



Update

ON COUNTRY LEVEL GAVI & VACCINE FUND RELATED ACTIVITIES

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REVIEW PROCESS

The next **Proposals Review** will be held from **16-26 May 2005**. The deadline for receiving applications is **22 April 2005**.

The next **Monitoring Review** will be held from - **6-17 June 2005**. The deadline for receiving progress reports is **15 May 2005**.

The deadline to submit applications for the **Hib Initiative** is **22 March 2005**.

INJECTION SAFETY

04/03/2005 from Alison Delo, WHO/HQ: The Vaccine Safety Net Project (VSN), officially launched in August 2004, aims to improve global dissemination through the internet on information about vaccine safety that adheres to good information practices. Through VSN, the WHO Immunization Safety website "houses" links to other websites providing vaccine safety information: http://www.who.int/immunization_safety/safety_quality/approved_vaccine_safety_websites/en/

In order for a site to be linked, criteria for good information practices (established by the Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety) relating to credibility and content need to be met.

http://www.who.int/immunization_safety/safety_quality/vaccine_safety_websites/en/

Currently, 23 sites are listed on the VSN page of the WHO site. The sites cater for audiences speaking English, Dutch, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

A Technical Consultation on Vaccine Safety Net Project, organized by WHO/EURO, was held on 10 February in Copenhagen. The meeting objectives were to provide an opportunity for countries with Vaccine Safety Net-approved sites in the WHO European Region and those seeking approval to:

- Review VSN objectives, vision and current progress;

- Share experiences and best practices regarding website development and identify ways to support website development by other groups; and
- Identify ways to improve communication between websites and with WHO/Geneva concerning new and emerging vaccine safety issues.

Countries represented were Belgium, Finland, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom for Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The meeting provided an opportunity for an open exchange of views and discussion on constraints and opportunities for moving the project forward. Recommendations made related to improvement of the existing mechanism for feeding information for VSN members to WHO and vice versa; material on partner sites to be used as a resource, where appropriate, by individual partners; processes to be put in place for continued quality assurance of member sites; and fostering of closer links between scientific experts and web technicians/programmers within partner organizations.

The current focus for expansion of the network is to non-English sites, and sites outside of Canada, the United States of America and Western Europe. It is hoped that the "regional hub" developed by EURO could be a model for similar initiatives in other WHO regions. Individuals working in partner organizations at both regional and country levels, are encouraged to submit suggestions of websites that could be suitable for evaluation, particularly in the focus areas/languages mentioned above, to Alison Delo, Administrative Officer, WHO Geneva, email: deloa@who.int.

MEASLES

04/03/2005 from Hayatee Hasan, WHO/HQ: A meeting to discuss the **National Plan for Measles/Rubella Elimination** was held in Cairo,

Egypt from 20-28 February 2005. The purpose of the meeting was to provide technical assistance:

- In the area of developing a comprehensive strategy for measles elimination and prevention of the congenital rubella syndrome.
- To the Egyptian Ministry of Health in strengthening its surveillance system for measles, rubella and the congenital rubella syndrome.

The **5th Annual Meeting of the Partners for Measles Advocacy** was held in Washington D.C. from 8-9 February 2005. The objectives of the meeting were the following:

- To discuss the 2004 Progress Report and discuss 2005 priority activities.
- Resource mobilization and communication activities.
- Explore the additional integration with other health initiatives.
- Further develop the "measles vaccination and malaria control" relationship.

NEW VACCINES

04/03/2005 from Mercy Ahun, GAVI

Secretariat: GAVI has announced an initiative to support countries wishing to sustain the Hib vaccine and countries wishing to explore whether the introduction of Hib vaccine is a priority for the respective immunization program/health systems. The **Hib Initiative** will be funded by the Vaccine Fund. The request for proposal can be found on the GAVI website (www.vaccinealliance.org). The Hib Initiative will be supported over a four-year period by GAVI. **The deadline to submit applications is 22 March 2005.**

POLIO

04/03/2005 from Oliver Rosenbauer, WHO/HQ:

Polio vaccination expands reach to Africa's children in drive to stop epidemic

On 26 February 2005, a mass polio immunization drive was launched in 22 countries across Africa in the wake of a new case in Ethiopia, the country's first in four years. The campaign is the start of a 2005 initiative to drive polio from the continent. The disease made a fierce resurgence last year, endangering the global eradication effort. The next few months are considered critical to stopping the spread of polio, as it is the traditional 'low season' for poliovirus transmission. Among the 22 countries synchronizing immunization campaigns to reach nearly 100 million children are Cote d'Ivoire and Sudan. The former is rejoining the effort following the suspension of activities last November due to civil unrest. In Sudan, health officials are cooperating on both sides of the north/south divide, in the wake of the Nairobi peace accord, in urgent efforts to again rid the country of polio.

In a painful reminder of the speed with which the poliovirus travels, two recent cases in Saudi Arabia appear to be related to the virus originating in Nigeria and entering via Sudan. The ongoing spread of the virus is threatening the polio-free status of DR Congo and the Horn of Africa, as evidenced by the case in Ethiopia. To prevent spread across these areas, countries across the Horn of Africa and eastern Africa are joining the synchronized immunization campaigns. Further campaigns are planned in April 2005 and in the second half of the year. If enough children are reached with polio vaccine during the immunization activities, polio could be eliminated from the continent by end-2005. To finance the 2005 campaigns, US\$75 million is urgently needed by July 2005, and an additional US\$200 million is required for 2006 activities.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and UNICEF.

TRAINING

04/03/2005 from Evariste Mutabaruka, WHO/AFRO:

The following capacity building activities are planned by the African region for 2005:

Training Needs Assessments (TNA) in 11 countries (Angola, CAR, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Kenya, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia and Togo).

Workshop for peer technical review on three new MLM modules (Transport Management, Maintenance and Financing), and to finalize hand-outs from the 16 AFRO MLM modules. This workshop is scheduled for 25--29 April 2005 in Harare. Twenty participants will be designated from countries, ICP, regional office, HQ and various partner agencies.

Intercountry MLM courses: There is an MLM course for francophone countries scheduled for 23 May to 3 June 2005 in Ouidah (IRSP), Benin, and another one for Anglophone countries from 1-12 August in Lusaka, Zambia. The target audience for the two MLM courses will be new EPI managers at national and provincial levels, as well as new WHO/UNICEF/other partners and focal points. Two participants per country and two facilitators from each ICP (2 Western and 2 Central for the francophone MLM, and 2 Eastern and 2 Southern for the Anglophone MLM) are expected. Facilitators from HQ and the Regional Office will be appointed per week on a rotational basis. The 2005 intercountry courses will be co-funded by WHO/HQ, WHO/AFRO, UNICEF; USAID; NESI, ARIVA, JSI and other partners.

External evaluation of the 2001-2004 MLM courses: An internal evaluation of the 2001-2003

MLM courses has been conducted. To complete this process, an external evaluation will be conducted by a team of at least four evaluators from various partner agencies (WHO/HQ, WHO/AFRO, UNICEF, USAID, UNF, NESI), and will last five days per country. Due to the short time period allocated for this evaluation exercise, only five countries were selected for this process (Ethiopia, Ghana, Lesotho, Senegal and Zambia). The main criteria used to select countries where the external evaluation are to be conducted are either of the following:

- UNF and/or USAID funding sourced.
- Have completed the MLM training process at all levels.

Workshop for EPI curricula revision for pre-service training institutions: A bilingual workshop to finalize and get a consensus on EPI curricula prototype is scheduled for 11-15 September 2005 in Douala, Cameroon. Only countries that have started the EPI curricula revision process will be invited (Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, CAR, Chad, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Kenya, Namibia, Niger, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe). The target audience will be teachers and professors from medical and nursing schools, This workshop will be co-facilitated by WHO, UNICEF, NESI and other partners.

COUNTRY INFORMATION¹ BY REGION

AMERICAS

CUBA

04/03/2005 from AMRO:

Following a national **EPI evaluation** in December 2004, a team has returned to the country and will assist with preparing an application for **injection safety** during the first week of March 2005.

GUYANA

04/03/2005 from AMRO:

The country is planning to submit an application for **Injection Safety** in the next round.

An international EPI consultant is currently providing general assistance to the program, specifically to review the data and preliminary analysis for the **study of the EPI situation** in

each of the 13 health regions of the country. This work will result in a written report of the study, which will be submitted to GAVI. The consultant will also design and supervise the performance of a **vaccine coverage study** using the WHO cluster survey methods. This second study will be focused on regions with low vaccine coverage, and examine the reasons why some children are only partially immunized (e.g., lack of demand, lack of services, non-reported immunization by private sector or NGO programs, etc).

HONDURAS

04/03/2005 from AMRO:

An **EPI Review** is planned from 19-30 September 2005.

EAST & SOUTH AFRICA

ANGOLA

04/03/2005 from AFRO E&S:

An application for **new vaccines** is expected to be submitted in the next round.

The **DQA** and **FSP** are planned for 2005.

Planning to conduct **injection safety, waste management** and **vaccine management assessments** by June 2005.

BURUNDI

04/03/2005 from AFRO E&S:

The last shipment of **DTP-Hib vaccine** planned in December 2004 was cancelled to avoid an overstock situation. Country plans to switch to **pentavalent vaccine** in May 2005.

Injection safety is now funded through EU funds.

A further extension of the **central cold store facility** is under way.

COMOROS

04/03/2005 from AFRO E&S:

The country is planning to introduce **DTP-HepB combination vaccine** in March/April 2005. The first shipment of the vaccine was due to arrive between 21-25 February 2005.

The ICC has been informed about the end of **injection safety** support, and the government has included its financing in the FSP.

ERITREA

04/03/2005 from AFRO E&S:

There is concern about the **polio outbreak** in Sudan, and most attention is focused on polio-related activities, including the synchronized NIDs in March/April 2005.

¹ ICP = Inter Country Programme
 ISS = Immunization Services Support
 INS = Injection Safety Support
 NVS = New Vaccine Support
 DQA = Data Quality Audit
 DQS = Data Quality Self Assessment
 FSP = Financial Sustainability Plan
 RED = Reach Every District
 STOP = Stop Transmission of Polio

ETHIOPIA

04/03/2005 from AFRO E&S:

Concern over the **polio outbreak** in Sudan has led to attention being focused on polio-related activities and synchronized NIDs in March/April 2005.

The country is preparing an application for **new vaccines** for the next round. The first choice remains pentavalent vaccine, followed by the tetravalent vaccine.

Planning to rewrite the **multi-year plan** and conduct an **EPI review** in 2005.

KENYA

04/03/2005 from AFRO E&S:

Injection Safety is supplied through donor funds, mainly UNICEF.

Three districts in Northern Kenya are conducting **polio SIAs** in synchronization with Sudan.

MADAGASCAR

04/03/2005 from AFRO E&S: The country is due for a **DQA** in 2005.

MALAWI

04/03/2005 from AFRO E&S:

The proposal for **injection safety** has been prepared, and needs to be endorsed by the ICC prior to its submission in the next round.

The country is preparing for a **measles campaign** in May 2005.

A **mid-level managers** and **RED training** will be conducted during March-April 2005.

The country is monitoring **vaccine wastage** through sentinel sites.

MOZAMBIQUE

04/03/2005 from AFRO E&S:

A **coverage survey** was conducted in October 2004, and the country opted for a second **DQA** in 2005.

Country is currently planning for a **measles campaign** to be held in phases from July-September 2005, and has requested support from AFRO and ICP.

Planning to conduct an **EPI review** this year, however the country has been advised to postpone till after the measles campaign. A **multi-year plan** will be developed after the programme review during the end of the year.

TANZANIA

04/03/2005 from AFRO E&S:

The **jet injector trial** proposed by PATH has been conducted in November 2004, and there has been a lot of interest in this activity.

The **multi-year plan** is almost complete, and there has been good input from the FSP group.

UGANDA

04/03/05 from Fiona Braka-Makmot, WHO

Uganda: Sub-national immunization days for supplementary doses of polio and measles vaccine were scheduled for 26-27 February 2005, in 15 districts of northern Uganda. In addition, catch-up immunization for all other routine antigens were planned to be conducted simultaneously.

04/03/2005 from AFRO E&S:

The **Hib impact study** supported by CDC is ongoing.

The country is considering conducting an **EPI review** and a **multi-year plan** in 2005.

ZAMBIA

04/03/2005 from AFRO E&S:

The **EPI Review** is being conducted from 14 February to 5 March 2005. WHO has provided some financial support and identified two consultants to participate with the ICP for this activity.

The **multi-year plan** will be prepared after the EPI review.

The **vaccine wastage surveillance system** will be implemented in March 2005.

Injection safety support will end in 2005, and the government is prepared to continue financing safe injections.

ZIMBABWE

04/03/2005 from AFRO E&S:

A **vaccine management assessment** was conducted in December 2004.

The country is currently revising the **EPI policy document**.

WEST & CENTRAL AFRICA

REGIONAL INFORMATION

04/03/2005 from Auguste Ambendet,

WHO/AFRO: The EPI Managers meeting for the Central African Block and the Democratic Republic of Congo was held in Libreville, Gabon from 26-29 January 2005. Country representatives from Cameroun, Chad, Congo, DR Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, CAR, and Sao Tome & Principe attended the meeting. Also present were representatives from the partner agencies (WHO, UNICEF, Immunization BASICS/USAID, OCEAC, CPC, INRB, and IPB).

The main objectives of the meeting were to:

- Evaluate the quality of supplementary immunization activities conducted in 2004;
- Discuss the preparation of supplementary immunization activities for 2005, and to strengthen and maintain immunization activities in all countries of the region;
- Agree on the appropriate measures to be taken in order to maintain and reach the

standard certification criteria for the eradication of polio in all the countries of the region;

- Share experiences on strengthening immunization activities from countries in the region;
- Agree on priority activities for improving immunization coverage at the district level;
- Identify further ways to strengthen integrated surveillance of EPI diseases;
- Identify activities to be undertaken to overcome constraints faced by FSPs.

The main recommendations made at the meeting are the following:

Polio Eradication Initiative

Synchronized **NIDS** will be conducted with countries in the West African Block including Nigeria, and Sudan from the EMRO region. SIAs will occur in the form of NIDS (Cameroon, CAR, Chad, Gabon), and SNIDS (Congo and DR Congo). These will occur during the first semester of 2005 in the following rounds:

- First round: 25-27 February 2005 (Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, CAR and Chad).
- Second round: 8-10 April 2005 (Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, CAR, DR Congo and Chad).
- Third Round: 13-15 May 2005 (Cameroon, CAR, Chad and DR Congo).

Synchronized NIDs will also take place during the fourth quarter of 2005, with all the countries in the Central Block on the following dates:

- 3-7 October 2005: (DR Congo).
- 11-13 November 2005: (All countries in the block and DR Congo).
- 9-11 December 2005: (All countries in the block, excluding DR Congo).

An independent external monitoring review will take place following each round in order to assess quality of interventions and compare activities within and between countries. The ICP will provide a technical guide to conduct the review.

Accelerated Disease Control

The following activities were recommended to be undertaken in 2005:

- A mass immunization campaign against measles will be conducted in Cameroon, CAR, Chad, DR Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea and Sao Tome & Principe before the end of December 2005.
- The national plans to eliminate MNT in all countries will be finalized and submitted to partners by 31 March 2005.
- Classification of health districts according to levels of risk for yellow fever, and achieving at least 80% of high risk districts (laboratory confirmed cases) with at least 1 reported case of yellow fever before the end of 2005.
- Action plans on epidemiological surveillance of integrated diseases will be finalized by end-December 2005.

Routine EPI

The following activities related to routine immunization were recommended for all countries in the region by the end of 2005:

- Action plans for the RED strategy were requested to be elaborated or updated.
- Reach at least 80% coverage of all vaccines in all districts.
- Implement the DQS at all levels of the country.
- Elaborate and implement injection safety plans with a focus on waste management.
- Organize a team to implement FSPs by 31 March 2005.

Coordination

The following goals were commended for 2005 for all countries in the region:

- Functional ICCs should be put into place at the central and intermediate levels of countries by end June 2005.
- Provide technical and financial assistance for the planification of immunization activities across borders between countries.
- Ensure bi-annual monitoring of the implementation of those recommendations.

West African Block EPI Managers Meeting:

A similar meeting was held during the same period in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso for the West African regional block.

CAMEROON

04/03/2005 from AFRO W&C: The first shipment of **tetravalent vaccine** is due in the first quarter of 2005. The country has planned to begin implementation in March 2005 and officially launch the introduction of this antigen in June 2005.

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

AFGHANISTAN

04/03/05 from EMRO: The country is planning to submit an application for **new vaccines** (HepB) in the next round. WHO/EMRO is sending a consultant to assist with the proposal.

DJIBOUTI

04/03/05 from EMRO:

A RWG visit is planned for early 2005 to commence training of district staff on **RED microplanning**.

The country is now eligible to submit an application for **new vaccines**. An application for pentavalent vaccine is expected to be submitted in the next round.

PAKISTAN

04/03/05 from EMRO:

The country plans to conduct a **coverage survey** in 2005, and this is expected to be conducted in all districts.

The final report of the **system-wide barriers study** will be available shortly. The country plans to link it with the new immunization **multi-year plan** from 2005-2009.

SUDAN

04/03/05 from EMRO:

GAVI support for **injection safety** ended in 2004. UNICEF has pledged to take over providing support.

Two shipments of **HepB vaccine** were received in the second half of 2004, however the vaccine could not be implemented due to the polio outbreak.

YEMEN

04/03/05 from EMRO:

Pentavalent vaccine has been distributed to the districts, and implementation is planned for March 2005. The government is willing to contribute to the vaccine expenses through a phasing-out scheme of 10 years.

GAVI support for **injection safety** ended in 2004. Injection safety material will be funded through IDA loans, JICA and the government.

A **DQA** is planned for 2005.

EUROPEAN REGION

REGIONAL INFORMATION

04/03/05 from EURO: A workshop on **Strengthening National Inter-Agency Coordinating Committees** will be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan from 15-16 March 2005. The workshop is intended for Russian-speaking countries receiving GAVI/Vaccine Fund support.

The objectives of the workshop are the following:

- Update participants on recent GAVI decisions and developments;
- Review progress and challenges in the work of national ICCs and expected support from the European Regional Working Group,
- Review the situation with the FSP development and implementation;
- Present a new format of the Annual Progress Report, discuss reporting procedures and receive feedback from participants;
- Update participants on RWG functions and activities;
- Discuss roles of National and ICC members, other partners and engagement of potential partners;
- Discuss operational issues, such as organization of ICC meetings and feedback to partners, communication and exchange of

information between the national ICCs and the RWG.

This activity will be followed by a workshop on **Reaching Every District Strategy and Strengthening Management of Immunization Services at the District Level** from 17-19 March 2005. The objectives of this workshop are as follows:

- Update participants on the RED strategy and discuss its specific components;
- Outline plans for the introduction and implementation of RED activities in respective countries;
- Discuss monitoring and assessment of immunization coverage at various levels and means to improve it;
- Update participants on the implementation of projects on improving district-level reporting and monitoring of immunization coverage and plans for the future;
- Update participants on new training material in the Russian language;
- Present the WHO/EURO concept of evidence and discuss with participants issues of evidence-based decision making in public and health care;
- Present and discuss issues of surveillance of diphtheria, measles, rubella/CRS and polio.

ALBANIA

04/03/05 from EURO: A WHO mission is being undertaken from 28 February - 5 March 2005. The objective of this mission is to assess the **vaccine regulations** in place, and the functioning of the **vaccine procurement** mechanism of the Ministry of Health.

AZERBAIJAN

04/03/05 from EURO: Officials from the Ministry of Health have expressed their strong political commitment to the goal of **measles** elimination and prevention of **congenital rubella syndrome** (CRS) during a visit of WHO/EURO Measles Medical Officer in February 2005. The country plans to implement an SIA for measles and rubella control, and strengthen national immunization services in the fall of 2005. Over 2,280,000 persons from 8-19 years of age will be immunized. The universal rubella immunization programme (two doses of MMR vaccine at 12 months and 6 years of age) was launched in 2003 with support from the Vishnevskaya-Rostropovich Foundation.

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

04/03/05 from EURO: The country is currently conducting an **injection safety assessment**, supported by WHO. This will be completed in March 2005.

GEORGIA

04/03/05 from EURO: An **operational plan for immunization** for 2005 and 2006 was prepared with technical support from a WHO consultant who visited from 17 January to 7 February 2005. The plan aims to improve the coordination of partner support and strengthen the management of immunization activities, especially at the sub-national levels. The plan provides the Ministry of Labour Health and Social Affairs, National Center for Disease Control, and partners with a better understanding on activities to be implemented, timing, institutions/agencies involved and resources needed.

UKRAINE

04/03/05 from EURO: The MoH in close collaboration with WHO/EURO held a national conference on **waste management** using non-burning options. The objectives of the conference were to:

- Debrief the National and Oblast Immunization Officers and Environment Health Officers on the final outcomes of the pilot project conducted in 2003-2004 on how to safely dispose needles and syringes;
- Discuss findings;
- Debate on the feasibility to implement the options tested during the pilot project.

UZBEKISTAN

04/03/05 from EURO: A first **national training** on "**AEFI surveillance and response**" combined with "**immunization monitoring: introduction of new form and critical analysis of performance**" was carried out from 7-10 February 2005, involving participants from eight regions (oblasts). The knowledge acquired will be rolled down to the rayon and health facilities through local training sessions before June 2005. A second

training workshop will take place in March 2005, covering the six remaining oblasts with support from the UNICEF country office. The MoH and WHO agreed to complete an EVSM (Effective Vaccine Store Management) assessment from 28 February to 8 March 2005.

WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

Correction: In the previous Update (February 2005), there were two entries for Cambodia. The second entry for Cambodia was meant to be for Mongolia. Please see below for correct information.

CAMBODIA

04/03/05 from WPRO:

An **EPI Review** is scheduled for March 2005, and WHO/WPRO and UNICEF will provide technical assistance.

LAO PDR

04/03/05 from WPRO: An **EPI Review** is planned for 2005. The review will also assess coverage and analyse system wide barriers.

MONGOLIA

04/03/05 from WPRO:

The implementation of **pentavalent vaccine** started in January 2005, and is going well. An evaluation may be conducted during the second quarter of 2005.

The **FSP** is due in 2006, and technical assistance will be provided this year in preparation for its submission.

END

Regional Meetings of Relevance to the GAVI Objectives: February 2005 - December 2005

Title of Meeting	Start	Finish	Location	Responsible Partner	Region
Mar-05					
EPI Managers Meeting for Southern Africa	02-Mar	04-Mar	Windhoek, Namibia	AFRO E&S	AFR
East African EPI Managers Meeting	07-Mar	11-Mar	Zanzibar	AFRO E&S	AFR
GAVI Eastern Mediterranean Regional Working Group Meeting	14-Mar	14-Mar	Tunis, Tunisia	EMRO	EMR
Workshop on Strengthening National Inter-Agency Coordinating Committees	15-Mar	16-Mar	Almaty, Kazakhstan	EURO	EUR
Inter-Country Workshop on Monitoring & Evaluation of National EPI Programme	15-Mar	18-Mar	Tunis, Tunisia	EMRO	EMR
Workshop on RED Strategy and Strengthening Management of Immunization Services at the District Level	17-Mar	19-Mar	Almaty, Kazakhstan	EURO	EUR
Apr-05					
Vaccination Week in the Americas	23-Apr	30-Apr	tbd	PAHO	Americas
AFRO Workshop for Peer Technical Review	25-Apr	29-Apr	Harare, Zimbabwe	AFRO	AFR
GAVI Board Meeting	28-Apr	29-Apr	tbd	GAVI Secretariat	Global
May-05					
GAVI East and South African Sub-Regional Working Group Meeting	May	May	Tanzania	AFRO E&S	AFR
AFRO Inter-Country MLM course for Francophone Countries	23-May	03-Jun	Ouidah, Benin	AFRO	AFR
Jun-05					
Central America Sub-Regional Meeting	Mid Jun	Mid Jun	Guatemala	PAHO	Americas
22nd National EPI Managers ICM and 18th RTAG Meeting	27-Jun	30-Jun	Lebanon	EMRO	EMR
Jul-05					
GAVI Board Meeting	19-Jul	20-Jul	tbd	GAVI Secretariat	Global
Aug-05					
AFRO Inter-Country MLM course for Anglophone Countries	01-Aug	12-Aug	Lusaka, Zambia	AFRO	AFR
Sep-05					
Andean Sub-Regional Meeting on EPI	Begn Sept	Begin Sept	Colombia	PAHO	Americas
Oct-05					
Nov-05					
CAREC Meeting on EPI	Mid Nov	Mid Nov	tbd	PAHO	Americas
GAVI Eastern Mediterranean Regional Working Group Meeting	20-Nov	22-Nov	Cairo, Egypt	EMRO	EMR
Dec-05					
GAVI Board Meeting	06-Dec	07-Dec	tbd	GAVI Secretariat	Global