngozi also addressed the gathering. Other partners were present at the event: Representatives of WHO, USAID, Birth and Deaths registry. High-level government officials, such as the Regional Minister for Upper East, Regional Director of Health Services for the region, the Deputy Director-General of Ghana Health Services (GHS) and the Coordinator of the Child Health Services and the Regional Director of Health Services of the Northern Region were present.



T-shirts to promote birth registration during AVW

The Regional Minister, Dr Ephraim Avea Nsoh, gave a welcome address. In her speech, the Minister for Health said that the country made great achievements in the child health sector, with no reported cases for polio since 2008, and for measles since 2002 while a dramatic decrease in malaria cases among children was also noted. She added that Ghana increased the immunization of children under two years of age, while several of them were being supplemented with vitamin A; also, more caretakers were using bed nets. However, Ms Sherry Ayittey indicated that the country had been stagnating with a neonatal mortality of 32/1000 live births since 2011. The Deputy Director-General of GHS Dr. Gloria Quansah also gave an overview of the 10 years of CHPW in Ghana



18-month old child receives Measles 2nd dose and ITN

Mauritania

The General Secretary of Health in the MOH launched AVW at Ibn Sinaa de Arafat health center in Nouakchott on April 30, 2014. In attendance were the WHO and UNICEF representatives, dignitaries of the MOH, parliamentarians, local authorities and representatives of civil society. During the launching ceremony Dr. Mustapha Ould Abdellah, Director of Health Action presented the strategy and activities to be conducted during the 4th AVW in Mauritania scheduled from 30 April to 6 May, 2014. The activities had to do with mother and child health, such as Vitamin A supplementation, deworming, and screening of children for malnutrition. The WHO representative, representing immunization partners, opened a workshop on advocacy for decision-makers. The focus was on making immunization a priority in national health development policies. Among steps taken to ensure successful implementation of the 4th AVW was the constitution of six hundred and thirty-nine (639) teams, 84 supervisors and provision of 93 vehicles and more than 393 million ouguiyas. These reached 570 000 households, vaccinated 145 000 children (0 to 11 months old) and 165 000 pregnant women. Vitamin A was provided to 555 000 children (6 to 59 months old), deworming tablets provided to 495 000 (12 to 59 months old) and malnutrition screening was conducted in 555 000 children (6-59 months old).



A parliamentarian administering vaccine during AVW launch

3.2 East and Southern Africa (IST/East and South)

Ethiopia

African Vaccination Week 2014 kicked off on 23 April 2014 with a colourful event in Gondar, Amhara. Dr Pierre M'Pele, WHO Representative, commended the Government of Ethiopia and EPI partners on their efforts at improving the Expanded Programme on Immunization in Ethiopia.

The event was attended by a large number of high-level officials, including Ethiopia's State Minister of Health, Vice President of Amhara Regional State, Head of Amhara Regional Health Bureau, as well as representatives of partner organizations including WHO, UNICEF, Clinton Health Access Initiative, PATH Ethiopia, Lions Club, IFP (USAID), and CCRDA/CORE Group.

The morning launch event concluded with a session of vaccination against polio.



A banner on AVW at the launch place in Gondar, Ethiopia



Women wait to have their children vaccinated at the launch in Gondar

Swaziland

The Government of Swaziland has made child health one of the key priorities for the Ministry of Health; and so on 23 April 2014 the country launched the African Vaccination Week and Child Health Days (CHD) simultaneously. This double event is a testimony to the commitment and hard work of the MOH to achieve the Millennium Development Goal number 4 (Reducing Child Mortality).

Swaziland has fully embraced this approach and the country has achieved a remarkable reduction in under-five child mortality, from 120 in 2007, to 104 deaths per thousand live births in 2010. However, it is important to note that the child mortality rate still remains unacceptably high. So the launching of the AVW and CHD simultaneously strengthens the resolve of the government to achieve further reduction in the rates of under-five mortality.

Swaziland is one of the countries in Africa that is steadily moving towards self-reliance in the area of immunization service delivery. During the launching of the AVW, a new vaccine (PCV13) was launched for prevention of pneumonia, which is one of the serious child killer diseases in Swaziland.



African Vaccination Week 2014: PCV introduction & Child Health Days in Swaziland

South Sudan

Al-Sabbah Children's Hospital, Juba, was the venue of the ceremony to kick-start the commemoration of the 2014 African Vaccination Week (AVW) activities in South Sudan. South Sudan launched the first phase of an integrated life-saving campaign to immunize nearly 2.5 million children against measles and polio and to administer Vitamin A tablets. The campaign was aimed at reducing the incidence of measles to less than five cases per million, and to boost the population's immunity against Polio.

South Sudan is already close to celebrating five years of being polio-free, the 5th anniversary of which will be marked in June 2014. Maintaining this polio-free status, as well as being free of other vaccine-preventable diseases, requires vigilance. It requires, among other things, reaching all with vaccines for protection against polio and all other vaccine-preventable diseases. The AVW provided opportunity to increase awareness and encourage all to



Dr Reik Gai Kok giving a speech during the launch of the integrated campaign at El-Sabbah Children's Hospital in Juba

take up their responsibility in promoting immunization services and ensuring adequate uptake of these services.

The AVW was launched with an innovative approach to saving life, namely the integrated life-saving campaign to immunize children against other vaccine-preventable child killer diseases. The activities for the two events were simultaneously conducted up to 30 April 2014. During this first phase of the integrated life-saving campaign, all children who had been displaced by the current conflict to camps in the first seven states were reached with essential vaccines.

Uganda

The Honourable Minister of Health, Dr Ruhakana Rugunda, officially launched the 4th edition of the African Vaccination Week in Uganda on 24 April 2014, in Sheema district, with a call on parents, communities and leaders to play their roles in immunizing children so as to have healthy communities. The minister stated that the theme for the year, “vaccination, a shared responsibility” was very apt as there was a need for everybody to ensure that children were fully immunized. According to him, everybody had a duty to protect children against vaccine-preventable diseases. The minister also pointed out the need to further improve on the national immunization coverage.



The Minister administering OPV to a child at the launch

The UN Resident Coordinator in Uganda, Mrs. Ahunna Eziakonwa-Onochie highlighted the survival strategies being implemented in Uganda, coupled with the introduction of new vaccines, such as pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV), which prevents pneumonia and meningitis. The WHO country representative, Dr Wondimagegnehu Alemu, reiterated the justification of institutionalizing the African Vaccination Week and said that, several activities were being undertaken nationwide to further raise awareness on the life-saving value of immunization; seek to increase vaccination coverage; reach underserved, marginalized and hard-to-reach populations with the existing and new high-impact child survival packages and other life-saving interventions.



District officials and members of parliament attending the launch event in Sheema district

3.3 Central Africa (IST/Central)

Angola

His Excellency, the Vice-Governor for Social Affairs officially launched the 4th edition of African Vaccination Week in Kuando Kubango Province, Angola on 22 April, 2014. A country-wide media mobilization was undertaken through the national radio network, community radio broadcast, newspapers, as well as public and private television networks. Participation was satisfactory; communities’ demand and the series of live media coverage motivated technicians to remain in the field for several hours.



Vaccination of a woman of Child bearing age in an outreach post

The week's activities included mobile and advanced vaccination teams (with all antigens); HIV/AIDS testing; distribution of mosquito nets; deworming tablets (Albendazole); vitamin A, infant & adult nutrition programme and mother-child health care. Tetanus mop-up campaigns for women of childbearing age were the icing on the cake.

Kuando Kubango is one of the worst-hit HIV/AIDS provinces. The week provided opportunity to reach more people with HIV/AIDS services in this province, and the demand for HIV testing was impressive. More people voluntarily went for HIV testing.

Overall, the week's activities focused on the key information that women of childbearing age need to take five shots of anti-tetanus vaccine to ensure they had healthy babies. The activities stressed also the easy and free access everyone has to vaccines, which are meant to save lives. The importance of primary health care and disease prevention was equally emphasized. It was also concluded that water sanitation and vector-transmitted diseases deserved particular attention on the 25 April Malaria Day celebration.

Chad

The 4th edition of the AVW was officially launched on 23 April 2014 in Kinasserom in Bol Region, in the presence of different national and local authorities as well as partners. The Chief of Bol Region, Secretary General of the region, the American Ambassador, WHO and UNICEF Representatives and Secretary General of the MOH made speeches in support of the immunization efforts in the country. This was followed by administration of vaccines, distribution of ITNs and bags to children and women that had completed their schedule.



Registration of children at a health facility prior to their vaccination

A round-table discussion was also conducted on the national radio with opportunity for the public to contribute through call-in or to ask questions. During this week, the country used the opportunity for catch-up immunization of missed children, and provision of other life-saving interventions (ITNs, screening for malnutrition, among others).

Democratic Republic of the Congo

The National Minister of Public Health launched the 2014 edition of the AVW 2014 on 21 April, 2014 in Masina, Kinshasa. Present at the launch were members of the parliamentary sub-committee on immunization, the provincial Minister of Health, representatives of WHO and UNICEF, Sabine Vaccine Institute, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and partners of the health sector in DRC and others.



The Minister of public health administering the vaccine at the launch event

The Mayor of Masina in her welcome address emphasized that vaccination is a responsibility of the entire community, and encouraged parents to vaccinate their children to protect them against diseases. The WHO representative, on behalf of partners, recalled the history and objectives of the AVW and noted the year's theme, "Vaccination, a shared responsibility".

The Minister in his speech noted that the MOH in DRC will win the fight against vaccine-preventable diseases. He emphasized that AVW is an opportunity for health personnel to provide each eligible person with vaccination and other health interventions. He also emphasized the need for effective communication to promote immunization in the country. According to him, communication activities should be conducted to encourage demand for immunization. He encouraged uptake of tetanus toxoid vaccine, which will be provided under the campaign mode during the AVW celebration.

There were presentations of drama sketches on the importance of achieving vaccination schedules. The ceremony ended with the vaccination of children and women.

Equatorial Guinea

His Excellency, Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, launched the first round of National Immunization Days against Polio on 22 April, 2014 in Niefang District, where incidentally, the first case of polio was recently reported in Equatorial Guinea. Thus, the launching of this year's edition of AVW in the Niefang District was strategic to the promotion of immunization against polio and, indeed, against all vaccine-preventable diseases. The President used the opportunity to call on all stakeholders, community leaders and families to stand up to their responsibilities of ensuring that everyone is adequately immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases. According to him, the theme for this year's AVW – Vaccination, a shared responsibility – could not have been more appropriate, given the focus of the government to ensure adequate protection of people, particularly mothers and their children, against vaccine-preventable diseases. He used the opportunity to call on partners of the national immunization programme to be more strategic in promoting immunization services. He implored them to engage communication strategies with proven effectiveness in reaching the people and getting them to demand immunization services.



The President of Equatorial Guinea making a speech to launch Polio NIDs during AVW 2014



First lady Equatorial Guinea vaccinating a child at the launch event

During the one-week campaign, the country vaccinated over 309 000 children from birth to under 15 years of age. The ceremony marking this year's edition of AVW also marked the inauguration of the emergency plan to stop wild polio virus transmission in the nation.

4. SELECTED INTERVENTIONS DELIVERED

4.1 Overview of interventions delivered during the 2014 AVW in the African Region

All participating countries reported on activities delivering different interventions during the 2014 AVW in the African Region. Although AVW is officially a one-week event, most countries extended their vaccination activities, particularly campaigns, over several weeks. As a reference the AVW vaccination and communication activities were consolidated into broad categories and listed by countries. Interventions ranging from health education and counselling to administration of various vaccine antigens and supply of health commodities were undertaken. See details in Table 2.

Table 2: Results of Immunization and other life-saving interventions delivered by countries

Interventions during AVW 2014	Results obtained	Countries
Polio campaigns	21 528 715 doses of OPV administered in 5 countries	Burkina Faso, Cameroon, CAR, Mali & South Sudan
Catch-up vaccination activities	11 687 209 doses of vaccines of all antigens administered in 24 countries	Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Cameroon, CAR, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, DRC, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome, Seychelles, South Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda.
Vitamin A administration	Approximately 30 380 710 capsules of vitamin A distributed to children < 5 years & women in post-partum in 14 countries	Angola, Chad, Cameroon, CAR, Congo, Eritrea, Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Sudan.
Deworming tablets	Around 16 232 140 deworming tablets were distributed to children <5 years and pregnant women in 9 countries	Angola, Cameroon, CAR, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda.
Malnutrition screening	Around 14 900 433 children <5 years screened for malnutrition in 8 countries	Angola, Chad, Eritrea, Ghana, Madagascar, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria.
Iron distribution	2 142 641 iron & folic acid tablets distributed to pregnant women in one country	Nigeria
Malaria treatment & pregnancy test	355 888 pregnant women were tested for malaria and received treatment in 2 countries	Angola & Nigeria.
Distribution of family planning devices	270 207 devices distributed in 2 countries	Nigeria & Rwanda
Birth registration	170 811 children registered in one country	Nigeria, Ghana
Distribution of LLITNs	Approximately 214 613 LLITNs were distributed to mothers in 2 countries	Angola & Nigeria

4.2 Examples and outcomes of communication strategies used in selected countries


Significant achievements were recorded with respect to the communication interventions delivered during the 2014 AVW in countries of the African Region. In Angola, an advocacy mission to Exxon Mobil, an oil company operating in the country, was undertaken to elicit support for AVW. Other countries recorded similar successes from advocacy missions undertaken to different organizations and individuals within their reach. Some of the successes of employing advocacy were in the form of gaining more recognition for the programme, as was the case in Uganda.

Other forms of communication interventions include social mobilization and community engagement, as well as media and information for action. All of them recorded remarkable achievements and contributed to the success of the 2014 AVW in various dimensions. See details in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Communication interventions delivered during the 2014 AVW and their impact on behaviour towards immunization


Countries	Advocacy	Social mobilization/Community engagement	Media & information for action	Knowledge and behaviour
Angola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funds mobilized in-country for AVW as a result of advocacy with Exxon Mobil oil company contributed to AVW preparation activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Six CSO (Core Group, World Vision, Africare, CRS, Salvation Army and Save the Children) participated in AVW. - 15 traditional healers from community-based surveillance network in Luanda & 23 traditional leaders from hard-to-reach areas in remaining provinces were used to raise awareness of their community on importance of vaccine during AVW. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The strategy was to focus on visual and sound mobilization as most people cannot read. -Daily coverage from radio and TV followed by community mobilization interviews. -Nationwide followed, highly-rated programmes covered field activities for free; -The two public and one private TV stations followed activities conducted. -Social mobilization through interviews was done in four high-profile talk shows from the public stations and two in the private station. -On the national radio station, which airs nationwide, social mobilization, through interviews, was done by participating in five shows. -Four private radios contributed to social communication and community mobilization. TV spot was daily transmitted in both public and private stations. All 17 (public, community and private radios) radio stations played the radio spot. -51 journalists were briefed on AVW objectives and the benefits of immunization and New Vaccines; 	
Liberia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -AVW was not included in the joint EPI annual plan and budget jointly developed by UNICEF, WHO, and UNICEF -Total allocated and disbursed from all sources = \$267 872. -118 private sector health facilities/companies contributed/participated in AVW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liberia Immunization Platform (consists of 30 CSOs) participated to AVW activities. A ½ day orientation was held for members and communication materials (flyers, toolkits provided) - Meetings were held with the National Inter-religious Council, however, no information was received from national or county level on activities conducted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 posts on FB including a press release. The posts included photos from the event in Paynesville, an infographic, quotes, etc. - Six posts on Twitter. - 55% (30 stations contracted with a MOU + 4 additional). Stations in each of the 15 counties under MOU. – - 55 spots broadcasted on national radio stations- - 11 journalists attended a media workshop to discuss AVW and RI - A media release was sent to all media partners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information on RI was included in all messages and materials

			- 2 days of announcements with key messages were placed in 3 papers	
Uganda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Various partners such as the Uganda Muslim Supreme Council, the Uganda Catholic Secretariat, and the Church of Uganda joined UNICEF & WHO to discuss strategies to engage religious institutions during AVW. - A letter requesting all religious institutions to mobilize for AVW was distributed to all religious partners (34 Diocesan Secretaries and 34 Diocesan Health Coordinators, 5,800 mosques across 44 districts) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CSO such as the Uganda Junior League (UJL), Lions Clubs, and the Uganda Scouts were involved to plan and coordinate activities for AVW. - UJL took the lead on conducting community based social mobilization activities in the Sheema District where the AVW launch event took place through the use of mobile drives, community and school based sports activities, community theatre and film shows, and immunization outreaches. - UJL conducted over 40 different activities and reached over 45,000 people in the Sheema District, including school pupils, mothers, and residents. - Rotary International conducted Rotary Family Health Days on 10-12 April, including 60 sessions throughout 34 districts in which 2,100 people were immunized. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Results of the 260 492 SMS sent about CDP services offered during AVW and where to access them shows that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Only 40% were aware of the CDP -55% heard about it on the radio -40% gave correct responses about main services provided - Both traditional media and social media outlets were utilized to promote AVW and share key messages (radio announcement was produced in 15 languages and aired 5 times a day on 20 different radio stations) - One-hour radio talk shows were aired on nine different radio stations from 22 to 24 April. - UJL conducted radio talk shows about AVW in the Sheema District and the Uganda Muslim Supreme Council mobilized radio stations and aired radio programmes - Announcements were also made every Friday on each of the six radio stations during the Islamic half-hour programmes. - A media briefing was organized attended by 60 participants; as a result, various stories were developed in print, online newspapers, television and radio news programmes - Various stories and messages in support of immunization were shared on the website, Facebook and Twitter pages. 	




AFRICAN VACCINATION WEEK

"Vaccination - a shared responsibility!"



Ministerial Press statement on the occasion to commemorate the African Vaccination Week



The Minister of Health, Dr. Jane Aceng, has issued a press statement on the occasion of the African Vaccination Week. She emphasized the importance of immunization in protecting children from preventable diseases and urged parents to ensure their children are vaccinated on time.


UNEP/WHO Immunization Schedule for Children Below 1 Year in Uganda

PARENTS!

Take your children for immunization 5 days before their first birthday


Age	Antigen	Brand Name	Notes
1st	BCG	None	First dose at birth
2nd	OPV	None	Second dose at 4-6 weeks
3rd	OPV	None	Third dose at 10-14 weeks
4th	OPV	None	Fourth dose at 16-18 weeks
5th	OPV	None	Fifth dose at 20-24 weeks

Q&A with Dr. Jane Aceng, Director-General of Health Services, Ministry of Health




Q: What is the value of immunization coverage for children in Uganda?
A: Immunization coverage for children in Uganda is currently around 70%. This is a significant achievement, but there is still a need to reach the remaining 30% of the population, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

Achieving Universal Child Immunization - A Shared Responsibility



Dr. Jane Aceng emphasized that achieving universal child immunization is a shared responsibility between the government, parents, and the community. She called for continued support and participation from all stakeholders to ensure that every child in Uganda is protected by vaccines.

Father Knows Best: Promoting Immunization in Kyegwesa District



In Kyegwesa District, a community-based approach has been adopted to promote immunization. Fathers are being encouraged to take their children to health facilities for vaccinations, recognizing their role as the primary caregivers and decision-makers in the household.

4.3 Perspectives

The results achieved so far by annually celebrating the AVW portend a more promising future for immunization. It is essential that countries maintain the momentum of this regional and global initiative, in order to address regional/global priorities of reaching underserved/unreached populations; achieving polio eradication; eliminating measles, rubella and neonatal tetanus; controlling yellow fever and introducing new vaccines and technologies, in a sustainable manner, into national immunization programmes. Implementing an integrated approach to all these immunization initiatives will accelerate the reduction of morbidity and mortality in children towards attaining the objectives of health-related MDGs.

Achievements made in the region should be maintained by countries to ensure that immunization remains a priority, and that adequate resources are secured. The upcoming ministerial conference on immunization in Africa should be used to advocate for reinforcement of country ownership, exhibited through the celebration of the AVW that should translate into concrete activities.

The success of AVW will also depend on the ability of countries to include AVW in their strategic and annual national immunization plans, and to allocate resources for implementation of activities. Countries are encouraged to utilize AVW as an opportunity to integrate immunization with other high-impact interventions as a means of strengthening health systems and ensuring sustainability.

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1

Detailed communication activities with links for monitoring: Traditional & Social Media

A number of traditional and social media activities were undertaken during the 2014 AVW celebration in different countries. The communication events during the week's celebration were monitored and reported here. The following pages document reports on the African Vaccination Week 2014 in both traditional and social media. The links provided facilitate access to the original media reports, documents, tweets and re-tweets as monitored by the WHO Regional Office for Africa.

ANNEX 2

Sources of press cuttings

These were: News agencies, Newspapers/Magazines, Radio/TV, Online & other Media. Links to some of them are provided hereunder.

Congo: African Vaccination Week proves its worth (Panapress)

<http://www.panapress.com/Congo--African-Vaccination-Week-proves-its-worth-%28WHO-AFRO-FEATURES%29--15-906401-29-lang2-index.html>

African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major killer diseases (ReliefWeb)

<https://www.google.com/webhp?hl=en#hl=en&q=relief+web+-+African+Vaccination+Week+gathers+steam%2C+seek+to+protect+millions+against+major+killer+>

Bilan de la Semaine africaine de la vaccination (AfriqueJet)

<http://www.afriquejet.com/afrique-centrale/5589-bilan-de-la-semaine-africaine-de-la-vaccination-au-congo.html>

La Semaine Africaine de Vaccination fait ses preuves (WHO/AFRO)

<http://www.afro.who.int/fr/centre-des-medias/afro-feature/4101-la-semaine-africaine-de-vaccination-fait-ses-preuves.html>

Le vaccin antirotavirus introduit dans le programme élargi de vaccination du Congo (Congo-Site): <http://fr.africatime.com/congo/articles/le-vaccin-antirotavirus-introduit-dans-le-programme-elargi-de-vaccination-du-congo#sthash.4lZVgRC.dpuf>

4ème édition de la Sav (Semaine africaine de vaccination) : Introduction du vaccin antirotavirus au Congo, pour lutter contre les diarrhées aiguës [La Semaine Africaine-Journal]

<http://www.lasemaineafricaine.net/index.php/national/8778-4eme-edition-de-la-sav-semaine-africaine-de-vaccination-introduction-du-vaccin-antirotavirus-au-congo-pour-lutter-contre-les-diarrhees-aigues>

Angola imuniza 2,5 milhões de crianças na Semana Africana de Vacinação (Noticias)

http://noticias.sapo.pt/internacional/artigo/angola-imuniza-2-5-milhoes-de-criancas-na-semana-africana-de-vacinacao_17656033.html

Semana Africana de Imunizacao será aberta hoje em

<http://www.portaldeangola.com/2014/04/semana-africana-de-imunizacao-sera-aberta-hoje-em-luanda/>

MOH encourages parents to utilise African Vaccination week (AVW) [Malawi News Agency]

<http://www.manaonline.gov.mw/index.php/component/search/?searchword=vaccination%20week&ordering=newest&searchphrase=all>

98,000 children in Ghana missed 2013 vaccination – WHO (GhanaWeb)

<http://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/artikel.php?ID=307049>

MOH adds five new vaccines to achieve MDG 4 (Ghana Broadcasting Corporation)

<http://www.gbcghana.com/1.1725558>

Santé: Quatrième semaine africaine de la vaccination (Le Quotidien de Nouakchott)

<http://www.cridem.org/imprimable.php?article=655854>

The presidential couple at the launch of the National Vaccination Campaign against polio

(Official Web Page of the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea)

<http://www.guineaecuatorialpress.com/noticia.php?id=5098&lang=en>

Ngamiland hosts vaccination week (Daily News, Botswana)

<http://www.dailynews.gov.bw/news-details.php?nid=10907>

4ème édition de la Semaine africaine de vaccination : Pour racheter les enfants non encore vaccinés (Fraternité-Benin)

<http://www.fraternitebj.info/actualite/article/4eme-edition-de-la-semaine>

[Semaine africaine de vaccination : les femmes en âge de procréer seront vaccinées contre le tétanos \(Agence d'Information d'Afrique Centrale\)](#)

<http://www.adiac-congo.com/content/semaine-africaine-de-vaccination-les-femmes-en-age-de->

Luanda ([Portal de Angola](#))

Africa celebrates world immunization week ([Sierra Leone Telegraph](#))

<http://www.thesierraleonetelegraph.com/?p=6034>

NEW PNEUMONIA VACCINE INTRODUCED IN SWAZILAND ([Times of Swaziland](#))

<http://www.times.co.sz/community/96699-new-pneumonia-vaccine-introduced-in-swaziland.html>

[Semaine de la santé de la Mère et de l'Enfant : introduction du vaccin contre les rotavirus \(NEWSMADA – Les actus du Madagascar\)](#)

<http://www.newsmada.com/index.php/societe/4040-4-semaine-de-la-sante-de-la-mere-et-de-lenfant--introduction-du-vaccin-contre-les-rotavirus#.U5HEz9WtFP8>

Madagascar introduit le vaccin contre la diarrhée à rotavirus dans la vaccination de routine ([Moov-Madagascar](#))

<http://www.moov.mg/actualiteNationale.php?articleId=813778>

Kamwi launches National "African Vaccination" Week 2014 ([Namibian Press Agency, NAMPA](#))

<http://mobi.nampa.org/pl/svt/si/nampa/po/opafrica/sc/nampaedhealth/dk/nampa.05-14-2014.1155p0000/pa/187829/uid/>

[Semaine africaine de la vaccination : les enfants non vaccinés seront récupérés \(L'ObservateurQuotidien d'informations générales en RD Congo\)](#)

http://www.lobserveur.cd/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3642:semaine-africaine-de-la-vaccination-les-enfants-non-vaccines-seront-recuperes&catid=115:health1216211142&Itemid=551

UGANDA COMMEMORATES THE AFRICAN VACCINATION WEEK ([Galaxy 100.2 FM](#))

<http://www.galaxyfm.co.ug/2014/04/22/uganda-commemorates-african-vaccination-week#sthash.DmzHfIBu.dpuf>

[procreer-seront-vaccinees-contre-le-0](#)

Lancement officiel de la Semaine Africaine de la Vaccination. Allocution de Madame la Ministre de la Santé et de la Lutte contre le Sida ([Cote d'Ivoire – Ministre de la santé](#))

<http://www.sante.gouv.ci/index2.php?page=actu&ID=171>

Burundi : la 2ème dose du VAR au coeur de la 4e semaine africaine de vaccination ([Xinhua](#))

<http://french.peopledaily.com.cn/96852/8616721.html>

Burundi/Santé : Atelier média sur la semaine africaine de vaccination ([Portail des institutions](#))

<http://burundi-gov.bi/Burundi-Sante-Atelier-media-sur-la>

Health Ministry Launches Nationwide Immunization Campaign ([The Citizen, South Sudan](#))

<http://www.citizen-news.net/health-ministry-launches-nationwide-immunization-campaign/>

Semaine africaine de la vaccination : les parents appelés à rattraper les vaccins ratés de leurs enfants jusqu'au 27 avril (audio) [[Radio Algérienne](#)]

<http://www.radioalgerie.dz/fr/algerie/societe/40152-semaine-africaine-de-la-vaccination-les-parents-appeles-a-ra-Mali-Semaine-africaine-de-la-vaccination-ttraper-les-vaccins-rates-de-leurs-enfants-jusquau-27-avril-audio>

Semaine africaine de vaccination: Les polycliniques accueillent les retardataires ([HORIZONS – Quotidien national d'information](#))

<http://www.horizons-dz.com/?Les-polycliniques-accueillent-les>

Centrafrique : lancement de 4ème semaine africaine de la vaccination à Bouar ([Kangbi-Ndara](#))

<http://kangbi-ndara.oubangui.net/centrafrique-lancement-de-4eme-semaine-africaine-de-la-vaccination-a-bouar/>

Mali : Semaine africaine de la vaccination ([bamako.com](#))<http://news.abamako.com/h/44725.html>

ANNEX 3

TWITTER

The online twitter campaign was held from 17 March 2014 till 24 April 2014. A 14% increase in twitter followers was achieved during the campaign period. Tweets that were sent out contained links to documents, images, videos and stories for more information. Topics that were covered include:

- AVW Announcement, background information, past success of AVW, planned activities for AVW 2014
- Regional and Country launch of AVW
- Vaccine safety
- Importance of vaccination
- Other interventions during AVW
- Vaccination of adults
- Vaccination in crisis situations – focus on South Sudan
- Pneumonia
- Diarrhoeal disease
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) and cervical cancer
- Measles

Here under are some examples

[VaccineSmarts @VaccineSmarts May 24](#) Great to hear over 44mill doses of #vaccines were given during African Vaccination Week this year, according to WHO:<http://ow.ly/x1aRK>

ANNEX 4

Pictures of events in countries during the AVW 2014



CDC-Namibia @CDCNamibia May 14 **IC: #CDC**
Deputy Country Director, Dr. Aune Victor, helping kick off #AfricanVaccinationWeek in #Namibia!
pic.twitter.com/byURIiVgLV



myo-zin nyunt @mznyunt May 14 **@UnicefNamibia** 1st ever African Vaccination Week launched in Namibia today. Thanks to Japan Government for supplies.
pic.twitter.com/nno7rmjVjc

launched in Namibia today. Thx Government of Japan for supplies. pic.twitter.com/JQ70LJThPX

RESULTS Canada @ResultsCda May 11

MT @defeatdd: African Vaccination Week highlights shared responsibility of immunization & rotavirus vaccine roll outs
<http://ow.ly/wFWfO>

UNMIL @UNMILNews May 9

See what **@UNICEF** is doing in #Liberia for African #Vaccination Week <http://ow.ly/wzqXF>

UNMIL @UNMILNews May 8

Vaccines prevent 2.5 million deaths annually worldwide. It's African #Vaccination Week <http://ow.ly/wzqQL>
<http://ow.ly/i/5u6xS>



DefeatDD @defeatDD May 8

African Vaccination Week highlights shared responsibility of immunization. Several rotavirus vaccine roll-outs, too:
<http://ow.ly/wCFDU>

Nili Majumder @NiliMajumder May 8

@UNMILNews "All mothers want what is best for their children." It's African #Vaccination Week <http://ow.ly/i/5u6tW>
<http://ow.ly/wzqLG>

UNMIL @UNMILNews May 8

"All mothers want what is best for their children." It is African #Vaccination Week <http://ow.ly/i/5u6tW>
<http://ow.ly/wzqLG>

UNMIL @UNMILNews May 8

It's African #Vaccination Week. 850,000 children will be vaccinated or receive other health services via @UNICEF <http://ow.ly/wzq8N>

UNMIL @UNMILNews May 7

African #Vaccination Week: Gov't of #Liberia guarantees all infants under 1 a series of free, routine immunizations <http://ow.ly/i/5u6nc>

UNMIL @UNMILNews

May 7

Over 10% of children in #Liberia haven't had all recommended routine immunizations. It's African #Vaccination Week <http://ow.ly/i/5u69L>



UNMIL @UNMILNews

May 7

Government of #Liberia, #UN & partners kick off African #Vaccination Week <http://ow.ly/i/5u6f7>

UNICEF Liberia @UNICEF_Liberia

May 6

It's African Vaccination Week in Liberia. Protect your kids & make sure you're up-to-date on your vaccines. #vaccines pic.twitter.com/VbMnk1a9Bh



UNICEF Liberia @UNICEF_Liberia May 5

It's African Vaccination Week in Liberia! Time to ensure every child under one year is immunized. #vaccineswork pic.twitter.com/ttHwxvBCMx



VOFN Ghana @vofnghana May 2

#VOFNPaper | Ghana to commemorate African vaccination week <http://ow.ly/2GfbkP>

Ghana Retweet @GhRetweet May 2

Ghana to commemorate African vaccination week: ACCRA,

Operation Blanket @oblanket Apr 27

This week is Global/African Vaccination Week. #WeCare

(Xinhua) -- Health workers in Ghana...
<http://bit.ly/1kvRQHx> #ghana #breakingnews

Paa Stevo @PK_Arhin May 2
Ghana to commemorate African vaccination week: ACCRA, (Xinhua) -- Health workers in Ghana...
<http://bit.ly/1kvRQHx> #ghana #breakingnews

ShapeLivesFoundation @shapelives1 May 1
World: Countries wrap up African Vaccination Week activities ReliefWeb Ghana
[http://reliefweb.int/report/world/countries-wrap-african-vaccination-week-activities ...](http://reliefweb.int/report/world/countries-wrap-african-vaccination-week-activities...)

ReliefWeb Countries wrap up African Vaccination Week activities
Brazzaville, 1 May 2014 -- Celebration of the African Vaccination Week (AVW) wrapped up in 15 of the 47 countries of the WHO African Region on Sunday 27 April. The celebration of the event is,...

gcmc Azerbaijan @gcmcAzerbaijan May 1
#Azerbaijan World: Countries wrap up African Vaccination Week activities <http://bit.ly/1IEjrcO> #crisismanagement

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gcmc Congo @gcmcCongo May 1
#Congo World: Countries wrap up African Vaccination Week activities <http://bit.ly/1fCner1> #crisismanagement
gcmc Pandemic @gcmcPandemic May 1
World: Countries wrap up African Vaccination Week activities <http://bit.ly/1fCner1> #pandemic

cm Equatorial Guinea @gcmcEquatGuinea May 1
#EquatorialGuinea World: Countries wrap up African Vaccination Week activities <http://bit.ly/1fCner1> #crisismanagement

gcmc Ethiopia @gcmcEthiopia May 1
World: Countries wrap up African Vaccination Week activities <http://bit.ly/1IEjrcO> #Ethiopia

gcmc Cote d'Ivoire @gcmcCotedIvoire May 1
#CotedIvoire World: Countries wrap up African Vaccination Week activities <http://bit.ly/1fCner1> #crisismanagement

gcmc Uganda @gcmcUganda May 1
World: Countries wrap up African Vaccination Week activities <http://bit.ly/1fCner1> #Uganda

gcmc Senegal @gcmcSenegal May 1
#Senegal World: Countries wrap up African Vaccination Week activities <http://bit.ly/1fCner1> #crisismanagement

gcmc Ghana @gcmcGhana May 1

#GAVW14 @WHO @NorthWestDOH @HealthZA @Healthaware_org <http://ow.ly/i/52tKJ>

CDC Kenya @CDCKenya Apr 26
African Vaccination Week: "Vaccination – a shared responsibility" #worldimmunizationweek
Chris Salter @postpolionews Apr 26
African #Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major killer diseases <http://buff.ly/1lgnvQr> via @WHOAFRO #ppnews

BreakingNews @BBreakingNNews Apr 26
#BreakingNews African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major killer diseases ...
<http://bit.ly/uOIKLH>

Sociedade Lunar-Redenção
Sociedade Lunar - Redenção

Operation Blanket @oblanket Apr 26
This week is Global/African Vaccination Week. #WeCare #GAVW14 @WHO @NorthWestDOH @HealthZA @Healthaware_org <http://ow.ly/i/52tJf>

Newslocker WorldNews @WorldNewslocker Apr 26
African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major killer diseases (WHO - Wo #newslocker [http://www.newslocker.com/en-us/news/worldnews/african-vaccination-week-gathers-steam-seeks-to-protect-millions-against-major-killer-diseases-who-world-health-organization-regional-office-for-africa/ ...](http://www.newslocker.com/en-us/news/worldnews/african-vaccination-week-gathers-steam-seeks-to-protect-millions-against-major-killer-diseases-who-world-health-organization-regional-office-for-africa/)

AidNews @AidNews Apr 26
World: African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major killer diseases
<http://dlvr.it/5VLMCT>

Humanitarian News @HumanityNews Apr 26
News: World: African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major killer diseases
<http://dlvr.it/5VLCBz>

gcmc Pandemic @gcmcPandemic Apr 26
World: African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major killer diseases
<http://bit.ly/1il4xr3> #pandemic

ReliefWeb African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions...
Brazzaville, 24 April 2014 -- The regional launch of the 4th African Vaccination Week (AVW) took place on Thursday in Brazzaville, although celebration of the week began in countries across the...

gcmc Congo @gcmcCongo Apr 26
#Congo World: African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major...
<http://bit.ly/1il4xr3> #crisismanagement

VOFN Ghana @vofnghana Apr 25
#VOFNPaper | Ghana Commemorates 2014 African Vaccination and Child Health Promotion Week - WHO ...

#Ghana World: Countries wrap up African Vaccination Week activities <http://bit.ly/1fCner1> #crisismanagement

Operation Blanket @oblanket Apr 30
This week is Global/African Vaccination Week. #WeCare #GAVW14 @WHO @NorthWestDOH @HealthZA @Healthaware_org <http://ow.ly/i/52ujO>

Operation Blanket @oblanket Apr 29
This week is Global/African Vaccination Week. #WeCare #GAVW14 @WHO @NorthWestDOH @HealthZA @Healthaware_org <http://ow.ly/i/52ubY>

Operation Blanket @oblanket Apr 28
This week is Global/African Vaccination Week. #WeCare #GAVW14 @WHO @NorthWestDOH @HealthZA @Healthaware_org <http://ow.ly/i/52tNB>

WHO Rwanda @WHORwanda Apr 27
For @WHOAFRO RD Luis Sambo's full message, check the out the WHO AFRO website : <http://www.afro.who.int/en/rdo/speeches/4107-african-vaccination-week-22-27-april-2014.html> ... #AWV #RUuptodate

Ghana: African Vaccination Week Commemorated in Accra
Child immunisation prevents two to three million deaths among children under five years every year, the Deputy Director of Public Health at the Ghana Health Service (GHS), Dr. George Bonsu, has...

<http://ow.ly/2G27Zz>

MedXpert @MedXpertSA Apr 25
This week is African Vaccination Week: As part World Immunization Week, African Vaccination Week, be... <http://bit.ly/1feLEXb> #MedXpert

MedQuote @Med_Quote Apr 25
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Radiant Health Mag @RadiantHealthNG Apr 25
Know your vaccination Myths and Facts. <http://bit.ly/QLzUw> #WorldImmunizationWeek #AfricanVaccinationWeek2014
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WCO-ANGOLA @WHO_Angola Apr 25
African Vaccination Week -Day Four! Busy schedule with integrated services PLUS Malaria Day Celebration!!! pic.twitter.com/2aAVA6mcZO

somalilandpress @somalilandpress Apr 24
The African Vaccination Week will be celebrated from 22 to 27 April under the theme... <http://tinyurl.com/mv2e4oy>

DoroCrownPrince™ @CRWNprinceNike Apr 24
"African Vaccination Week Commemorated in Accra" <http://feedly.com/e/FTnv1IsJ>



Are you up to date? "@WHOAFRO: launch of African #Vaccination Week 2014 at Mfilou Hospital in #Brazzaville, #Congo pic.twitter.com/szSbFCbrL1"

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This week is Global/African Vaccination Week. #WeCare #GAVW14 @WHO @NorthWestDOH @HealthZA @Healthaware_org <http://ow.ly/i/52tBM>

Vaccination Infos @McVaccination Apr 25
This year, the African Vaccination Week will be celebrated from 22 to 27 April ... - Somali... <http://bit.ly/1jJREU2> - #Vaccination #SF

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This year, the African Vaccination Week will be celebrated from 22 to 27 April ... - Somali... <http://bit.ly/QDv2xg> - #Vaccination #SF

Stefano Malvolti @smalvolti Apr 24



WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 24 Regional launch



WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 24 Rep. #Congo in

of African #Vaccination Week 2014 was held at Mfilou Hospital in #Brazzaville, #Congo #AVW pic.twitter.com/sFdB1FAjfk

partnership with @WHOAFRO and @UNICEF launched African #Vaccination Week 2014 today pic.twitter.com/GPxDKOh4P



WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 24 Minister of Public Health #DRC vaccinating a child at DRC launch of African #Vaccination Week #AVW #RUuptodate pic.twitter.com/btdtdV4QPv



WCO-ANGOLA @WHO_Angola Apr 24 African Vaccination Week 22-27 April; 3rd day. Activities portrait! pic.twitter.com/NppjsumOZ



Nadege Mbairaroua @Mbairaroua Apr 24 Chad participates in the African Vaccination Week to improve routine immunization <http://shar.es/TO5za> via @reliefweb



WCO-ANGOLA @WHO_Angola Apr 8 African Vaccination Week in Kuando Kubango discussion and work plan plenary with partners and community leaders pic.twitter.com/2iCZgUneDi Expand

Chad participates in the African Vaccination Week to improve routine...

By Nadim Boughanmi N'djamena, 23rd April 2014 - The fourth edition of the African Vaccination Week is currently underway in several participating African countries including Chad. With a main...

Operation Blanket @oblanket Apr 24

This week is Global/African Vaccination Week. #WeCare #GAVW14 @WHO @NorthWestDOH @HealthZA @Healthaware_org <http://ow.ly/i/52txz>

Unicef Zambia @unicefzambia Apr 24

"The African Vaccination Week is an opportunity to strengthen routine immunization, and it is also an opportunity..." <http://fb.me/2e8GWpaH9>

UNIC Canberra @UNICCanberra Apr 24

MT "@WHOAFRO: 31.5m Vitamin A tablets distributed to children in 13 countries in African Region in 2013

USAID SouthernAfrica @USAID_SAfrica Apr 23

@WHOAFRO African Vaccination Week, 22 to 27 April under the theme --"Vaccination - a shared responsibility". <http://ow.ly/w4rrl>

nicoletta grassi @Grassi Nicoletta Apr 23

"More than 44 million vaccine doses administered to millions of people in 43 countries in @WHOAFRO <http://goo.gl/1WqUif> " #RUuptodate"

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23

Dr Deo Nshimirimana "#AVW has successfully argued the case for its establishment and continued celebration" <http://goo.gl/1WqUif>

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23

Millions of people in Africa will be reached with vaccines, various life-saving interventions during #AVW 2014 <http://goo.gl/1WqUif>

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23

<http://goo.gl/1WqUif> " #RUuptodate

gcmc Pandemic @gcmcPandemic Apr 23

Chad: Chad participates to the African Vaccination Week to improve routine immunization <http://bit.ly/1fpj3Ve> #pandemic

Chris Salter @postpolionews Apr 23

#Chad participates to the African Vaccination Week to improve routine #immunization <http://buff.ly/1pqWBJI> via @ReliefWeb #UNICEF #ppnews

gcmc Chad @gcmcChad Apr 23

#Chad Chad: Chad participates to the African Vaccination Week to improve routine immunization <http://bit.ly/1fpj3Ve> #crisismanagement

Barbara Rother @BarbaraRother1 Apr 23

<http://www.afro.who.int/en/media-centre/afro-feature/4101-african-vaccination-week-proves-its-worth.html> ...

Nili Majumder @NiliMajumder Apr 23

MT "More than 44m vaccine doses administered to millions of ppl in 43 countries in @WHOAFRO <http://goo.gl/1WqUif> " #RUuptodate v @WHO

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WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23

#AVW 2013 - 6.3 million children screened for malnutrition and 3.8 million wash kits distributed in 3 countries <http://goo.gl/1WqUif>

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23

#AVW 2013 - 31.5 million tablets of Vitamin A were distributed to children in 13 countries in African Region <http://goo.gl/1WqUif>

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23

#AVW 2013 - more than 36.7 million oral polio vaccine doses administered to children under 5yrs in 10 countries <http://goo.gl/1WqUif>

USAID SouthernAfrica @USAID_SAfrica Apr 23

RT @WHOAFRO: #AVW 2013 - more than 44 million vaccine doses administered to millions of people in 43 countries <http://goo.gl/1WqUif>

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23

#AVW 2013 - more than 44 million vaccine doses administered to millions of people in 43 countries in the Region <http://goo.gl/1WqUif>

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23

African #Vaccination Week proves its worth! <http://goo.gl/1WqUif> #AVW

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23

#Vaccination is a shared responsibility. We all have a role to play. Are you doing your part? <http://goo.gl/uL4Tov> #AVW

All 47 countries in WHO African Region are expected to celebrate #AVW 2014 <http://goo.gl/1WqUif> #RUuptodate

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23

#AVW has grown, resulting in improved #vaccination access especially to hard-to-reach communities <http://goo.gl/1WqUif>

WHO @WHO Apr 23

MT "@WHOAFRO: 31.5m Vitamin A tablets distributed to children in 13 countries in African Region in 2013 <http://goo.gl/1WqUif> " #RUuptodate

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23

We must break down all #vaccination "barriers" and form an alliance of partners to deliver vaccines <http://goo.gl/1WqUif> #AVW

WHO @WHO Apr 23

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Dr Sambo on African #Vaccination Week 2013 achievements: "By all standards, this is a record" <http://goo.gl/1WqUif> #AVW

News 24h Angola @news24hago Apr 22

African Immunisation Week opens Tuesday in Luanda: The campaign for vaccination of children and women at ferti... <http://news24h.allnews24h.com/17og>

#UNICEFnextGen @ObinnaOsobalu Apr 22

African Vaccination Week: 22-27 April 2014. Theme -- "Vaccination - a shared responsibility" <http://www.afro.who.int/en/media-centre/events/african-vaccination-week/2014.html> ... #VaccinesWork #RUuptodate

ECD @wgecd Apr 19

African Vaccination Week will be celebrated from 22 to 27 April under the theme "Vaccination a shared responsibility". <http://www.afro.who.int/fr/centre-des-medias/evenements/african-vaccination-week/2014.html> ...

Barbara Rother @BarbaraRother1 Apr 16

<http://www.afro.who.int/en/media-centre/events/african-vaccination-week/2014.html> ...

eHealthGlobalHealth @healthglobal Apr 16

RT @DaliaLourenco Check out the African Vaccination Week campaign <http://tinyurl.com/o3l3wy8> #RUuptodate

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 15

Get vaccinated, receive other health interventions during #African #Vaccination Week, 22-27 April <http://youtu.be/j6zM574rGyM> #AVW

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 15

Make sure you complete your #vaccination schedule during African #Vaccination Week <http://goo.gl/7q79iA> #AVW

UNICEF Kenya @UNICEFKenya Apr 13

Prep for African Vaccination Week: Vaccines & Global Health: Week in Review 12 April Ctr for #Vaccine Ethics & Policy

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23

#African #Vaccination Week, 22 – 27 April 2014, vaccinating millions of children and adults in Africa! <http://goo.gl/uL4Tov> #AVW

Galaxy FM 100.2 @GalaxyFMUg Apr 22

Let's join in and save the young ones. <http://fb.me/6lI8yzsMI>

Naija-Czars Inc. @NaijaCzars Apr 22

Africa: African Immunisation Week Opens Tuesday in Luanda: [ANGOP]The campaign for vaccination of children and... <http://bit.ly/1tx9m5b>

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Dak Lul @GatNyanthiech Mar 31

SMH! I just wrote about this last week! It died in an "accident" while getting their normal vaccination. African... <http://fb.me/1oGS2c1rT>

Alawode @DALawode Mar 21

"@WHOAFRO: The more people who are vaccinated, the more protected a community will be <http://goo.gl/YuWMXC> #AVW2014 " ◀ Herd Immunity

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Mar 21

Remember, not everyone was fully vaccinated as a child. Check your #vaccination status, get vaccinated! <http://goo.gl/YuWMXC>

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Mar 21

The more people who are vaccinated, the more protected a community will be <http://goo.gl/YuWMXC> #AVW2014 #vaccinations

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Mar 21

When adults get vaccinated, children are protected <http://goo.gl/YuWMXC> #AVW2014 #vaccination

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Mar 21

Vaccines are not for children alone, adults need them too <http://goo.gl/YuWMXC> #AVW2014 #vaccination

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Mar 21

Protect yourselves and our loved ones. Get vaccinated! <http://goo.gl/YuWMXC> #AVW2014 #vaccination

Jaime Ardila @jaimeardila Mar 17

"@WHOAFRO: Everyone should complete their #vaccination schedules. Let's all get vac#AVW2014 <http://goo.gl/YuWMXC> "@GlobeDebate @yesLAKSHMI View conversation

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Mar 17

African Vaccination Week is an opportunity to strengthen

<http://lnkd.in/dQaXCQs>

Rachel Jones @RJConsults Apr 13

Resource for African Vaccination Week: Vaccines & Global Health: Week in Review 12 April 2014 Ctr for #Vaccine Ethic...<http://lnkd.in/dQaXCQs>

Rachel Jones @RJConsults Apr 11

African Vaccination Week is 22-27 April. I'm planning a media briefing; hoping to nurture thoughtful, creative cover...<http://lnkd.in/dJ4ndk2>

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Mar 17

Make sure you and your family have completed your vaccination schedules #AVW2014 <http://goo.gl/YuWMXC>

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Mar 17

Everyone should complete their #vaccination schedules. Let's all get vaccinated, and vaccinate complete! #AVW2014 <http://goo.gl/YuWMXC>

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Mar 17

Remember, #vaccination is a shared responsibility...are you doing your part to support immunization? #AVW2014 <http://goo.gl/YuWMXC>

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Mar 17

Join us in celebrating African #Vaccination Week from 22 to 27 April! #AVW2014 <http://goo.gl/YuWMXC>

#HPV #vaccination in #Zambia using a school-based strategy <http://t.co/iJvtrCwwRo> #AVW #CervicalCancer

Vaccines against #HPV 16 and 18 have been approved for use in many countries <http://t.co/7xto5TQ3Lg> #AVW #vaccination

2 #HPV types (16 and 18) cause 70% of #cervical cancers and precancerous cervical lesions <http://t.co/7xto5TQ3Lg> #AVW #CervicalCancer

#Cervical #cancer is caused by sexually acquired infection with certain types of #HPV <http://t.co/7xto5TQ3Lg> #AVW #Cervicalcancer

Peak time for acquiring #HPV infection for both women and men is shortly after becoming sexually active <http://t.co/7xto5TQ3Lg> #AVW

#HPV is mainly transmitted through sexual contact <http://t.co/7xto5TQ3Lg> #AVW #vaccination

Human #papillomavirus (#HPV) is a group of viruses that are extremely common worldwide <http://t.co/9Y9DVsgVVY> #AVW #vaccination

#Cervical #cancer is caused by sexually acquired infection with certain types of #HPV <http://t.co/7xto5TQ3Lg> #AVW #Cervicalcancer

PIERRE A. MORGON @P_A_MORGON

Despite 88% decrease in #measles deaths in @WHOAFRO, region still fell short of 2012 pre-elimination goal. go.usa.gov/kqT3

national immunization programmes #AVW2014
<http://goo.gl/YuWMXC>

Ernest proudly shows his vaccination card to WHO supervisor during a measles #vaccination campaign in #CAR
<http://t.co/i0f1yrKRh8>

Stefano Malvolti @smalvolti
Rehydration, antibiotics & vaccines needed “@WHOAFRO: average 3 episodes of #diarrhoea p.a. for U3 #children
[goo.gl/UOLWiq](http://t.co/UOLWiq)”

Progress on tackling #pneumonia and #diarrhoea in Malawi with new vaccines <http://t.co/au6T3wrGdQ>

WHO and @UNICEF Action Plan for better integrating prevention, control interventions for #pneumonia #diarrhoea
<http://t.co/JwbqA2eepO>

#Rotavirus vaccines, #ORS, #zinc supplements highly effective in reduction of disease & death due to #diarrhoea
<http://t.co/7HjJRjDpL>
Rotaviruses are a leading cause of severe #diarrhoea disease and dehydration in infants and young children <http://t.co/7HjJRjDpL>

Most people who die from #diarrhoea actually die from severe #dehydration and fluid loss <http://t.co/7HjJRjDpL>

Many #diarrhoea cases can be prevented through safe drinking-water, adequate #sanitation and #hygiene
<http://t.co/7HjJRjDpL>

Dr. Tom Frieden @DrFriedenCDC
Despite 88% decrease in #measles deaths in @WHOAFRO, region still fell short of 2012 pre-elimination goal.
go.usa.gov/kqT3

Measles #vaccination campaign in #CAR
<http://t.co/XLEhUBmqzT>

Let's work together to cut #diarrhoea, #pneumonia deaths with #vaccines, #breastfeeding, preventing #HIV, safe water, health services

In developing countries, #children under 3 years experience on average 3 episodes of #diarrhoea every year
<http://t.co/7HjJRjDpL>

Each #diarrhoea episode deprives a child of the #nutrition necessary for growth <http://t.co/7HjJRjDpL>

#Diarrhoea is a leading cause of #malnutrition in #children under 5 years old <http://t.co/7HjJRjDpL>
#Diarrhoea is both preventable and treatable
<http://t.co/7HjJRjDpL>

#Diarrhoea is the 2nd leading cause of death in #children under 5 years old <http://t.co/7HjJRjDpL>