

# GAVI Alliance Full Country Evaluation: Uganda Experience

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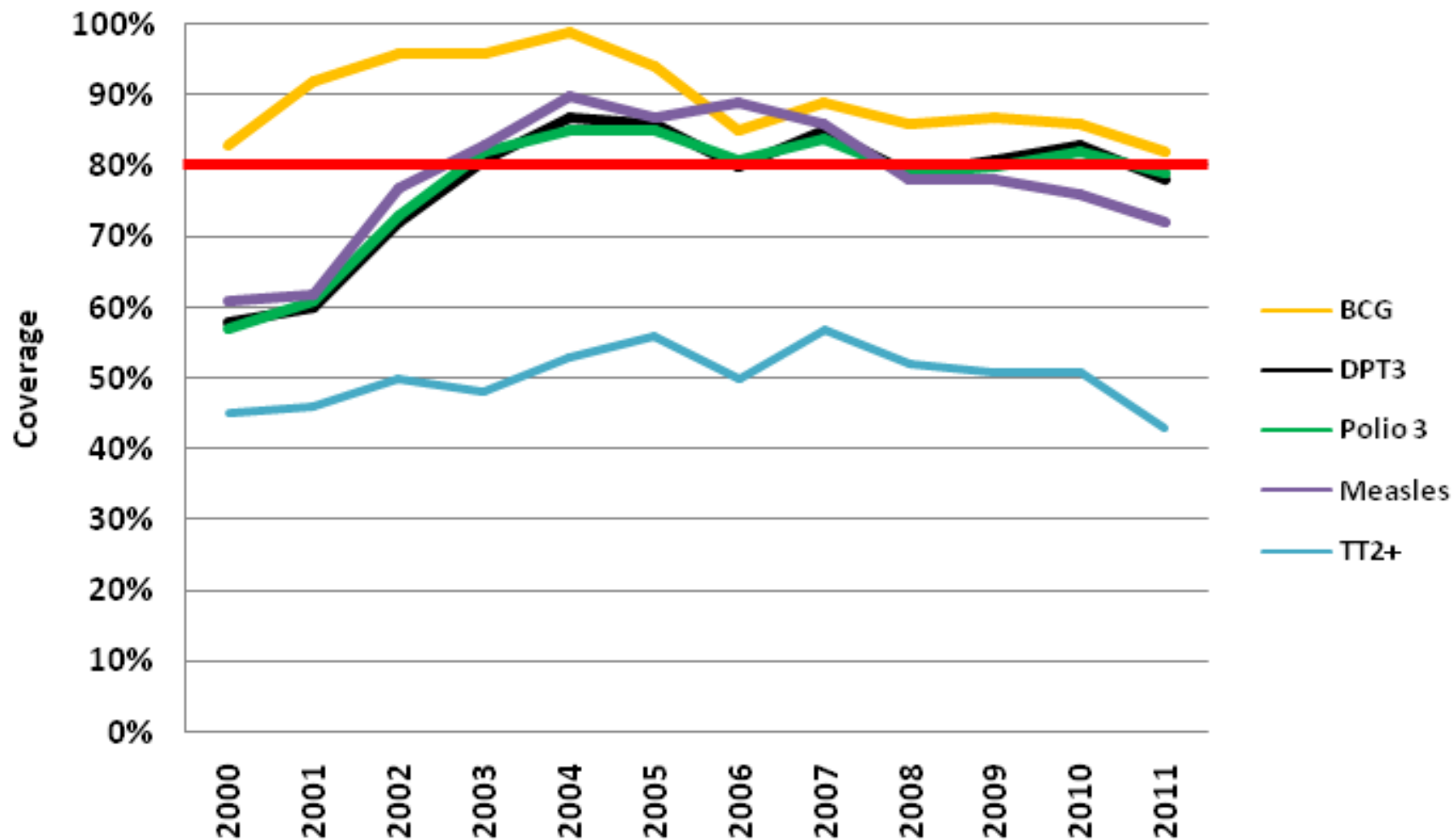


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## Immunisation coverage trend 2000-2011



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# Future plans

- Implementation of the 2 year immunization revitalization plan and 5 year country multiyear plan (2012-2016)
- GAVI HSS/ISS support priority activities for implementation have been identified
  - plans to strengthen routine immunization
- New vaccine introduction: PCV April 2013, Rotavirus vaccine 2014, HPV country-wide scale up of HPV 2014
- Other activities planned targeting specific diseases: mass measles campaigns, polio eradication strategies.



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# Why evaluation is important for Uganda

- MOH has adopted a logical framework approach that links inputs, with outputs and outcomes (emphasis on indicators).
  - Different aspects of the evaluation address these issues
- Need to generate knowledge about the causes of low coverage and reverse the declining trends
- Need to document the impact of new vaccine introduction on the health system and vaccination coverage
- Important structural changes are occurring, like shift to NMS for vaccine procurement and distribution



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# Inception phase activities: progress

- Individual meetings with MOH and several in-country stakeholders
- Setting up of country advisory panels
- Desk reviews, existing study and data identification and compilation
- Identifying existing and planned data collection
- Experiences from ongoing ABCE study important for planning implementation phase
- Development of country evaluation plans and data collection instruments



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# Stakeholders meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2012

## ■ OBJECTIVES:

- Understand and discuss the key issues, challenges and successes related to the immunization program in Uganda
- Present and receive guidance and feedback on the design of the evaluation
- Identify areas where the evaluation study would be most useful
- Coordinate with other ongoing monitoring and evaluation activities to avoid duplication
- Receive input on effective dissemination of tools and results and sustainability of approaches including capacity strengthening



# Stakeholders meeting: Unique approaches of evaluation

- Emphasis on country ownership and full country participation in this process
- Shift from previously utilized short-term retrospective evaluations TO forward looking, prospective long term evaluations
- Emphasis that this is NOT an audit but rather monitoring and evaluation



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# Meeting output: Issues arising

## Health sector issues

- Political leadership
- Resources for the health sector
- Remuneration of health workers

## National EPI program

- Funding for EPI services (sufficient resources, sustainability, effect of GAVI funding on domestic funding)
- Donor harmonization and coordination
- Involvement of district actors in national planning
- Implementation of the national plans
- Effect of new vaccine introduction on existing immunization progs
- Structure of the EPI program (vertical or integrated)
- Vaccine forecasting, procurement and distribution systems
- Advocacy and awareness

## District Facility Community

- Vaccine distribution to facilities, stock monitoring and management
- Availability and maintenance of vaccine storage equipment
- Surveillance, M&E & HMIS (better estimation of catchment population, disease surveillance, regular reporting)
- Resources for outreach campaigns
- Training and capacity building for HRH
- Community mobilization and sensitization
- Demand size factors impacting uptake of services



# Next Steps

- Prioritizing Topics for Investigation
- Complete detailed evaluation plan for 2013-2016
- Capacity strengthening and dissemination plan



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