

VPOP Toolkit

List of optimization questions

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Purpose of this document

This document is designed as a comprehensive reference to support evidence-informed decision-making on vaccine optimization. This document is part of the VPOP optimization tool [\(link\)](#)

It compiles, by antigen, the majority of potential optimization questions that countries may face — such as changes in product, presentation, schedule, or target population. As of 11 August 2026, 24 factsheets have been developed. Additional factsheets will be available by Q4 2026.

For each question, the document also outlines feasibility considerations and summarizes potential public health and programmatic benefits. The methodology for these assessments is referenced in the document.

In addition, it references countries where optimization has been implemented, as well as an overview of available data and evidence sources. It also recommends specific criteria for consideration based on the VPOP list of criteria that should be used to compare options for each optimization question.

Structured vaccine by vaccine and then question by question, the document aims to serve as both a technical resource and a practical reference for national immunization programs, NITAGs, and partners to identify, assess, and prioritize optimization opportunities in their specific contexts.

Disclaimer

The optimization questions and considerations included in this document represent a wide, but not comprehensive, set of options. The focus is on optimizing vaccines currently in use and not on the full range of vaccines eligible for new introduction. All assessments of benefits and program implications reflect expert judgment and may vary significantly by country context. They should therefore be used as indicative guidance rather than definitive predictions.

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X Appendix: grading scales

The process should begin with a comprehensive review of the existing immunization schedule

1

Start from current portfolio

List all vaccines currently in use

- Note formulations (valency, presentation, schedule, target group)

Perform fiscal / budget space analysis

- Assess holistic budget constraints
- Evaluate current global and relative value of vaccination programs

2

Use the List of Optimization questions as benchmark

Go vaccine by vaccine

- For each, check the list of possible optimization questions
- Also review expected benefits and feasibility considerations for each question

Type of switch	HPV	PCV	DTP-contains g vaccines	IPV	Hesavac	Measles	MR	HMR	Rotavirus	Malaria	Yellow Fever	TCV	Meningitis	Dengue	Td
Composition change			✓		✓										✓
Target group change	✓	✓						✓	✓				✓		
Presentation change			✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓				
Administration change				✓							✓				
Schedule change	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓			
Target population change	✓			✓											
Other product changes	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓				✓

Use the List of optimization questions

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Filter for relevance

For optimization questions, filter, before Workshop 1:

- Which questions apply to your portfolio? (for GAVI countries, which are recommended)
- Which correspond to strategic priorities (Budget impact, coverage, etc.)?
- Which are most feasible?

HPV	PCV	DTP	IPV	Hesavac	Measles	MR	HMR	Rotavirus	Malaria	Yellow Fever	TCV	Meningitis	Dengue	Td
Switch to lower valency														
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Use the optimization questions factsheets

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Select optimization questions

Select a limited number (3) of optimization questions

- Preselect a list of optimization questions (EPI manager)
- Present key / summarized aspects of each optimization question to the NITAG chair
- (Optional) If other questions are of interest but less urgent, park them for later

Select up to 3 questions and define the options for appraisal

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Select criteria

For each optimization question, select ~10 criteria

- Consult the list of criteria from the joint VPOP criteria and indicators list
- Clarify objectives of the optimization
- Start from the recommended criteria for each optimization question and select criteria as to align with stated objectives, potential impacts and program implications

Optimization questions by vaccine

Vaccines	Dengue	DTP-containing	Hexavalent	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Meningitis	PCV	Rotavirus	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Type of change													
Composition change		✓	✓									✓	
Serotype composition change				✓				✓	✓				
Presentation change		✓			✓		✓			✓			✓
Administration change					✓								✓
Schedule change		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		
Target population change				✓	✓	✓							
Other product changes	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓				

List of available fact sheets - as of 11 August 2026

	Vaccine	Optimization question
1	DTP-containing	Add 2YL booster
2	DTP-containing	Add adolescent booster
3	DTP-containing	Switch from 1-dose vial to 10-dose vial
4	Hexavalent	Switch from 4-dose hexavalent to 3-dose + DTP booster
5	HPV	Switch to lower valency product
6	HPV	Switch to higher valency product
7	HPV	Change schedule from 2 doses to 1 dose in primary target (or from 3 to 2 doses in secondary target)
8	HPV	Add booster doses to immuno-compromised/PLWHIV priority population
9	HPV	Expand the vaccination to males
10	HPV	Extend eligibility to older age group for PLWHIV
11	HPV	Change product
12	IPV / Hexavalent	Switch from Penta+IPV to Hexavalent
13	Malaria	Change product
14	Malaria	Change in geographic scope (expand, maintain or reduce)
15	Measles	Switch from 10-dose vial to 5-dose vial
16	Meningitis	Switch to higher valency
17	PCV	Switch to higher valency
18	PCV	Switch to lower valency
19	PCV	Change from 3+0 doses to 2+1 doses
20	PCV	Change from 3+0 doses to 1+1 doses
21	PCV	Change from 2+1 doses to 1+1 doses
22	PCV	Change product
23	Rotavirus	Switch from 3 doses to 2 doses
24	Yellow fever	Switch from 10-dose vial to 5-dose vial

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Optimization questions can impact several aspects of the program – selected criteria should reflect intended benefits of the optimization (1/2)

<i>Benefits</i>	 Budget impact	 Coverage & equity	 Cold-chain / supply chain	 Wastage reduction
<i>Description</i>	Expected effect on total program costs, including direct savings (e.g., lower price per dose, reduced procurement volume) and indirect savings (e.g., lower wastage)	Expected effect on immunization coverage and equity, through easier delivery, increased acceptability, reduced missed opportunities, or improved access	Expected strain or relief on the cold chain and supply chain, including changes in storage volume, transport needs, temperature requirements, and distribution complexity	Expected change in vaccine wastage levels and the program's ability to maintain wastage rates within acceptable limits
<i>Potential criteria for assessment</i>	• Direct costs • Indirect costs • Perspective on vaccine price* • Net present cost benefit ratios	• Accessibility of the target population • Ease of the considered immunization strategies • Administration strategy • Feasibility of the program delivery strategy • Burden inequity • Ethical, market and diplomatic issues that may affect acceptability of the vaccine to stakeholders • Perception of the target population on the desirable and undesirable effects of the vaccine • Acceptability of schedule (e.g. multiple injections, additional visits)	• Ease of conservation (volume & cold chain requirements) • Shelf life of the vaccine • Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine • Readiness of the existing distribution channels in the country	• Indicative wastage rate • Ability to maintain wastage at expected levels • Ability to manage waste

*Vaccine price assumptions are based on publicly available information from [UNICEF Supply Division](#), [PAHO Revolving Fund](#) and [WHO Market Information for Access Data](#)

Optimization questions can impact several aspects of the program – selected criteria should reflect intended benefits of the optimization (2/2)

				
<i>Benefits</i>	Market availability	Disease Control	Patients experience	Human Resource experience
<i>Description</i>	Expected impact on vaccine availability, considering demand-side (procurement volumes), and supply-side (risk of shortages, resilience)	Expected effect on population-level disease control, through improved program performance (e.g., higher coverage) or product-specific advantages (e.g., higher VE)	Expected impact on the experience of patients and caregivers, including AEFI profile, visit burden, waiting time, acceptability of the product/presentation, missed opportunities	Expected impact on health worker workload, administrative tasks, ease of delivery, safety or confidence in using the product, and overall workflow complexity
<i>Potential criteria for assessment</i>	- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period - Sustainability of the market availability of the vaccine and supplies in the longer term - Ease of procurement of the vaccine	- Coverage of active serogroups or serotypes in the country - Effectiveness of the vaccine including in different populations/age groups/cohorts - Efficacy and immunogenicity of the vaccine in target population - Duration of protection and waning of immunity - Number needed to vaccinate to prevent a case - Impact on AMR - Herd immunity / protection - Effect of the vaccine on transmission - Feasibility of the program delivery strategy - Acceptability of schedule (e.g. multiple injections, additional visits) - Interference with other vaccines regarding immunity/protection	- Acceptability of schedule (e.g. multiple injections, additional visits) - Perception of the target population on the desirable and undesirable effects of the vaccine - Risk at individual level (AEFI) - Contraindications and precautions for vaccination - Ease of preparation, reconstitution & administration (open-vial policy, CTC)	- Ease of preparation, reconstitution & administration (open-vial policy, CTC) - Expected impact of the introduction on the human resources - Impact on existing immunization services or other health sectors - risk of overload

Methodology Benefits ranking

- For each optimization question, the expected impact was assessed across eight key program performance dimensions, along with an indicative estimate of impact magnitude
- These assessments are **preliminary** and **context-dependent**; they should be interpreted with caution. They provide a rapid first filter to identify which optimization options a country may wish to explore, with more detailed, country-specific analysis required during the full review process

Performance dimension								
	Budget impact*	Coverage & equity	Cold-chain / supply chain	Wastage reduction	Market availability	Disease Control	Patients experience	Human Resource experience
Details	Expected effect on total program costs, including direct savings (e.g., lower price per dose, reduced procurement volume) and indirect savings (e.g., lower wastage)	Expected effect on immunization coverage and equity, through easier delivery, increased acceptability, reduced missed opportunities, or improved access	Expected strain or relief on the cold chain and supply chain, including changes in storage volume, transport needs, temperature requirements, and distribution complexity	Expected change in vaccine wastage levels and the program's ability to maintain wastage rates within acceptable limits	Expected impact on vaccine and supply availability, considering demand-side (procurement volumes), and supply-side (risk of shortages, resilience)	Expected effect on population-level disease control, through improved program performance (e.g., higher coverage) or product-specific advantages (e.g., higher VE)	Expected impact on the experience of patients and caregivers, including AEFI profile, visit burden, waiting time, acceptability of the product/presentation, missed opportunities	Expected impact on health worker workload, administrative tasks, ease of delivery, safety or confidence in using the product, and overall workflow complexity
+++ (strong positive impact)	Large reduction on budget need (lower price, major volume reduction, etc.)	Clear coverage gains through fewer visits or easier delivery	Major reduction in storage/transport volume	Large and sustained reduction in wastage (e.g., vial size drop)	Major volume reduction, stable and sufficient supply	Higher VE, better schedule, or major coverage gains	Far better experience (much fewer visits, fewer AEFIs, shorter stay)	Major workload reduction; easier delivery & confidence
++ (positive impact)	Budget reduction: lower # of doses, reduced wastage, or lower priced product	Improvement linked to simplified schedule or supply reliability	Meaningful cold-chain savings; easier distribution	Meaningful reduction, improving supply efficiency	Good availability; reduced risk of stockouts	Noticeable improvement in disease reduction or VE	Better experience (fewer injections, noticeable comfort gains)	Noticeable reduction in administrative or clinical burden
+ (minor positive impact)	Small impact on budget; marginal efficiencies	Small, context-dependent improvement	Small decrease in volume or handling complexity	Slight wastage decrease	Slight improvement in supply stability	Small improvement (timeliness or slight VE benefit)	Slight improvement in convenience (e.g. fewer AEFIs)	Slight ease of use improvements
/ (no impact)	No change on budget	Coverage unchanged	No change	Wastage unchanged	No impact on supply	No change	No impact on patient experience	No change in workload or processes
- (minor negative impact)	Increased budget need (training, minor increased in price)	Slight increase in missed opportunities or access barriers	Small extra burden on storage or logistics	Slight increase in wastage risk	Slight risk of shortages	Slight reduction in protection (e.g., coverage risk)	Small added inconvenience or discomfort	Small additional workload or complexity
-- (negative impact)	Clear budget increase (higher price, volumes)	Noticeable coverage risk (more visits, complexity)	Noticeable increase in volume or complexity	Clear increase in expected wastage	Volume increase, supply risk	Clear drop in expected disease control	Meaningful increase in complexity, pain, waiting	Clear workload increase or training burden
--- (major negative impact)	Major budget increase; high ongoing costs	Major coverage reduction expected	Severe strain on CCE; may exceed capacity	Very high wastage risk; major inefficiency	Large volume increase, high stockout risk	Major decline in population protection	Major patient burden (extra visits, high AEFIs)	Major strain on staff; complex delivery

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Methodology Program implications ranking

- For each optimization question, the factsheet provides perspective on the expected program implications as well as their magnitude
- These assessments are **preliminary** and **context-dependent**; they should be interpreted with caution. Optimization implementation may require a more detailed, country-specific analysis required following decision. **Suggested levels of complexity refers to the need for appropriate planning for implementation.**

<i>Program adjustment Details</i>	New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution & administration	Supply chain investment	Change in delivery strategy	Surveillance investment
Required	New contact point with patients needed (incl. new target population)	Need to update vacc. cards and registers	Need for in-person HW training	Need for a proper public communication campaign	Needed adjustments in reconstitution or administration procedures	Need for investment in CCE or supply chain	Delivery platform change (e.g. schools)	Need for additional investment in surveillance (e.g. serotypes)
Possible	Depending on schedule decision	Depending on schedule decision	Depending on product/schedule choice		Depending on product choice	Depending on product choice	Depending on delivery platform decision	
Minor		Change in product name, valency if recorded in documentation	No need for in-person training, but new written guidelines needed	Communication about improved protection (not mandatory)				Required attention on some disease control variables, but no strong investment

Based on this assessment, optimization questions have been given a feasibility grade:

- If a new contact point is required and/or 6+ program adjustments are **required**, the optimization is considered **More complex**
- If a new contact point is required and/or 5 program adjustments are **required**, the optimization is considered **Complex**
- If 3-4 of these program adjustments are **required**, the optimization is considered **Average**
- If only 1-2 of these program adjustments is **required**, the optimization is considered **Easy**
- If 0 of these program adjustments are **required**, the optimization is considered **Very Easy**

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Potential DTP-containing vaccine optimization questions

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Type of question		Composition	Schedule	Schedule	Schedule	Schedule	Schedule	Schedule	Presentation	Product		
Details		From acellular to whole-cell pertussis	Add 2YL booster dose	Add childhood booster dose	Add adolescent booster dose	Change adolescent age of administration	Switch from 1-dose vial to 10-dose vial	Change product				
Implementation		Average	Average	Complex	Average or Complex	Average or Complex	Average	Very easy				
Country examples		Yes			Yes		Yes					
GAVI programme type		Guaranteed	Discretionary	Discretionary	N/A	N/A	Guaranteed	Guaranteed				
Expected benefits												
 Budget impact		✓										
 Coverage & equity									✓			
 CCE/supply									✓			
 Wastage reduct.		Minor		Minor	Minor							
 Market availability		Minor										
 Disease control		✓		✓	✓							
 Patient experience									✓			
 HR experience												

WHO recommended schedule for DTP-containing vaccines

	Primary Series	Booster 1	Booster 2	Booster 3
Recommended Age ¹	3 doses (from 6w-)	2YL (12-23 months)	4-7 years	9-15 years
Recommended vaccine ²	3 doses of DTP-containing vaccine	DTP-containing vaccine	DT/Td- containing vaccine (with or without pertussis)	Td-containing-vaccine (with or without pertussis)
Product options ³	- DTwP or DTaP - Quadrivalent combos Pentavalent* (DTP-Hib-HepB, DTP-Hib-IPV) Hexavalent* (DTP-Hib-HepB-IPV)	DTwP* or DTaP - Quadrivalent combos Pentavalent* (DTP-Hib-HepB, DTP-Hib-IPV) - Hexavalent (DTP-Hib-HepB-IPV)	- Td (from ≥ 4 yrs) or DT (if < 7 yrs) - DTP, TdaP	- Td - TdaP

**Gavi-supported option*



1. Depending on local epidemiology; For WHO recommended schedules see: www.who.int/teams/immunization-vaccines-and-biologicals/policies/who-recommendations-for-routine-immunization---summary-tables

2. WHO recommends a tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis-containing combination vaccine for the 2YL booster, plus 2 additional tetanus-diphtheria-containing boosters

3. Countries currently using whole-cell pertussis vaccine (wP) for the primary series should continue to do so.

For up-to-date product information prequalified by WHO always check: <https://extranet.who.int/prequal/vaccines/prequalified-vaccines>.

DTP-containing – Add 2YL booster dose

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
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Add a second-year-of-life booster dose

Adding a 2-year-old DTP-containing booster to strengthen long-term protection

FEASIBILITY

Average



Discretionary

Products under consideration for the optimization question - non exhaustive (additional vaccines can be found in the [WHO Full Product List](#))

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Prequalification (Dec25)
Shan5 (SII / Shantha)	DTwP-HepB-Hib	Liquid, vial	10-dose	Not PQ
Pentabio (PT Bio Farma)	DTwP-HepB-Hib	Liquid, vial	5- or 10- dose	2014
ComVac5 (Bharat Biotech)	DTwP-HepB-Hib	Liquid, vial	10-dose	Not PQ
Pentavac (Biological E)	DTwP-HepB-Hib	Liquid, vial / PFS	1-dose, 10-dose	2010
EasyFive-TT (Panacea Biotech)	DTwP-HepB-Hib	Liquid, vial	1-dose, 10-dose	2013
Vaxtar5 (Indian Imm.)	DTwP-HepB-Hib	Liquid, vial	1-dose, 10-dose	Not PQ
ComBE Five (Biological E)	DTwP-HepB-Hib	Liquid, vial	1-dose	2011
Quinvaxem (Janssen)	DTwP-HepB-Hib	Liquid, vial	1-dose	2006
Heberpenta	DTwP-HepB-Hib	Liquid, vial	1-dose	Not PQ
Eupenta (LG Chem)	DTwP-HepB-Hib	Liquid, vial	1-dose, 10-dose	2016

Potential impacts

Budget impact	Coverage	CCE/supply	Wastage red.	Market avail.	Disease contr.	Patients	HR
--	/	-	+	/	++	-	-
Increased# of procured doses (+33%) and potential additi. delivery costs	No change	Increased required volume (+33%)	Lower risk of open vial wastage	No change	Prolongs immunity (esp. pertussis,dipht.), improves herd effects	Extra-visit or extra-injection if clustered with other contact	Added workload (more injections)

Program implications

New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
Possible	Required	Required	Required	N/A	Required	N/A	N/A
Depending on clustering with other contacts	Cards and registers updated	Train staff on new schedule	Emphasize that 4 doses are required instead of 3		Moderate increase in CCE / transport capacity		

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Acceptability of schedule
- Effectiveness of the vaccine
- Duration of protection and waning of immunity
- Herd immunity / protection
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period
- Expected impact of the introduction on the human resources

Examples of implementing countries

- Zimbabwe (DTwP @18 months)
- Eswatini (Penta @18 months)
- Burundi (DTwP @18 months)

Resources

- [DTP-containing vaccine resources](#)
- [UNICEF SD price list](#)

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DTP-containing – Add adolescent booster dose

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
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Add an adolescent booster dose

Adding a DT(P)*-containing booster in adolescence to strengthen long-term protection

*WHO recommends diphtheria- and tetanus-containing vaccine booster at this age; pertussis component optional.

FEASIBILITY

Average



N/A

Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Prequalification (Dec25)	Note
Pentabio (PT Bio Farma)	DTwP-HepB-Hib	Liquid, vial	5- or 10- dose	2014	For space purpose, only PQ products are displayed, full list available at this link
Pentavac (Biological E)	DTwP-HepB-Hib	Liquid, vial / PFS	1-dose, 10-dose	2010	
EasyFive-TT (Panacea Biotec)	DTwP-HepB-Hib	Liquid, vial	1-dose, 10-dose	2013	
ComBE Five (Biological E)	DTwP-HepB-Hib	Liquid, vial	1-dose	2011	
Quinvaxem (Janssen)	DTwP-HepB-Hib	Liquid, vial	1-dose	2006	
Eupenta (LG Chem)	DTwP-HepB-Hib	Liquid, vial	1-dose, 10-dose	2016	
DTP-Hib Conjugate (SII)	DTwP-Hib	Liquid, vial + ampoule	1-dose	2010	
Adacel (Sanofi Pasteur)	DTaP	Liquid, vial	1-dose	2017	
Boostrix (GSK)	DTaP	Liquid, vial	1-dose	2013	
DTP-VaccineAbsorbed (SII)	DTwP	Liquid, vial or ampoule	1- 10- or 20-dose	1995	
DTP Vaccine (PT Biopharma)	DTwP	Liquid, vial	10-dose	2001	
TripVac (Biological E)	DTwP	Liquid, vial	1- or 10-dose	2014	

Potential impacts

Budget impact	Coverage	CCE/supply	Wastage red.	Market avail.	Disease contr.	Patients	HR
--	/	-	+	/	++	-	-
Increased procured doses and delivery costs	No change	Increased required volume	Lower risk of open vial wastage (if joined with 1YL/2YL sess.)	No change	Prolongs immunity (esp. diphtheria), improves herd effects	Extra-visit or extra-injection if clustered with other contact	Added workload (more injections)

Program implications

New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
Possible	Required	Required	Required	N/A	Required	N/A	N/A
Depending on co-admin w/HPV (girls); new contact for boys	Cards and registers updated	Train staff on new schedule	Important to ensure sustained protection (waning)		Moderate increase in CCE / transport capacity		

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Acceptability of schedule
- Effectiveness of the vaccine
- Duration of protection and waning of immunity
- Herd immunity / protection
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period
- Expected impact of the introduction on the human resources

Examples of implementing countries

- Zimbabwe (Td @ 10years)

Resources

- [DTP-containing vaccine resources](#)

DTP-containing (wp Pentavalent)– Switch from 1-dose vial to 10-dose vial

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Switch from Penta 1-dose vial to 10-dose vial Move to multi-dose presentation for pentavalent vaccine with whole-cell pertussis to reduce procurement costs.										FEASIBILITY Average	 Guaranteed	

Products under consideration for the optimization question - non exhaustive (additional vaccines can be found in the [WHO Full Product List](#))

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Cold chain volume (per dose)	Notes
Shan5 (SII)	DTwP–HepB–Hib (Pentavalent)	Liquid, 10-dose vial	10	2.11 cm ³	
ComBE Five (Bio E)	DTwP–HepB–Hib (Pentavalent)	Liquid, 10-dose vial	10	2.90 cm ³	
EasyFive-TT (Panacea Biotec)	DTwP–HepB–Hib (Pentavalent)	Liquid, 10-dose vial	10	3.20 cm ³	
Eupenta	DTwP–HepB–Hib (Pentavalent)	Liquid, 10-dose vial	10	3.06 cm ³	

Potential impacts

							
Budget impact	Coverage	CCE/supply	Wastage red.	Market avail.	Disease contr.	Patients	HR
+	/	+++	-	/	/	/	-
Public prices are lower for 10-dose vial presentation	No change	Volume per dose divided by 5-7 vs. 1-dose vial	Slightly increased (open-vial wastage)	No significant change	No change	No change	More reconstitution steps

Program implications

New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
N/A	N/A	Required	N/A	Required	N/A	N/A	N/A
No change	No change	Training on open-vial policy	No impact on public	Change in reconstitution step	Lower cold-chain volume	No change	No change

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Perspective on vaccine price
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period
- Expected impact of the introduction on the human resources
- Indicative wastage rate
- Ability to maintain wastage at expected levels

Examples of implementing countries

- Pakistan (switched in 2025)

Resources

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Potential Hexavalent-related optimization questions

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Type of question			Combination		Composition		Composition		Schedule		Schedule	
Details			Switch from Hexavalent to Penta + IPV		Switch from whole-cell to aCellular		Switch from aCellular to whole-cell		Switch from Hexa 4 doses to Hexa 3 doses + DTP booster		Switch from DTP booster to Hexa 4 doses	
Implementation			Complex		Easy		Average		Easy		Easy	
Country examples			No									
GAVI programme type			Guaranteed		N/A		N/A		Guaranteed		Discretionary	
Expected benefits												
 Budget impact			✓				✓		✓			
 Coverage & equity												
 CCE/supply			Minor									
 Wastage reduct.			Minor									
 Market availability			✓									
 Disease control			✓									
 Patient experience			✓									
 HR experience			✓									

Switch from Penta +IPV to Hexavalent is available under IPV section

Reminder: WHO recommendations on Hexavalent vaccines

March 2025 SAGE report



Topic	WHO Recommendation
General recommendation	WHO supports use of hexavalent combination vaccines (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, Hib and IPV) as an efficient option in routine infant immunization to simplify schedules and reduce injections while maintaining protective responses for all components
Schedule	Primary series schedule: WHO recommends a primary series of three doses starting ~6 weeks of age with minimum 4 week intervals, aligned with existing DTP containing vaccine schedules Booster dose: A DTP containing booster in the second year of life is recommended. Where hexavalent vaccines are used, they may fulfil this booster role
Replacement	Hexavalent vaccine can replace separate pentavalent + IPV doses, streamlining delivery and improving IPV coverage in settings transitioning away from separate IPV injections
Safety & efficacy	WHO's vaccine safety advisory group (GACVS) has reviewed hexavalent vaccines and found no evidence of safety concerns such as association with sudden unexplained death, supporting their continued use where licensed

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Potential HPV-related optimization questions

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Type of question		Serotype composition	Serotype composition	Schedule	Schedule & Target population		Target population	Target population	Target population	Product		
Details		Switch to higher valency (4 or 9)	Switch to lower valency (2 or 4)	Change from 2 doses to 1 dose	Add booster dose(s) for specific populations (PLWHIV)		Expand the vaccination to males	Extend eligibility to older age group for PLWHIV		Change product		
Switch Implementation		Easy	Easy	Average	Complex		More complex	More complex	More complex	Very easy		
Country examples		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
GAVI programme type		Guaranteed	Guaranteed	Guaranteed	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	Guaranteed		
Expected benefits												
 Budget impact			✓	✓						✓		
 Coverage & equity				✓			✓		✓			
 CCE/supply				✓						✓		
 Wastage reduct.					Minor		Minor					
 Market availability			✓	✓						✓		
 Disease control		✓			✓		✓		✓			
 Patient experience				✓								
 HR experience				✓								

Reminder: WHO HPV recommendations

[SAGE Position Paper \(2022\)](#)

Topic	WHO Recommendation
Primary target	Vaccinate girls aged 9–14 years before sexual debut (highest public-health priority).
Schedule	Single-dose HPV vaccination is acceptable and recommended for girls 9–14 and for females 15–20; two doses remain an option.
	Older age groups: women ≥21 years should receive two doses (6-month interval) if vaccinated.
	Immunocompromised (incl. HIV): Give at least two doses , and three doses if feasible, at any eligible age. Immunocompromised individual are a priority target
Products	Any WHO-prequalified HPV vaccine can be used ; all are effective for cervical cancer prevention.
Target population expansion	Vaccination of older girls, women as well as boys and men is recommended where feasible and affordable, It should not divert resources from the primary target population or effective cervical cancer screening programmes.
Catch-up	Catch-up vaccination for older adolescents and young women (up to at least 18 years) is recommended if resources allow.

HPV – Change product to higher valency

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Change product –switch to higher valency Switch to a HPV product with more oncogenic types to achieve broader protection against cervical cancer										FEASIBILITY Very easy	 Guaranteed	

Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Serotypes	PQ (Dec 2025)	Notes
Cervarix (GSK)	HPV 2	Liquid, vial or syringe	1- or 2-d (vial)	HPV type 16, 18	2009	For details comparison of available product, review WHO HPV compendium (link in resources)
Cecolin (Innovax)	HPV 2	Liquid, vial	1		2021	
Waltrivax (Walvax)	HPV 2	Liquid, vial	1		2024	
Gardasil (Merck/MSD)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial or syringe	1		2009	
Cervavac (SII)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial	1 or 2		<i>pending PQ</i>	
Tsegardex (Nanolel)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial	1	HPV type 6, 11, 16, 18	<i>No PQ</i>	
Gardasil9 (Merck/MSD)	HPV 9	Liquid, vial or syringe	1- or 2-d (vial)		2018	
Cecolin9 (Innovax)	HPV 9	Liquid, vial	1		<i>No PQ</i>	

Potential impacts

							
Budget impact	Coverage	CCE/supply	Wastage red.	Market avail.	Disease contr.	Patients	HR
+ or -	/	+ or -	/	+	+	/	/
Future prices for HPV9 from DCVMN manufacturers may be competitive	No change	Depends on products involved in switch	No change, unless change in vial size	Change in product can achieve higher supply flexibility	Up to 20% more cases of cervical cancer prevented	No change	No Change

Program implications

New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
N/A	N/A	Minor	N/A	N/A	Possible	N/A	N/A
No change	No change, update vaccine name if recorded	Limited to new vaccine documentation	Limited communication needed	No change if presentation unchanged	Depending on product choice	No change	No change

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Coverage of active serogroups or serotypes in the country and their respective impact on morbidity and mortality
- Effectiveness of the vaccine
- Duration of protection and waning of immunity
- Risk at individual level
- Indicative wastage rate
- Cold chain implications and as relevant availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Perspective on vaccine price
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period

Examples of implementing countries

- Many HIC and UMICs have switched to HPV products covering more than the two basis HPV types 16/18 over the last 5 years

Resources

- [WHO Considerations for human papillomavirus](#)
- [WHO Compendium](#)
- [PATH HPV Vaccine cost calculator](#)

*Vaccine price assumptions are based on publicly available information from [UNICEF Supply Division](#), [PAHO Revolving Fund](#) and [WHO Market Information for Access Data](#)

HPV – Switch to lower valency

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
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Switch to lower valency product

Switch to a lower-valency product (eg from HP4 to HPV2 or HPV 9 to HPV4) to achieve cost-savings while maintaining the benefit of protection against the HPV Types (16/18) causing the majority of cervical cancer cases

FEASIBILITY

Easy

Guaranteed



Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Serotypes	Notes
Cervarix (GSK)	HPV 2	Liquid, vial or syringe	1- or 2-d (vial)	HPV type 16, 18	For details comparison of available product, review WHO HPV compendium (link in resources)
Cecolin (Innovax)	HPV 2	Liquid, vial	1		
Waltrinvax (Walvax)	HPV 2	Liquid, vial	1		
Gardasil (Merck/MSD)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial or syringe	1	HPV type 6, 11, 16, 18	
Cervavac (SII)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial	1 or 2		
Tsegardex (Nanolel)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial	1		

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Coverage of active serogroups or serotypes in the country and their respective impact on morbidity and mortality
- Effectiveness of the vaccine
- Duration of protection and waning of immunity
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Perspective on vaccine price
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period

Examples of implementing countries

- Denmark
- Malaysia

Resources

- [WHO Considerations for human papillomavirus](#)
- [WHO Compendium](#)
- [PATH HPV Vaccine cost calculator for GAVI countries and middle-income countries](#)

Potential impacts	 Budget impact + Publicly available prices mostly lower for HPV2	 Coverage / No change	 CCE/supply / No change	 Wastage red. / No change	 Market avail. / No supply constraint reported on HPV2	 Disease contr. - Serotypes covered reduced but optimal protection maintained	 Patients / No change	 HR / No change
Program implications	New contact point N/A No change	Documentation change N/A No change, update vaccine name if recorded	Training Minor Limited to new vaccine documentation	Communication Possible Communicate about continued protection	Reconstitution administration N/A No change	Supply chain investment Possible Depending on product choice	Change in strategy N/A No change	Surveillance investment N/A

*Vaccine price assumptions are based on publicly available information from [UNICEF Supply Division](#), [PAHO Revolving Fund](#) and [WHO Market Information for Access Data](#)

HPV – Change from 2 doses to 1 dose in primary target

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Change from 2 doses to 1 dose schedule; change from Change to a 1-dose regimen that achieves comparable protection to two doses (as noted by WHO's SAGE in 2022) in order to lower vaccine and delivery costs and expanding programmatic options, that can contribute to increased coverage.										FEASIBILITY Average	 Guaranteed	

Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Serotypes	1-dose schedule	PQ (Dec 2025)	Notes
Cervarix (GSK)	HPV 2	Liquid, vial or syringe	1- or 2-d (vial)	HPV type 16, 18	Yes	2009	For details comparison of available product, review WHO HPV compendium (link in resources)
Cecolin (Innovax)	HPV 2	Liquid, vial	1		Yes	2021	
Waltrivax (Walvax)	HPV 2	Liquid, vial	1			2024	
Gardasil (Merck/MSD)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial or syringe	1	HPV type 6, 11, 16, 18	Yes	2009	
Cervavac (SII)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial	1 or 2			<i>pending PQ</i>	
Tsegardex (Nanolel)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial	1			<i>No PQ</i>	
Gardasil9 (Merck/MSD)	HPV 9	Liquid, vial or syringe	1- or 2-d (vial)	HPV type 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, 58	Yes	2018	
Cecolin 9 (Innovax)	HPV 9	Liquid, vial	1		Yes	<i>No PQ</i>	

Potential impacts

Budget impact	Coverage	CCE/supply	Wastage red.	Market avail.	Disease contr.	Patients	HR
+++ Half the doses	+ Opportunity to integrate with campaigns	+++ Reduced volume	+ Lower systemic wastage	+++ Half the doses	/ Non-inferior efficacy shown	+++ Fewer injections (-50%)	+++ Simpler schedule, less workload

Program implications

New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
N/A No (removes a visit)	Required Cards and registers updated	Required Retraining on new schedule	Required Communication about 1 dose protection	N/A No change	N/A Lower cold-chain volume	Possible Change in delivery (esp. school-based)	N/A Int. research to confirm duration of protection

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Acceptability of schedule
- Coverage of active serogroups or serotypes in the country
- Effectiveness of the vaccine
- Herd immunity / protection
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period
- Expected impact of the introduction on the human resources

Examples of implementing countries

- 81 countries have switched to a 1-dose regimen

Resources

- [2022 SAGE Position Paper](#)
- [WHO Considerations for human papillomavirus](#)
- [WHO Compendium on HPV](#)
- [HPV Vaccine schedule optimization guide](#)

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HPV – Change from 3 doses to 2 or 1 dose in secondary target

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Change from 3 doses to 2 or 1 dose schedule in secondary target ages Change from 3 to 2 - or 1-dose regimen in secondary target ages as per WHO recommendation (Position paper 2022) in order to lower vaccine and delivery costs and expanding programmatic options for catch up in secondary targets.										FEASIBILITY Average	 Guaranteed	

Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Serotypes	1-dose schedule	PQ (Dec 2025)	Notes
Cervarix (GSK)	HPV 2	Liquid, vial or syringe	1- or 2-d (vial)	HPV type 16, 18	Yes	2009	For details comparison of available product, review WHO HPV compendium (link in resources)
Cecolin (Innovax)	HPV 2	Liquid, vial	1		Yes	2021	
Waltrivax (Walvax)	HPV 2	Liquid, vial	1			2024	
Gardasil (Merck/MSD)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial or syringe	1	HPV type 6, 11, 16, 18	Yes	2009	
Cervavac (SII)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial	1 or 2			<i>pending PQ</i>	
Tsegardex (Nanolel)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial	1			<i>No PQ</i>	
Gardasil9 (Merck/MSD)	HPV 9	Liquid, vial or syringe	1- or 2-d (vial)	HPV type 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, 58	Yes	2018	
Cecolin 9 (Innovax)	HPV 9	Liquid, vial	1		Yes	<i>No PQ</i>	

Potential impacts

Budget impact	Coverage	CCE/supply	Wastage red.	Market avail.	Disease contr.	Patients	HR
+++ Half or a third of the doses	+ Opportunity to integrate with campaigns or as one of catch up	+++ Reduced volume	+ Lower systemic wastage	+++ Half or third the doses	/ Non-inferior efficacy shown	+++ Fewer injections (-50%), lower cost if voluntary	+++ Simpler schedule, less workload

Program implications

New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
N/A No (removes a visit)	Required Cards and registers updated	Required Retraining on new schedule	Required Communication about 1 dose protection	N/A No change	N/A Lower cold-chain volume	Possible Change in delivery	N/A Int. research to confirm duration of protection

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Acceptability of schedule
- Coverage of active serogroups or serotypes in the country and their respective impact on morbidity and mortality
- Effectiveness of the vaccine
- Herd immunity / protection
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period
- Expected impact of the introduction on the human resources

Examples of implementing countries

- 81 countries have switched to a 1-dose regimen, generally through 20 years of age (some up to 25)
- Selected HIC changed schedule for catch up ages (>15 yr) to 2 doses.

Resources

- [2022 SAGE Position Paper](#)
- [WHO Considerations for human papillomavirus](#)
- [WHO Compendium on HPV](#)
- [HPV Vaccine schedule optimization guide](#)

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HPV – providing additional doses to immuno-compromised/PLWHIV priority population

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Immunocompromised/PLWHIV priority population Expand programme to ensure optimal protection in Immunocompromised populations including PLWHIV by ensuring additional doses are provided through relevant (ART) services (minimum 2 doses and 3 as feasible) and as feasible, expanding eligibility to older ages										FEASIBILITY More complex	 Guaranteed /out of age*	

Rationale and Policies informing the prioritization question

WHO Position Paper on HPV (2022) indicates that for immunocompromised/HIV+ population require special attention due to the up to 6 times higher risk to develop cervical and other cancers. HPV programmes are therefore urged to consider, as a priority:

- **SCHEDULE:** to ensure immunocompromised/HIV+ individuals receive at least 2 doses, optimally three doses to be fully protected
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Target age for administrating the additional dose(s) include at a minimum 9 to 4, but extension through 20 or 25 year should be considered, if affordable, given peak age of new HIV infections in individuals who previously received 1 dose.
- **SEX:** given higher risk of HPV related cancers (e.g. anal, oropharyngeal) in immunocompromised males, including this target among the special program for immunocompromised individuals (catch-up) is strongly recommended

Potential impacts								
	Budget impact	Coverage	CCE/supply	Wastage red.	Market avail.	Disease contr.	Patients	HR
	- Additional doses required for relevant populations (100% co-fin for older population)	+ or / Additional coverage of immunocompromised/HIV+ population	/ Depends if additional needs for vaccination sites at ART	/ No change	/ Minimal impact/ risk given relatively small population	++ Potential to target higher risk population	/ Limited change, can be administered at existing POS, but add doses	- Additional workload for some HCWs
Program implications	New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
	Required Integrated with existing HIV/ART services for relevant pop	Required Cards and registers updated	Possible New HCW pop to train & updated training to incl. guidance	Possible Communication to target population, stigma sensitive	N/A No change	Possible Depending on availability at HIV POC and program design	Large To include delivery strategy for relevant pop.	N/A No change

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- HIV+ population and/or % CC cases attributed to HIV
- Other significant immunocompromised pop for prioritization
- Peak age for new HIV infections to inform decisions for catch up 15-20, 21-25 yr old PLWHIV; considerations for cost-effectiveness for older cohorts LWHIV
- Availability of HIV (or other relevant) services and integration points
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at POC
- Expected impact on HR

Examples of implementing countries

- Eswatini

Resources

- [WHO Considerations for human papillomavirus](#)
- [WHO Compendium](#)
- [PATH HPV Vaccine cost calculator](#)

*Gavi support guaranteed for eligible age groups, wider cohort support would require access to alternate funding or self-financing

HPV – Change to expand vaccination to males

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Change existing HPV programme to include male vaccination Change from a female only vaccination programme to include boys /males that further increase protection of females against cervical cancer through increased herd protection and further increase direct protecting among males, in particular MSM.											FEASIBILITY Average	



Products under consideration for the optimization question (licensed for use in males*)

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Serotypes	1-dose schedule	PQ (Dec 2025)	Notes
Cervarix (GSK)	HPV 2	Liquid, vial or syringe	1- or 2-d (vial)	HPV type 16, 18	Yes	2009	For details comparison of available product, review WHO HPV compendium (link in resources)
Gardasil (Merck/MSD)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial or syringe	1		Yes	2009	
Cervavac (SII)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial	1 or 2	HPV type 6, 11, 16, 18		<i>pending PQ</i>	
Tsegardex (Nanolel)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial	1			<i>No PQ</i>	
Gardasil9 (Merck/MSD)	HPV 9	Liquid, vial or syringe	1- or 2-d (vial)	HPV type 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, 58	Yes	2018	

*Other products (Cecolin (9) and Walrinvax are currently not licensed for use in males

Potential impacts	Budget impact	Coverage	CCE/supply	Wastage red.	Market avail.	Disease contr.	Patients	HR
	--- Double the amount of doses	- / + Opportunity to “rebrand and relaunch” may improve.	--- Double the volume	/ No impact on wastage	- / + Not all products licensed for use in males, this may affect price	/ Few additional male cancers prevented, high impact on cervical cancer	+++ Fewer injections (-50%)	- / + Higher workload, some simplification in target identification

Program implications	New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
	N/A No (removes a visit)	Required Cards and registers updated	Required Retraining on new target	Required Rebrand HPV as gender neutral, is opportunity	N/A No change	Required Double cold-chain volume	Possible Change in delivery (esp. school-based)	Minor To confirm duration of protection

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Herd immunity / protection
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period
- Expected impact of the introduction on the human resources

Examples of implementing countries

- HIC and UMIC countries (PAHO)
- Bhutan
- Cap Verde

Resources

- [2022 SAGE Position Paper](#)
- [WHO Considerations for human papillomavirus](#)
- [WHO Compendium on HPV](#)
- [HPV Vaccine schedule optimization guide](#)

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HPV – expanding priority vaccination to PLWHIV at older ages

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Immunocompromised/PLWHIV priority population Expand programme to ensure optimal protection in Immunocompromised populations including PLWHIV by ensuring additional doses are provided through relevant (ART) services and as feasible, expanding eligibility to older ages										FEASIBILITY More complex	 Guaranteed /out of age	

Rationale and Policies informing the prioritization question

WHO Position Paper on HPV (2022) indicates that for immunocompromised/HIV+ population require special attention due to the up to 6 times higher risk to develop cervical and other cancers. HPV programmes are therefore urged to consider, as a priority:

- **SCHEDULE:** to ensure immunocompromised/HIV+ individuals receive at least 2 doses, optimally three doses to be fully protected
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Target age for administering the additional dose(s) include at a minimum 9 to 14, but extension through 20 or 25 year should be considered, if affordable, given peak age of new HIV infections in individuals who previously received 1 dose.
- **SEX:** **wile WLWHIV are absolute priority**, given the higher risk of HPV related cancers (e.g. anal, oropharyngeal) in immunocompromised males, including this target among the special program for immunocompromised individuals (catch-up) is strongly recommended

Potential impacts								
	Budget impact	Coverage	CCE/supply	Wastage red.	Market avail.	Disease contr.	Patients	HR
	- Additional doses required for relevant populations (100% co-fin for older population)	+ or / Additional coverage of immunocompromised/HIV+ population	/ Depends if additional needs for vaccination sites at ART	/ No change	/ Minimal impact/ risk given relatively small population	++ Potential to target higher risk population	/ Limited change, can be administered at existing POS, but add doses	- Additional workload for some HCWs
Program implications	New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
	Required Integrated with existing HIV/ART services for relevant pop	Required Cards and registers updated	Possible New HCW pop to train & updated training to incl. guidance	Possible Communication to target population, stigma sensitive	N/A No change	Possible Depending on availability at HIV POC and program design	Large To include delivery strategy for relevant pop.	N/A No change

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- HIV+ population and/or % CC cases attributed to HIV
- Other significant immunocompromised pop for prioritization
- Peak age for new HIV infections to inform decisions for catch up 15-20, 21-25 yr old PLWHIV
- Availability of HIV (or other relevant) services and integration points
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at POC
- Expected impact on HR

Examples of implementing countries

- Brazil
- England (UK)
- Eswatini
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Resources

- [WHO Considerations for human papillomavirus](#)
- [WHO Compendium](#)
- [PATH HPV Vaccine cost calculator](#)

HPV – Change product

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Change product Switch between similar HPV product - keeping the same valency - to achieve potential cost-saving benefits										FEASIBILITY Very easy	 Guaranteed	

Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Serotypes	PQ (Dec 2025)	Notes
Cervarix (GSK)	HPV 2	Liquid, vial or syringe	1- or 2-d (vial)	HPV type 16, 18	2009	For details comparison of available product, review WHO HPV compendium (link in resources)
Cecolin (Innovax)	HPV 2	Liquid, vial	1		2021	
Waltrinvax (Walvax)	HPV 2	Liquid, vial	1		2024	
Gardasil (Merck/MSD)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial or syringe	1		2009	
Cervavac (SII)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial	1 or 2		<i>pending PQ</i>	
Tsegardex (Nanolel)	HPV 4	Liquid, vial	1	HPV type 6, 11, 16, 18	<i>No PQ</i>	
Gardasil9 (Merck/MSD)	HPV 9	Liquid, vial or syringe	1- or 2-d (vial)		2018	
Cecolin9 (Innovax)	HPV 9	Liquid, vial	1		<i>No PQ</i>	

Potential impacts

							
Budget impact	Coverage	CCE/supply	Wastage red.	Market avail.	Disease contr.	Patients	HR
++	/	+ or -	/	+	/	/	/
Publicly available prices indicate lower price or DCVMN and independent manufacturers	No change	Depends on products	No change, unless change in vial size	Change in product can achieve higher supply flexibility	No change	No change	No change

Program implications

New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
N/A	N/A	Minor	N/A	N/A	Possible	N/A	N/A
No change	No change, update vaccine name if recorded	Limited to new vaccine documentation	Limited to no communication needed	No change if presentation unchanged	Depending on product choice	No change	No change

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Effectiveness of the vaccine
- Duration of protection and waning of immunity
- Risk at individual level
- Indicative wastage rate
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Perspective on vaccine price
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period

Examples of implementing countries

- TBC

Resources

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- [WHO Compendium](#)
- [PATH HPV Vaccine cost calculator for GAVI countries and middle-income countries](#)

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Potential IPV-related optimization questions

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Type of question		Combination	Schedule	Schedule	Target population		Administration	Administration	Product			
Details		Switch from Penta + IPV to Hexavalent	Switch from 1-dose to 2-dose IPV schedule	Switch from 2-dose to 3-dose IPV schedule	Change in age of administration		Switch from fractional to full dose IPV or Hexa	Switch from full dose to fractional dose	Change product			
Implementation		Easy	Complex	Complex	Average		Average	Average	Very easy			
Country examples		Yes										
GAVI programme type		Guaranteed	Guaranteed	N/A	N/A		Guaranteed	Guaranteed	Guaranteed			
Expected benefits												
 Budget impact		Possible										
 Coverage & equity												
 CCE/supply												
 Wastage reduct.		Minor										
 Market availability												
 Disease control												
 Patient experience		Minor										
 HR experience												

Reminder: WHO recommendations for IPV vaccines

March 2025 SAGE report



Topic	WHO Recommendation
General recommendation	WHO supports use of hexavalent combination vaccines (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, Hib and IPV) as an efficient option in routine infant immunization to simplify schedules and reduce injections while maintaining protective responses for all components

WHO recommended schedules for Penta+IPV vs Hexa

Illustrative schedule		Primary Immunization schedule ¹				1 st dose of DTP booster series ²	Number of injections in series
		6 weeks	10 weeks	14 weeks	9 months	12-23 months	Total
Pentavalent/ IPV schedule	Pentavalent	1 st dose	2 nd dose	3 rd dose		DTP/ Pentavalent	6
	IPV (full or fIPV)			1 st dose	2 nd dose		
Hexavalent schedule		1 st dose	2 nd dose	3 rd dose		DTP/ Pentavalent	4

As of 6 June 2025, the WHO SAGE does not recommend the administration of IPV booster (i.e., hexa 4th dose)

IPV – Switch from Penta+IPV to Hexavalent

DengueDTPHexaHPV**IPV**MalariaMCVMenPCVRotaTCVTetanusYF

Switch from Penta+IPV to Hexavalent
Combine IPV and Pentavalent in one shot to reduce injection burden and improve IPV protection

FEASIBILITY
Easy


Guaranteed

Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Prequalification
Hexaxim (Sanofi)	DTaP-IPV-HepB-Hib (acellular)	Liquid (ready to use, no reconstitution)	1	2014
Hexaxil (Serum Institute of India)	wP-IPV-HepB-Hib (whole-cell)	Liquid, vial	1 or 10	2024
Infanrix Hexa (GSK)	DT3aP-HepB-Hib-IPV (acellular)	Lyophilized	1	No
Vaxelis (MCM)	DT5aP-HepB-Hib-IPV (acellular)	Liquid, vial or PFS	1	No

*Only Hexaxil (wP) is available in the Gavi menu

Potential impacts

 Budget impact + / - Higher vaccine cost but delivery/logistic savings*	 Coverage + Improved for IPV	 CCE/supply ++ Reduced volume (~30%)	 Wastage red. / Limited change	 Market avail. / No significant change	 Disease contr. + Higher IPV uptake and number of doses	 Patients ++ Fewer injections / potentially fewer contacts	 HR ++ Easier administration, fewer injections
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Program implications

New contact point N/A Potentially fewer contact points	Documentation change Required Cards and registers updated	Training Required Limited (similar to penta)	Communication N/A Not impact on public	Reconstitution administration N/A Only if lyophilized hexavalent	Supply chain investment N/A Lower volume	Change in strategy N/A No change	Surveillance investment N/A No change
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Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Acceptability of schedule (e.g. multiple injections, additional visits)
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period
- Expected impact of the introduction on the human resources
- Vaccine effectiveness
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Perspective on vaccine price

Examples of implementing countries

- Mauritania
- Senegal

Resources

- [WHO Hexavalent compendium](#) comparison table
- [2024 WHO Polio position paper](#)
- [2025 UNICEF/WHO FAQ on Hexavalent vaccines](#)

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Potential Malaria vaccine-related optimization questions

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Type of question		Geographic Scope				Product						
Details		Expand or reduce sub-national scope*				Change product (same valency, schedule, target)						
Implementation		Complex - More Complex				Easy**						
Case studies												
GAVI program		Discretionary				Discretionary						
Expected benefits												
Budget impact		✓				✓						
 Coverage & equity		✓										
 CCE/supply						✓						
 Wastage reduction												
 Market availability						✓						
 Disease control		✓										
 Patient experience		✓										
 HR experience		✓				✓						



* Reduction or scaleback in geographic scope may be considered due to budgetary constraint but is not recommended given potential risks of damaging confidence in vaccines not only for malaria but across the programme and potential increases in disease transmission.

** Elective product changes for Gavi-supported, UNICEF-procured doses are not currently permitted in most circumstances (see Gavi guidance)..

WHO malaria recommendations

May 2024 WHO position paper



Topic	WHO Recommendation
General recommendation	WHO recommends the use of malaria vaccines for the prevention of <i>P. falciparum</i> malaria in children living in malaria endemic areas, prioritizing areas of moderate and high transmission¹
Schedule	4-dose schedule from around 5 months of age Minimum interval between any doses is 4 weeks; dose 4 given 6–18 months after dose 3 (align timing of dose 4 with timing of other vaccines and other health interventions in second year of life) A 5th dose , given one year after dose 4, may be provided where malaria risk remains high during the third year of life or beyond.
Delivery approaches	Age-based: Administration of 4 doses throughout the year, dependent on child's age Hybrid: Administration of the first 3 doses monthly, given throughout the year, dependent on child's age. Administration of dose 4 and 5 each year before high transmission season. Seasonal: Administration of the first 3 doses administered monthly just before the high transmission season; dose 4 and 5 each year before subsequent high transmission seasons
Products	Two safe and effective malaria vaccines: the choice of product to be used in a country should be based on product characteristics and programmatic considerations, as well as vaccine supply and long-term affordability. ²

1. Moderate and high transmission settings are defined as areas with *P. falciparum* parasite prevalence greater than 10% PfPR2-10 or an annual parasite incidence greater than 250 per 1000. These thresholds are indicative and should not be regarded as absolutes for determining the applicability of the malaria vaccine recommendation.

2. The malaria vaccination series for each child should be completed with the same product whenever feasible. However, if the product used for a previous dose is unavailable or unknown, the series should be completed with either of the available WHO-recommended malaria vaccines. Restarting the vaccine series is not recommended.

Changes in malaria vaccines support during the Gavi 6.0 strategy period: 2026-2030

Based on Gavi Board decisions in 2025:

- Gavi funding support is **capped to 70%** of malaria vaccine needs for children living in moderate and high transmission areas, representing a reduction from Gavi 5.0 support up to 85%.
 - For countries where Gavi currently supports more than 70% of vaccine needs among children living in moderate and high transmission areas, Gavi support will be proportionately reduced by 2028
 - Countries are encouraged to find alternative resources to close the funding gap
- Malaria has been included under **discretionary funding** within Gavi 6.0 country vaccine budgets
 - **ISF implementing countries** will have a “floor” to ensure that discretionary budgets will cover the malaria vaccine needs for up to 70% of children in moderate and high transmission areas
 - **AT/PT implementing countries do not have a funding floor for malaria vaccine funding**, irrespective of their current level of implementation. They must prioritize funds within the country vaccine budget and consider self-financing or alternative sources of funding if needed.

Malaria – Review geographical scope (overview)

Dengue DTP Hexa HPV IPV **Malaria** MCV Men PCV Rota TCV Tetanus YF

Approach for reviewing geographical scope in context of Gavi 6.0 support changes (2026-2030):

- Countries should re-confirm their malaria vaccine introduction plans and phased approach, as well as mobilize resources to fill gaps
- Countries are encouraged to develop plans (please see templates below)** for multiple scenarios: (1) should additional resources become available to fill gaps; (2) if only Gavi support is available (limited to no additional resources)

Potential decisions

Maintain geographical scope
Implementation beyond Gavi support available in discretionary budget or above 70% cap would require additional non-Gavi resources.*

Expand geographical scope
Implementation beyond Gavi support available in discretionary budget or above 70% cap would require additional non-Gavi resources.*

Reduce geographical scope of implementing areas due to resources available
Not recommended

With phases and allocations of Gavi & non-Gavi support

Introduction phase (year)	Geographic scope	Annual target population	Funding sources*	Cumulative at-risk children targeted
Phase 1 (Year)	# of districts or equivalent	Surviving infants under 1 years, etc.	% Gavi support; % non-Gavi support (source)	% of total children living in moderate and high transmission areas
Phase 2 (Year)				
Etc.				

Summary of eligible at-risk children and targeted support for malaria vaccination

Total eligible at risk children ¹ (2026)	# of children living in moderate and high transmission areas
Proportion of at-risk children (%)	100%

* Indicate resources to be mobilized or depending if resources are secured

Total targeted for malaria vaccination			Gavi support		Non-Gavi support	
Year	(%) total eligible	Target population	(%) total eligible ²	# of children	(%) total eligible	# of children
2026						
2027						
2028						
2029						
2030						

Malaria – Maintain or expand geographical scope

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Maintain or expand geographical scope Review plan for expansion of Malaria program in light of Gavi 6.0 reduced ¹ support for 2026-2030. Implementation beyond Gavi support requires external resources.										FEASIBILITY Complex		 Discretionary

- WHO recommends the use of malaria vaccines for the prevention of *P. falciparum* malaria in children living in malaria endemic areas, prioritizing areas of moderate and high transmission²
- WHO recommends countries use local data and conduct subnational tailoring of malaria interventions to determine the most appropriate mixes of interventions for any given context.³

Potential impacts	 Budget impact / to --- Additional resources need to be mobilized beyond Gavi support	 Coverage +++ Improved access to life-saving intervention with positive impact on equity	 CCE/supply / to - Assess cold chain capacity for any expansion	 Wastage red. / No change	 Market avail. / Vaccine supply is adequate for countries to scale up	 Disease contr. +++ Improved disease control and mortality reduction	 Patients +++ High demand for malaria vaccination and prevention of malaria cases and deaths	 HR / to - Scale-up to new areas would increase HR workload
	New contact point N/A	Documentation change N/A Unless needed for expansion to new areas	Training N/A to Required Only required for expansion to new areas	Communication N/A to Required New expansion populations must be sensitized	Reconstitution administration N/A Same	Supply chain investment N/A to Possible May be needed for expansion to new areas	Change in strategy N/A	Surveillance investment N/A to Possible May be needed for expansion to new areas

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Acceptability of schedule (e.g. multiple injections, additional visits)
- Effectiveness of the vaccine
- Efficacy of the vaccine
- Duration of protection and waning of immunity
- Risk at individual level
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Direct costs, Indirect costs
- Perspective on vaccine price
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies
- Perception of the target population of the disease risk, severity, fear and demand for disease control

Examples of implementing countries

Most malaria vaccine implementing countries have introduced in a sub-national phased approach

Resources

- 2024 WHO Malaria position paper²
- Subnational tailoring of malaria strategies and interventions³ - UNICEF SD Vaccine Prices
- Vaccine Evidence Compendium Malaria - upcoming

1. Gavi 6.0 will support a maximum of 70% of vaccine needs for moderate and high transmission areas in Initial Self-Financing (ISF) countries. Other Gavi supported countries (PT/AT) receive lower levels of funding.

2. Moderate and high transmission settings are defined as areas with *P. falciparum* parasite prevalence greater than 10% PfPR2-10 or an annual parasite incidence greater than 250 per 1000. These thresholds are indicative and should not be regarded as absolutes for determining the applicability of the malaria vaccine recommendation.

Malaria – Change product

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Change product Switch between WHO-recommended malaria vaccines (e.g. from RTS,S/AS01 to R21/Matrix-M), provided confirmation of supply allocation for GAVI countries*										FEASIBILITY Easy	 Discretionary	

Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Prequalification	Notes
RTS,S/AS01 (Mosquirix – GSK)	Recombinant circumsporozoite protein (RTS,S) + AS01 adjuvant	Lyophilized antigen + liquid adjuvant (reconstitution required – 2 vial set)	2 dose/vial	2022	R21 is also prequalified as a 1-dose vial, however it is not currently supported by Gavi
R21/Matrix-M (CYVAC - Serum Institute of India)	Recombinant circumsporozoite protein (R21) + Matrix-M adjuvant	Fully liquid presentation	2 dose/vial	2023	

Potential impacts								
	Budget impact / to +++ Country specific considerations switches reviewed for co-financing and/or self-financing affordability	Coverage / No change	CCE/supply + Reduced R21 volume (~30%) but shorter R21 shelf life (24 mos) than RTS,S (36 mos)	Wastage red. + to / Same wastage rate; consider R21 shorter shelf life vs RTS,S volume/reconstitution	Market avail. / to --- Product switches may be dependent on funding source, policy, or impact on dual market. Plan 1-2 years for switch.	Disease contr. / Similar vaccine efficacy and expected effectiveness between the 2 products	Patients / No change	HR + Simpler R21 administration as no reconstitution required

Program implications	New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
	N/A Same schedule	Minor/ Required Product name change only if included in documentation change	Required	N/A	Possible Not required for R21. Required for RTS,S.	N/A Lower volume for R21 compared to RTS,S	N/A	N/A Standard AEFI surveillance recommended for both products

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Perspective on vaccine price
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period
- Shelf life
- Effectiveness of the vaccine
- Efficacy of the vaccine
- Duration of protection and waning of immunity
- Risk at individual level
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine

Examples of implementing countries

- Kenya, Burkina Faso, Ghana

Resources

- [2024 WHO Malaria position paper](#)
- [Malaria vaccines RTS,S and R21 frequently asked questions](#)
- Vaccine price assumptions based on publicly available information from [UNICEF Supply Division](#)
- [Latest announcement on RTS,S price \(June 2025\)](#)

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Potential MCV-related* optimization questions

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Type of question				Presentation								
Details				Switch from 10-dose vial to 5-dose vial								
Implementation				Easy								
Country examples				Yes								
GAVI programme type				Guaranteed								
Expected benefits												
 Budget impact												
 Coverage & equity				✓								
 CCE/supply												
 Wastage reduct.				✓								
 Market availability												
 Disease control				✓								
 Patient experience				✓								
 HR experience				✓								

* Switches from M to MR and MR to MMR are not included in this list, for they are actually prioritization questions (new antigen) not optimization

Measles Containing– Switch from 10-dose vial to 5-dose vial

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Switch from 10-dose vial to 5-dose vial Switch to smaller vial to reduce open vial wastage in low-volume sessions and create incentive to open vials										FEASIBILITY Easy	 Guaranteed	

Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Prequalification	Notes
Measles vaccine (SII)	Measles (live attenuated)	Lyophilized + diluent	10-dose, 5-dose	2009	
Measles vaccine (PT Bio Farma)	Measles (live attenuated)	Lyophilized + diluent	10-dose, 5-dose	2013	
Measles vaccine (Zydus L)	Measles (live attenuated)	Lyophilized + diluent	5-dose, 10-dose	2018	
Measles-Rubella (MR) – SII	Measles + Rubella (live att.)	Lyophilized + diluent	10-dose, 5-dose	2013	
Measles-Rubella (MR) – Bio Farma	Measles + Rubella	Lyophilized + diluent	10-dose	2016	
MMR (SII)	Measles + Mumps + Rubella	Lyophilized + diluent	5-dose	2020	

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Perspective on vaccine price
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Indicative wastage rate
- Ability to maintain wastage at expected levels
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period
- Expected impact of the introduction on the human resources
- Ease of the considered immunization strategies to reach desired coverage

Examples of implementing countries

- 20+ countries in the AFRO region ([see this infographic](#))

Resources

- [5-dose MCV resource hub on Technet21](#)

Potential impacts	 Budget impact +/- Slightly higher price per dose but fewer wasted doses	 Coverage ++ Improved (less missed opportunities)	 CCE/supply -- Increased volume per dose (+100%) but reduced wastage	 Wastage red. +++ Strongly reduced wastage	 Market avail. / No significant change	 Disease contr. ++ Improved (less missed opportunities)	 Patients ++ Increased session reliability	 HR + Improves confidence in opening vials
	New contact point N/A No change	Documentation change N/A No change	Training Minor New presentation / wastage thresholds	Communication N/A No impact on public	Reconstitution administration N/A No change	Supply chain investment Possible Increased vaccine volume	Change in strategy N/A No change	Surveillance investment N/A No change

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Potential Meningitis-related optimization questions

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Type of question				Serotype composition								
Details				Switch to higher valency (from A to ACWXY)								
Implementation								Easy				
Country examples								Yes				
GAVI programme type				Discretionary								
Expected benefits												
 Budget impact												
 Coverage & equity												
 CCE/supply												
Wastage reduct.												
Market availability												
Disease control												
Patient experience												
HR experience												

Reminder: WHO recommendations on Meningococcal vaccines

[SAGE position paper \(2024\)](#)



Topic	WHO Recommendation
General recommendation	All countries in the African meningitis belt should introduce a pentavalent meningococcal ACWYX conjugate vaccine (Men5CV) into their routine immunization programmes. Countries that have already introduced MenACV into their routine immunization programmes should switch to use of Men5CV
Schedule	The recommended schedule is a single-dose schedule at 9-18 months
Strategy	Meningitis risk assessment should be conducted to inform the Men5CV introduction strategy.
Campaigns	In high-risk countries/districts , a one-off Men5CV mass preventive campaign (1-19 years old population) should also be conducted at the time of introduction, to achieve more rapid and greater population impact through direct and indirect (herd) protection effects

Meningitis – Switch to higher valency

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Switch to higher valency Upgrade monovalent MenACV programs to pentavalent meningococcal ACWXY conjugate vaccines (Men5CV). Preventive campaigns in high-risk areas (to be informed by meningitis risk assessment). FEASIBILITY Easy Gavi The Vaccine Alliance Discretionary												

Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Serogroups	Prequalification	Notes
Men5CV / MenACWYX (Serum Institute of India)	ACWYX-TT	Lyophilized, vial	1 or 5	A, C, W, Y, X	2023	

Note : Quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccines (ACWY), that are significantly more expensive, are not considered. Additional information can be found the [WHO Full Product List](#)

Potential impacts	 Budget impact -- Significantly incremental cost (Men5) but downward trend.	 Coverage / No change	 CCE/supply - Increment for Men5 (higher volume but lower wastage)	 Wastage red. + Smaller vial for Men5 vs. MenA leading to lower wastage	 Market avail. / No supply constraint for Men5, second supplier soon	 Disease contr. ++ Much larger protection with target to eliminate meningitis epidemics	 Patients / Can decrease no of injections during 1YL if pushed to 2YL	 HR / No change
	 New contact point N/A No change	 Documentation change Minor Product name and valency / required if dose moved to 2YL	 Training Minor New vaccine documentation	 Communication Minor Communicate about improved protection	 Reconstitution administration N/A No change	 Supply chain investment Possible Depending on product choice and campaigns (likely minor)	 Change in strategy Possible Depending of year of administration (2YL)	 Surveillance investment N/A Maintain to monitor impact

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Coverage of active serogroups or serotypes in the country
- Effectiveness of the vaccine (incl. on outbreaks)
- Duration of protection and waning of immunity
- Herd immunity / protection
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Perspective on vaccine price
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies
- Indicative wastage rate
- Impact on delivery
- Net present cost benefit ratios
- Long-term complications of disease
- Impact on existing immunization services or other health sectors (e.g. MCV2)
- Contribution to national/regional/global goals (e.g., elimination)

Externalities

- Impact on delivery
- Impact on existing immunization services or other health sectors

Examples of implementing countries

- Niger

Resources

- [WHO 2024 Meningitis position paper](#)
- [Defeating meningitis by 2030 global road map](#)

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Potential PCV-related optimization questions

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF		
Type of question		Serotype composition	Serotype composition	Schedule	Schedule	Schedule	Schedule	Schedule	Schedule	Product				
Details		Switch to higher valency (13/14/15/20)	Switch to lower valency (10/13/15)	Change from 3+0 doses to 2+1 doses	Change from 3+0 doses to 1+1 doses	Change from 2+1 doses to 1+1 doses	Switch from full to fractional dose		Change product					
Implementation		Easy	Easy	Average	Average	Average	More complex		Very easy					
Country examples		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No						
GAVI programme type		Guaranteed*	Guaranteed*	Guaranteed	Guaranteed	Guaranteed	N/A		Guaranteed					
Expected benefits														
 Budget impact		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓				
 Coverage & equity														
 CCE/supply		Minor		✓		✓				✓				
 Wastage reduct.														
 Market availability		✓		✓		✓				✓				
 Disease control		✓												
 Patient experience				Possible		✓		✓						
 HR experience						✓		✓						

*Only PCV 10 & 13 prequalified and available in the GAVI menu

Reminder: WHO recommendations on Pneumococcal conjugate vaccines

[SAGE Position Paper \(2025\)](#)



Topic	WHO Recommendation
Routine inclusion	WHO recommends inclusion of PCVs in national childhood immunization programmes to prevent pneumococcal disease in infants and young children under 5 years.
Schedule	A 3-dose PCV schedule (either 3p+0 or 2p+1) beginning as early as 6 weeks of age is recommended ; the choice depends on local programme considerations
	Consideration of a reduced-dose PCV schedule (1 primary dose + 1 booster: “1p+1”) as an off-label alternative to standard 3-dose schedules in settings with mature high coverage and strong surveillance, given clear criteria: • Well-established population immunity in children under 5 indicated by one of the following: ○ having a mature 3-dose PCV programme with average PCV3 coverage of ≥80% in previous 5 years ○ a recent multi-age cohort PCV campaign, with ≥80% coverage among children under 5 years ○ having low levels of VT carriage or disease, as indicated by high-quality surveillance or carriage surveys • Capacity to administer vaccination between 9 and 18 months of age (e.g. PCV booster, MCV, YF, IPV2) with average coverage of ≥80% in previous 5 years
	Children with certain medical conditions (e.g., HIV) may require tailored additional or booster doses beyond the primary schedule
	There is no current evidence supporting simultaneous switch to a 1p+1 schedule and to a lower-valency product (e.g. PCV13 to PCV10)
Products	Both PCV10 and PCV13 (or equivalent WHO-approved PCVs) are effective ; selection should be based on serotype prevalence, logistics and cost at the national level; PCV-14 prequalified as of November 14 th 2025
Catch-up	For unvaccinated children aged 1–5 years, catch-up vaccination is recommended

PCV – Switch to higher valency

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Switch to higher valency Switch from a lower-valency pneumococcal conjugate vaccine to a higher-coverage (13/14/15/20) option to improve serotype protection									FEASIBILITY Easy Guaranteed			



Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Serotypes	Prequalification	Notes
Prevenar 13 – Pfizer	Conjugate	Liquid, vial or syringe	1 or 4-d vial	1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F, 23F	2010	For details comparison of available product, review WHO PCV compendium (link in resources)
Prevenar 13 – Sinergium	Conjugate	Liquid, syringe	1-d syringe		No PQ	
Weuphoria – Walvax	Conjugate	Liquid, vial or syringe	1-d vial		No PQ	
Pnemotex 13 – Nanolek	Conjugate	Liquid, vial	1-d vial		No PQ	
Pneubevax 14 – Biological E	Conjugate	Liquid, vial	1 or 5-d vial	Same as PCV13, –6A and + 22F + 33F	2025	
Vaxneuvance 15 – Merck/MSD	Conjugate	Liquid, syringe	1-d syringe	Same as PCV13 +22F +33F	No PQ	
Prevenar 20 – Pfizer	Conjugate	Liquid, syringe	1-d syringe	Same as PCV13 +8 +10A + 11A +12F + 15B/C + 22F +33F	No PQ	

Potential impacts

Budget impact	Coverage	CCE/supply	Wastage red.	Market avail.	Disease contr.	Patients	HR
–	/ or +	/	/	/	+ (+)	/	/
Public prices are usually higher for higher valency products from IFPMA manufacturers	Can boost demand by increasing interest	No change, depends on product	No change	No supply constraint reported on PCV13/14/15/20	Larger protection	No change	No change

Program implications

New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
N/A	Minor	Minor	Minor	Possible	Possible	N/A	Required
No change	Product name and valency	New vaccine documentation	Communicate about improved protection	Depending on product, administration may change	Depending on product choice	No change	Monitor for potential type replacement

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Coverage of circulating/prevalent serotypes in the country
- Effectiveness of the vaccine (on the burden of disease)
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Perspective on vaccine price
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period
- Ease of the considered immunization strategies to reach desired coverage (impact on coverage)

Examples of implementing countries

- Switch to PCV15: Luxembourg, Sweden, Austria
- PCV14: India currently uses PCV10 & PCV14

Resources

- [WHO PCV position paper](#)
- [WHO Considerations for PCV product choice](#)
- [WHO Compendium on PCV](#)
- [PATH PCV cost calculator for MICs](#)
- [PATH PCV cost calculator for GAVI countries](#)

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PCV – Switch to lower valency

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
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Switch to lower valency

Switch to 10-valent to achieve potential cost-savings while maintaining comparable protection in most settings. Two PCV10 products available with comparable performance and difference in presentation, cost and supply dynamics.

FEASIBILITY
Easy


Guaranteed

Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Serotypes	Notes
Synflorix (GSK)	10-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (protein D carrier)	Liquid, single-dose vial or Pre-Filled Syringe	1 or 4	1, 4, 5, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19F, 23F	For details comparison of available product, review WHO PCV compendium (link in resources)
Pneumasil (SII)	10-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (CRM197 carrier)	Liquid, 5-dose vial	1, 5 or 10	1, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 19A, 19F, 23F	

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- **Coverage of circulating/prevalent serotypes in the country**
- **Effectiveness of the vaccine**
- **Direct costs**
- **Indirect costs**
- **Perspective on vaccine price**
- **Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period**

Examples of implementing countries

- South Africa
- India

Resources

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Potential impacts

							
Budget impact	Coverage	CCE/supply	Wastage red.	Market avail.	Disease contr.	Patients	HR
++	/	/	/	/	/ -	/	/
Publicly available prices are lower for DCVMN (SII) PCV10	No change	No change	No change	Requires careful planning	Comparable protection	No change	No change

Program implications

New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
N/A	Minor	Minor	Minor	N/A	Possible	N/A	Required
No change	No change, update vaccine name if recorded	New vaccine documentation	Communicate about continued protection	No change	Depending on product choice	No change	Monitor for potential type replacement

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PCV – Change from 3+0 doses to 2+1 doses

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Change from 3+0 to 2+1 dose schedule Switch from 3+0 to 2+1 to redistribute doses to include a booster at 9-18 months for programmatic reasons (e.g. decrowding 1 year of life schedule)									FEASIBILITY Average		Gavi The Vaccine Alliance Guaranteed	

Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Serotypes	Notes
Prenar 13 (Pfizer)	13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (CRM197 carrier)	Liquid, single-dose vial or Pre-Filled Syringe	1 or 4	1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F, 23F	
Synflorix 10 (GSK)	10-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (protein D carrier)	Liquid, single-dose vial or Pre-Filled Syringe	1 or 4	1, 4, 5, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19F, 23F	
Pneumosil 10 (SII)	10-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (CRM197 carrier)	Liquid, 5-dose vial	1, 5 or 10	1, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 19A, 19F, 23F	
Pneubevax 14 (Biological E)	14-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (CRM197 carrier)	Liquid, vial	1 or 5-d vial	Same as PCV13, –6A and + 22F + 33F	

Potential impacts	Budget impact	Coverage	CCE/supply	Wastage red.	Market avail.	Disease contr.	Patients	HR
	/ Same number of doses	+ Risk of lower coverage for 3 rd injection; depends on strength of the last dose platform	/ Same number of doses	/ No change	/ No change	? Similar overall impact; 2+1 may improve protection in 2YL, no evidence on duration	- to + Additional injection but lighter 1YL schedule	- New contact point/injection, can be given at 9mo with MCV, more follow-up required

Program implications	New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
	Possible If not paired with existing 9mo or 2YL contact point	Required Cards and registers updated	Required Train HR on new schedule	Required Explain new schedule and continued protection	N/A No change	N/A No change	N/A No change	Required Continue / invest in carriage surveys

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Acceptability of schedule
- Coverage of active serogroups or serotypes in the country
- Effectiveness of the vaccine
- Duration of protection and waning of immunity
- Herd immunity / protection
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period
- Expected impact of the introduction on the human resources

Examples of implementing countries

- India, Nepal, Indonesia, South Africa, Mongolia, Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, etc.

Resources

- [WHO 2025 PCV Position Paper](#)
- [IVAC Viewhub on PCV](#)
- [WHO Compendium](#)
- [WHO Immunization Data portal](#)

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PCV – Change from 3+0 doses to 1+1 doses

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Change from 3- (3+0) to 2- (1+1) dose schedule Move from 3-dose primary to 1+1 schedule, though off-label, this schedule could be considered to reduce program costs and injection burden, only when countries meet certain criteria									FEASIBILITY	 Guaranteed		
									Average			

Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Serotypes	Notes
Pevnar 13 (Pfizer)	13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (CRM197 carrier)	Liquid, single-dose vial or Pre-Filled Syringe	1 or 4	1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F, 23F	Evidence supporting the use of the 1p+1 schedule is based on studies with PCV10-GSK or PCV13-PFZ. There is currently no evidence supporting a 1p+1 schedule using PCV10-SII, although immunogenicity data show non-inferiority [...] to 3-dose schedules, indicating that PCV10-SII would also be likely to be effective in a 1p+1 schedule
Synflorix (GSK)	10-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (protein D carrier)	Liquid, single-dose vial or Pre-Filled Syringe	1 or 4	1, 4, 5, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19F, 23F	
Pneumosil (SII)	10-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (CRM197 carrier)	Liquid, 5-dose vial	1, 5 or 10	1, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 19A, 19F, 23F	

Potential impacts								
	Budget impact ++ 30% fewer doses needed	Coverage + Simpler schedule depending on delivery touch point	CCE/supply ++ 30% fewer doses needed + lower volume per dose for some products	Wastage red. / No change	Market avail. ++ 30% fewer doses needed	Disease contr. ? Risk of compromising protection ag. transmission to younger children	Patients ++ Fewer injections, lighter 1YL schedule	HR + Reduced session time

Program implications	New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
	Possible If not paired with existing 9mo or 2YL contact point	Required Cards and registers updated	Required Train HR on new schedule	Required Explain new schedule and continued protection	N/A No change	N/A Lower cold-chain volume	N/A No change	Required Continue / invest in carriage surveys

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Acceptability of schedule
- Coverage of active serogroups or serotypes in the country
- Effectiveness of the vaccine
- Duration of protection and waning of immunity
- Herd immunity / protection
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period
- Expected impact of the introduction on the human resources

Examples of implementing countries

- UK
- Fiji (ongoing)

Resources

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- [IVAC Viewhub on PCV](#)
- [WHO Compendium](#)

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PCV – Change from 2+1 doses to 1+1 doses

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Change from 3- (3+0) to 2- (1+1) dose schedule Switch from 2+1 to 1+1 to reduce cost and program complexity by removing one infant dose, while introducing uncertainty (and therefore need for stronger surveillance) regarding protection in early infancy and overall disease control, particularly in high-transmission settings									FEASIBILITY	 Guaranteed		
									Average			

Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Serotypes	Notes
Pevnar 13 (Pfizer)	13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (CRM197 carrier)	Liquid, single-dose vial or Pre-Filled Syringe	1 or 4	1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F, 23F	Evidence supporting the use of the 1p+1 schedule is based on studies with PCV10-GSK or PCV13-PFZ. There is currently no evidence supporting a 1p+1 schedule using PCV10-SII, although immunogenicity data show non-inferiority [...] n 3-dose schedules, indicating that PCV10-SII would also be likely to be effective in a 1p+1 schedule
Synflorix (GSK)	10-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (protein D carrier)	Liquid, single-dose vial or Pre-Filled Syringe	1 or 4	1, 4, 5, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19F, 23F	
Pneumosil (SII)	10-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (CRM197 carrier)	Liquid, 5-dose vial	1, 5 or 10	1, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 19A, 19F, 23F	

Potential impacts	 Budget impact	 Coverage	 CCE/supply	 Wastage red.	 Market avail.	 Disease contr.	 Patients	 HR
	++ 30% fewer doses needed	+ Simpler schedule, depending on booster uptake	++ 30% fewer doses needed + lower volume per dose for some products	/ No change	++ 30% fewer doses needed	? Limited evidence in high-burden settings; potential risk of reduced protection in infancy	++ Fewer injections, lighter 1YL schedule	+ Reduced session time

Program implications	New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
	N/A Removes one visit	Required Cards and registers updated	Required Train HR on new schedule	Required Explain fewer dose but continued protection	N/A No change	N/A Lower cold-chain volume	N/A No change	Required Strong need to monitor impact

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Acceptability of schedule
- Coverage of active serogroups or serotypes in the country
- Effectiveness of the vaccine
- Duration of protection and waning of immunity
- Herd immunity / protection
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period
- Expected impact of the introduction on the human resources

Examples of implementing countries

- UK

Resources

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PCV – Change product

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Change product Switch between similar PCV product to achieve potential cost-saving benefits ; schedule compatibility based on evidence needs to be ensured									FEASIBILITY Easy Guaranteed			



Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Serotypes	Prequalification	Notes
Synflorix 10 (GSK)	Conjugate	Liquid, vial or syringe	1 or 4	1, 4, 5, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19F, 23F	2009	For details comparison of available product, review WHO PCV compendium (link in resources)
Pneumosil 10 (SII)	Conjugate	Liquid, vial	1, 5 or 10	1, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 19A, 19F, 23F	2019	
Prevenar 13 – Pfizer	Conjugate	Liquid, vial or syringe	1 or 4-d vial	1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F, 23F	2010	
Prevenar 13 – Sinergium	Conjugate	Liquid, syringe	1-d syringe		No PQ	
Weuphoria – Walvax	Conjugate	Liquid, vial or syringe	1-d vial	Same as PCV13, –6A and + 22F + 33F	No PQ	
Pnemotex 13 – Nanolek	Conjugate	Liquid, vial	1-d vial		No PQ	
Pneubevax 14 – Biological E	Conjugate	Liquid, vial	1 or 5-d vial	Same as PCV13 +22F +33F	2025	
Vaxneuvance 15– Merck/MSD	Conjugate	Liquid, syringe	1-d syringe	Same as PCV13 +8 +10A + 11A +12F + 15B/C + 22F +33F	No PQ	
Prevenar 20 – Pfizer	Conjugate	Liquid, syringe	1-d syringe		No PQ	

Potential impacts

Budget impact	Coverage	CCE/supply	Wastage red.	Market avail.	Disease contr.	Patients	HR
++ Price differences across products; some new or LMIC-targeted products offer lower cost	/ No change	+ or – Some minor differences in presentation / volume	+ or – Some minor differences in presentation / volume	+ Change in product can achieve higher supply flexibility	/ Ensure schedule compatibility	/ No change	/ No change

Program implications

New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
N/A No change	N/A No change, update vaccine name if recorded	Minor Limited to new vaccine documentation	N/A Limited to no communication needed	N/A No change if presentation unchanged	Possible Depending on product choice	N/A No change	N/A No change

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Effectiveness of the vaccine
- Duration of protection and waning of immunity
- Risk at individual level
- Indicative wastage rate
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Perspective on vaccine price
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period

Examples of implementing countries

- TBD

Resources

- [WHO 2025 PCV Position Paper](#)
- [IVAC Viewhub on PCV](#)
- [WHO Compendium](#)

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Potential Rotavirus-related optimization questions

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF	
Type of question		Presentation		Presentation		Presentation		Presentation		Schedule		Schedule	
Details		Switch from liquid or frozen to lyophilized thermo-stable		Switch from lyophilized to liquid		Switch to higher number of doses per vial (1 to 2/5/10)*		Switch to lower number of doses per vial (2/5/10 to 1/2/5)*		Change from 3 doses to 2 doses		Change from 2 doses to 3 doses	
Implementation		Average		Easy		Easy		Easy		Average		Complex	
Country examples													
GAVI programme type		N/A		N/A		Guaranteed		Guaranteed		Guaranteed		Guaranteed	
Expected benefits													
 Budget impact				✓		✓				Possible**		Possible**	
 Coverage & equity		✓								✓			
 CCE/supply		✓				✓				✓			
 Wastage reduct.				✓				✓					
 Market availability				✓						✓			
 Disease control												✓	
 Patient experience													
 HR experience				✓				✓					

*Assuming same product but different vial size

**Depending on the current product in use – 2-dose products full course currently more expensive due to higher price per dose

Reminder: WHO recommendations on Rotavirus vaccines

[SAGE Position Paper \(2021\)](#)



Topic	WHO Recommendation
Routine inclusion	WHO recommends rotavirus vaccines be included in all national immunization programmes to reduce RVGE-associated mortality and morbidity, especially in countries with high fatality rates
Schedule	RotaTeq, Rotavac and ROTASIIL should be administered in a 3-dose schedule, while a 2-dose schedule should be used for Rotarix • Administer first dose as soon as possible after 6 weeks of age with a minimum of 4 weeks between doses • Rotavirus vaccinations may be administered simultaneously with other vaccines of the childhood immunization programme • WHO recommends vaccination for children <24 months who missed doses. • Vaccination not recommended for ≥24 months due to age distribution of severe RV disease. • Preferably complete series with same product, but if not available or unknown, complete series with any licensed product. • For mixed series, give a total of 3 doses.
Products	• All prequalified products are oral rotavirus vaccines • Rotarix (monovalent), RotaTeq (pentavalent), Rotavac (monovalent human-bovine), ROTASIIL (pentavalent, lyophilized or liquid)
Catch-up	If children <24 months missed or had interrupted schedules, vaccinate and resume without repeating previous doses.

Rotavirus – Switch from 3 doses to 2 doses

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF	
Change from 3- to 2-dose schedule Adopt a shorter schedule using a 2-dose vaccine to reduce visits and simplify supply while keeping good protection										FEASIBILITY Average Guaranteed			Gavi The Vaccine Alliance 

Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Possible schedules	Prequalification	Notes
Rotarix (GSK)	Monovalent live attenuated	Liquid, tube	1	3 doses, 2 doses	2009	
Rotateq (Merck)	Pentavalent human–bovine reassortant	Liquid, tube	1	3 doses	2008	
Rotavac & Rotavac 5D (Bharat)	Monovalent 116E human strain	Liquid (5D) /liquid-frozen vial	5	3 doses	2018 (original) & 2021 (5D)	
Rotasiil (SII)	Pentavalent bovine–human reassortant	Lyophilised	1, 2 or 5	3 doses	2018	
Rotavin-M1 (Polyvac)	Attenuated human strain	Liquid, tube	1	3 doses	No PQ	
Lanzhou Lamb Rotavirus (LLR)	Lamb-derived attenuated strain	Liquid, tube	1	3 doses	No PQ	

Potential impacts

							
Budget impact	Coverage	CCE/supply	Wastage red.	Market avail.	Disease contr.	Patients	HR
++ / -	+	++	/	+ / -	-	++	+
30% fewer doses but higher price per dose / depends on curr. product	Simpler schedule depending on delivery touch point	30% fewer doses needed + lower volume per dose for some products	No change	30% fewer doses needed but supply might be constrained	Slightly lower VE	Fewer contact points	Reduced session time

Program implications

New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
N/A	Required	Required	Required	N/A	N/A	N/A	Required
Removes one contact point	Cards and registers updated	Train HR on new schedule	Explain new schedule and continued protection	No change	Lower cold-chain volume	No change	Continue IPD monitoring

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Acceptability of schedule
- Coverage of active serogroups or serotypes in the country
- Effectiveness of the vaccine
- Duration of protection and waning of immunity
- Herd immunity / protection
- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period
- Expected impact of the introduction on the human resources

Examples of implementing countries

- 29 GAVI countries using Rotarix 2-dose schedule (e.g. AFG, CIV, GNB, MOZ, NPL, PAK, etc.)

Resources

- [IVAC Viewhub on Rotavirus](#)
- [WHO 2021 Position Paper](#)
- [Impact of dosing schedules on performance of rotavirus vaccines in Ghana](#)

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Potential Yellow fever-related optimization questions

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Type of question		Administration						Presentation				
Details		Change from full dose to fractional dose Currently not recommended by SAGE/WHO for routine and preventive campaigns						Switch from 10-dose vial to 5-dose vial				
Implementation		Average						Easy				
Country examples												
GAVI programme type		N/A						Guaranteed (for routine)				
Expected benefits												
 Budget impact		✓						Possible				
 Coverage & equity								✓				
 CCE/supply		✓										
 Wastage reduct.								✓				
 Market availability		✓										
 Disease control								✓				
 Patient experience								✓				
 HR experience								✓				

Reminder: WHO recommendations on Yellow fever vaccines

[SAGE Position Paper \(2013\)](#)



Topic	WHO Recommendation
Routine inclusion	All disease-endemic countries should include YF vaccination into their routine immunization programme. Co-administration with MCV is recommended.
Schedule	Single dose vaccination at the time of MCV vaccination, age 9-12 months, using the subcutaneous route. No booster vaccination is recommended
Products	There is currently 4 prequalified vaccine manufacturers, offering different presentations
Catch-up	Preventive mass vaccination campaigns are recommended for inhabitants of at risk areas with low vaccination coverage. Vaccination should be offered to all above the age of 9 months, with an upper age limit defined by benefit risk assessments and operational criteria.
Fractional dose	For routine immunization and scheduled preventive vaccination campaigns, this option is currently not WHO/SAGE compliant. Under review by SAGE working group on yellow fever. See also Vaccine position paper from 2017 on fractional dose use.

Yellow fever – Switch from 10-dose vial to 5-dose vial

Dengue	DTP	Hexa	HPV	IPV	Malaria	MCV	Men	PCV	Rota	TCV	Tetanus	YF
Switch from 10-dose vial to 5-dose vial Smaller vial to reduce wastage and improve flexibility in low-volume sites.										FEASIBILITY <i>Easy</i> Guaranteed		



Products under consideration for the optimization question

Vaccine & Manufacturer	Composition	Presentation	Doses / unit	Cold chain volume (per dose)	Notes
YF Vaccine (Bio-Manguinhos)	Live attenuated 17D strain	Lyophilized, vial	5	6.31 cm ³	Not available in the GAVI menu
YF Vaccine (Institut Pasteur Dakar)	Live attenuated 17D strain	Lyophilized, vial	5	2.8 cm ³	Not available in the GAVI menu
Yellow fever vaccine Live freeze-dried (FSUE of Chumakov IPVE)	Live attenuated 17D strain	Lyophilized, ampoule	5	6 cm ³	Available in the GAVI menu

Potential impacts

Budget impact	Coverage	CCE/supply	Wastage red.	Market avail.	Disease contr.	Patients	HR
 + / Depends on the product, likely reduction on procurement cost	 ++ Improved (less missed opportunities)	 -- Increased volume per dose (x2)	 +++ Strongly reduced wastage	 / No change	 ++ Improved (less missed opportunities)	 ++ Increased session reliability	 + Improves confidence in opening vials

Program implications

New contact point	Documentation change	Training	Communication	Reconstitution administration	Supply chain investment	Change in strategy	Surveillance investment
N/A No change	N/A No change	Minor New presentation / wastage thresholds	N/A No impact on public	N/A No change	Possible Increased vaccine volume	N/A No change	N/A No change

Option assessment support

Proposed criteria for assessment

- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Perspective on vaccine price
- Availability of adequate cold chain equipment at all levels or ability to procure CCE required to store the vaccine
- Indicative wastage rate
- Ability to maintain wastage at expected levels
- Market availability of the vaccine and supplies over the selected time period
- Expected impact of the introduction on the human resources
- Opportunity to pair optimization with other planned optimization (e.g. 5 dose MCV/MR vaccine)

Examples of implementing countries

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Resources

- [WHO 2013 Position Paper](#)

 Appendix