



Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals

Decade of Vaccines — Global Vaccine Action Plan 2011-2020

The Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP) was endorsed by the 194 Member States of the World Health Assembly in May 2012 to achieve the Decade of Vaccines vision by delivering universal access to immunization. The GVAP mission is to improve health by extending by 2020 and beyond the full benefits of immunization to all people, regardless of where they are born, who they are or where they live.

The GVAP reiterates existing goals, sets new goals for the decade, and proposes strategic objectives and the actions that support their achievement. If the GVAP is translated into action and resources are mobilized, between 24.6 and 25.8 million deaths could be averted by the end of the decade, billions of dollars in productivity will be gained, and immunization will greatly contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goal 4 target to reduce by two-thirds the under-five mortality rate.

The GVAP builds on the Global Immunization Vision and Strategy 2006–2015, the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and the United Nations Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health. Developing the plan has brought together multiple stakeholders involved in immunization. The leadership of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundations, GAVI Alliance, UNICEF, US National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases and WHO, along with all partners – governments and elected officials, health professionals, academia, manufacturers, global agencies, development partners, civil society, media and the private sector – are committed to achieving the ambitious goals of the GVAP.

WHO is leading efforts — using existing partnerships and coordinating mechanisms — to support regions and countries to adapt the GVAP for implementation at the regional and country level. Country involvement in this process reinforces a key tenet of the GVAP, which is to increase national ownership of immunization programs. Many more partners and stakeholders are expected to lend their support in the future as the plan is implemented in the countries.

[Download the GVAP in full or by section](#)

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| What we do | ▼ |
| Regions | ▼ |



Subscribe to our newsletters

Privacy Legal Notice

© 2020 WHO