

SOUTH SUDAN COVAX TA PLAN				MILESTONES						BUDGET	
Country	Programmatic Area	Activity	Partner	January 2021	March 2021	June 2021	November 2021	Expected Duration of Activity	Expected Outcome	Please specify detailed budget assumptions including FTEs of proposed consultants, where applicable this should reconcile with the HR profile on the next page	TOTAL
South Sudan	Planning & Coordination	A.1 Establish (or engage an existing committee) a National Coordinating Committee (NCC) for COVID-19 vaccine introduction with terms of reference, roles and responsibilities and regular meetings	WHO	TORs for Covid-19 NCC including roles and responsibilities and meetings schedule finalized with MoH sign-off.				1-2 months	Effective co-ordination of the multi-phased process for co-ordination of the COVAX planning, approval and deployment of vaccine, in collaboration with Ministry of Health and relevant authoritative and consultative bodies.	1 International Consultant (P4) @14,000 per month for 6 months = \$84,000	
South Sudan	Planning & Coordination	A.2 Establish (or engage an existing working group) a National Technical Working Group (NTWG) for COVID-19 vaccine introduction with terms of reference, roles and responsibilities and regular meetings	WHO	TORs for Covid-19 NTWG including roles and responsibilities and meetings schedule finalized with MoH sign-off.	NTWG subcommittees for the following workstreams: 1) service delivery 2) vaccine, cold chain & logistics, 3) demand generation & communication 4) prioritization, targeting and COVID-19 surveillance, 5) Monitoring and Evaluation, determination and proof of eligibility, proof of vaccination, monitoring of coverage among at-risk groups, and monitoring of vaccine impact 6) Safety, including injury prevention and AEFI detection and response, established or if pre-existing, re-engage.			more than 3 months			
South Sudan	Planning & Coordination	A.4 Brief key ministries, NITAG, stakeholders and partners about COVID-19 vaccine introduction and their expected roles	WHO	Briefing schedule for key ministries, NITAG, stakeholders and partners developed and followed				1-2 months			
South Sudan	Planning & Coordination	A.5 Inform regulatory & disseminate global and regional guidance (i.e. SAGE) with NITAGs & RITAGs and support NITAG working groups on COVID-19 vaccines	WHO		Global and regional guidance disseminated to NITAGs & RITAGs and NITAG working groups on COVID-19 vaccines.			1-2 months			
South Sudan	Planning & Coordination	A.6 Develop the National Deployment and Vaccination Plan (NDVP) with input from relevant bodies (National COVID-19 Response Coordinating Committee, CNCC, CTWG, NITAG, National Immunization Programme, National Regulatory Authority, AFI committee and other relevant groups such as private sector). The NDVP should be in line with WHO guidance and SAGE recommendations (plan can be developed by adapting the Pandemic Influenza NDVP, if existing)	WHO	NDVP developed with input from relevant bodies (National COVID-19 Response Coordinating Committee, CNCC, CTWG, NITAG, National Immunization Programme, National Regulatory Authority, AFI committee and other relevant groups such as private sector), in line with WHO guidance and SAGE recommendation.	National vaccine access/ procurement approach identified and planned for, and the relevant paperwork is completed.			more than 3 months			
South Sudan	Planning & Coordination	A.8 Review and prepare Government agreement for legal agreement to receive COVID-19 vaccine	WHO	National vaccine access/ procurement approach identified and planned for, and the relevant paperwork is completed.	Government signature for legal agreement for receiving Covid-19 vaccines reviewed and prepared for.			more than 3 months			
South Sudan	Regulatory Aspects	C.1 Confirm to WHO the existence of an expedited regulatory pathway for approval of COVID-19 vaccines (i.e. emergency use authorization, exceptional approval/ waiver mechanism based on reliance/recognition, abbreviated procedure, fast track, etc.). Time lines and maximum number of days should be mentioned. Expected timeline: maximum 15 working days	WHO	Expedited regulatory pathway for approval of COVID-19 vaccines (i.e. emergency use authorization, exceptional approval/ waiver mechanism based on reliance/recognition, abbreviated procedure, fast track, etc.) identified and confirmed.							
South Sudan	Regulatory Aspects	C.2 Ensure the national regulator or authority has clarified the requirements and documents needed for regulatory approvals of COVID-19 vaccines	WHO	Requirements and documents needed for regulatory approvals of COVID-19 vaccines clarified by the national regulator/authority.	Requirements and documents needed to import COVID-19 vaccines identified.						
South Sudan	Regulatory Aspects	C.4 Confirm to WHO the existence of an expedited import approval/ waiver from appropriate authorities. Time lines and maximum number of days should be mentioned. Expected timeline: maximum 5 working days	WHO	Expedited import approval/ waiver from appropriate authorities identified and confirmed with WHO.	Review of summary protocols is completed, and a system of waiving local release testing based on the review is established.						\$ 361,366.89
South Sudan	Prioritization, Targeting & Covid-19 Surveillance	D.1 Monitor progress of NITAG working groups on COVID-19 vaccines and interim recommendations focusing on prioritization and risk groups	WHO							1 National NOC @4,500 per month for 6 months = \$27,000	
South Sudan	Prioritization, Targeting & Covid-19 Surveillance	D.2 Estimate potential numbers of target populations that will be prioritized for access to vaccines stratified by target group and geographic location (i.e. prepare first to define, identify and estimate no. of HCWs)	WHO								
South Sudan	Prioritization, Targeting & Covid-19 Surveillance	D.3 Coordinate with national COVID-19 disease surveillance group to ensure relevant epidemiological data will be collected to inform planning of subsequent rounds of COVAX vaccination, including outbreak responses	WHO								
South Sudan	Monitoring & Evaluation	G.1 Develop or adapt existing surveillance and monitoring framework with a set of recommended indicators (coverage, acceptability, disease surveillance etc.) for COVID-19 vaccine. Determine whether registration and reporting will be individual or aggregate, and to what extent existing tools and systems can be re-used	WHO	Existing surveillance and monitoring framework with a set of recommended indicators (coverage, acceptability, disease surveillance etc.) for COVID-19 vaccine developed or adapted.	Necessary monitoring tools developed or existing tools (vaccination card/certificate, facility-based nominal registers and/or tally sheets, vaccination reports (paper and/or electronic)) adapted and analytical tools to monitor progress and coverage among different at-risk categories developed.			more than 3 months	Development of monitoring and evaluation instruments, training of staff throughout South Sudan and implementation and review of monitoring processes.	1 National NOC @4,500 per month for 6 months	
South Sudan	Monitoring & Evaluation	G.2 Develop or adapt necessary monitoring tools or adapt existing tools: vaccination card/certificate, facility-based nominal registers and/or tally sheets, vaccination reports (paper and/or electronic) and analytical tools to monitor progress and coverage among different at-risk categories	WHO		Necessary monitoring tools developed or existing tools (vaccination card/certificate, facility-based nominal registers and/or tally sheets, vaccination reports (paper and/or electronic)) adapted and analytical tools to monitor progress and coverage among different at-risk categories developed.	Monitoring tools produced and distributed to eligible vaccination providers.		more than 3 months			
South Sudan	Monitoring & Evaluation	G.3 Produce and distribute monitoring tools to eligible vaccination providers, develop, test and roll-out any changes to electronic systems, provide training for use of these tools and processes to traditional and new providers	WHO		Monitoring tools produced and distributed to eligible vaccination providers.			more than 3 months			
South Sudan	Safety Surveillance	I.1 Ensure that guidelines, documented procedures and tools for planning and conducting vaccine pharmacovigilance activities (i.e. AEFI reporting, investigation, causality assessment, risk communication and response) are available	WHO	Guidelines, documented procedures and tools for planning and conducting vaccine pharmacovigilance activities (i.e. AEFI reporting, investigation, causality assessment, risk communication and response) are made available.						1 International Consultant (P3) for 4 months @17845 per month	
South Sudan	Safety Surveillance	I.3 Expedite training the AEFI committee to review COVID-19 Vaccine safety data (e.g. causality assessment of serious AEFI, clusters of AEFI, emerging safety concerns etc.)	WHO		Competent and trained staff to perform vigilance activities	AEFI committee to review COVID-19 Vaccine safety data (e.g. causality assessment of serious AEFI, clusters of AEFI, emerging safety concerns etc.) is trained.		more than 3 months			
South Sudan	Safety Surveillance	I.6 Establish a coordination mechanism between relevant stakeholders (NRA, EPI, MM, MOH, WHO and others) for exchange of COVID-19 Vaccine safety information	WHO		Coordination mechanism between relevant stakeholders (NRA, EPI, MM, MOH, WHO and others) for exchange of COVID-19 Vaccine safety information established.	Active surveillance of specific COVID-19 vaccine related adverse events is planned for.		more than 3 months			
South Sudan	Service Delivery	E.1 Update protocols for infection prevention and control measures including adequate personal protection equipment (PPE) to minimize exposure risk during immunization sessions	Crown Agents		Protocols for infection prevention and control measures including adequate personal protection equipment (PPE) updated.			0-1 months	By February 2021, Protocols for IPC to minimize exposure risk during immunization sessions finalized and disseminated	10 days, 1 int. consultant @817.4 per day (Fees, accommodation, visa, flight and per diem included)	
South Sudan	Service Delivery	E.2 Identify potential COVID-19 vaccine delivery strategies leveraging both existing vaccination platforms and non-vaccination delivery approaches to best reach identified target groups	Crown Agents		Potential COVID-19 vaccine delivery strategy identified to best reach target groups.			1-2 months	Utilising WHO/SEITAG prioritization graphic, targeted delivery approaches per group developed	30 days, 1 consultant @817.4 per day (Fees, accommodation, visa, flight and per diem included)	\$ 126,861.00
South Sudan	Service Delivery	E.3 Identify and develop a master list and strategy of service providers who could effectively deliver COVID-19 vaccine to various target populations	Crown Agents		Master list and strategy of service providers for effectively delivering COVID-19 vaccine to various target populations delivered.			1-2 months	By April 2021, Master list of service providers generated	30 days, 1 consultant @817.4 per day (Fees, accommodation, visa, flight and per diem included) 1 design solutions workshop 20 stakeholders, 1 day, full hire, lunch, consumables	
South Sudan	Training & Supervision	F.1 Develop a training plan to prepare for COVID-19 vaccine introduction that includes key groups of participants, content topic areas, key training partners and training methods (in-person or virtual). WHO will provide a template for guidance	ISI	Training plan to prepare for COVID-19 vaccine introduction that includes key groups of participants, content topic areas, key training partners and training methods (in-person or virtual) developed				1-2 months	Comprehensive training plan developed	One International Training Consultant (70 days x \$400/day) and One National Training Consultant (120 days x \$360/day) inclusive of per diem, work permit and visa for International Training Consultant only	
South Sudan	Training & Supervision	F.2 Adapt and translate training materials developed by WHO and develop additional training materials as outlined in the training plan	ISI		Training materials developed by WHO, adapted and translated, as well as additional training materials developed as required.			1-2 months	Training materials developed and translated into Arabic for the South Sudan context.	A national consultant (33 days @ \$350) to translate the training materials	\$ 159,508.00
South Sudan	Training & Supervision	F.3 Conduct virtual and in-person trainings as outlined in the training plan	ISI		Trainings conducted as per the training plan.	Trainings conducted as per the training plan.		1-2 months	Supportive supervision conducted during training and during vaccination	Five (5) supportive supervision visits (each of five (5) days duration) to six (6) counties conducted by the national consultant (\$500 return airfare), full costs (\$100 per day, per diem and accommodation (\$180 per day).	

South Sudan	Vaccine, Cold Chain & Logistics	H.1 Establish/strengthen the national logistics working group with appropriate terms of reference and standard operating procedures to coordinate COVID-19 vaccines and ancillary products deployment	UNICEF	National logistics working group with appropriate terms of reference and standard operating procedures to coordinate COVID-19 vaccines and ancillary products deployment established/strengthened.				0-1 month	Readiness of the MLWG to manage the logistic and supply chain operations related to COVAX vaccine.			
South Sudan	Vaccine, Cold Chain & Logistics	H.2 Map key roles and responsibilities needed for vaccine and ancillary products deployment; collect and confirm contact information for key personnel and facilities	UNICEF	Key roles and responsibilities needed for vaccine and ancillary products deployment mapped; contact information for key personnel and facilities collected and confirmed.				more than 3 months	Readiness of the MLWG to manage the logistic and supply chain operations related to COVAX vaccine.	* One (1) International consultant (Vaccine Cold Chain Management Specialist)		
South Sudan	Vaccine, Cold Chain & Logistics	H.3 Map the potential port(s) of entry, points of storage (stores), and fallback facilities in the country with their respective cold chain storage (2-8C, -20C, -60/70C) and transportation capacity for vaccines and ancillary products	UNICEF	Potential port(s) of entry, points of storage (stores), and fallback facilities in the country with their respective cold chain storage (2-8C, -20C, -60/70C) and transportation capacity for vaccines and ancillary products are mapped.				more than 3 months	Readiness of the MLWG to manage the logistic and supply chain operations related to COVAX vaccine.	One (1) National Consultant (Vaccine Cold Chain Management Officer)		
South Sudan	Vaccine, Cold Chain & Logistics	H.4 Assess dry storage and cold chain capacity at all levels with regards to the COVID-19 vaccines characteristics and fill the identified supply and logistics gaps	UNICEF	Dry storage and cold chain capacity at all levels with regards to the COVID-19 vaccines characteristics are assessed and supply and logistics gaps are identified and filled.				more than 3 months	Readiness of the national, state and county vaccine stores for storage and transportation of COVAX vaccine and related supplies			
South Sudan	Vaccine, Cold Chain & Logistics	H.5 Establish contractual agreements to prepare for vaccine introduction (e.g. vaccine warehousing, transport, waste management, cold chain capacity, etc) where applicable	UNICEF	Contractual agreements to prepare for vaccine introduction (e.g. vaccine warehousing, transport, waste management, cold chain capacity, etc) where applicable are established.				more than 3 months	Readiness of ISCL system in context of contractual arrangements for storage, transportation and installation of additional cold chain equipment ensuring safe storage of COVAX vaccine		\$	330,271.56
South Sudan	Vaccine, Cold Chain & Logistics	H.7 Update vaccine stock management tools and operating procedures to reflect the characteristics of COVID-19 vaccines (i.e. vial size, VVM,...)	UNICEF	Vaccine stock management tools and operating procedures to reflect the characteristics of COVID-19 vaccines (i.e. vial size, VVM,...) updated.				1-2 months	Readiness of the ISCL in terms of vaccine viability and safety in addition to recording and reporting dashboards.			
South Sudan	Demand Generation & Communication	J.1 Design a demand plan (includes advocacy, communications, social mobilization, risk and safety comms, community engagement, and training) to generate confidence, acceptance and demand for COVID-19 vaccines. Must include a crisis communications preparedness planning	UNICEF	Demand plan draft (includes advocacy, communications, social mobilization, risk and safety comms.)	Demand plan (includes advocacy, communications, social mobilization, risk and safety comms, community engagement, and training) designed.			1-2 months	A comprehensive advocacy, social mobilization and risk communication strategy and plan. ACSM training modules in line with Global ICOPs for training community mobilizers.	One P4 consultant for four months @ \$18,300 per month to lead the strategic demand generation technical support on strategy design development, roll out and oversight.		
South Sudan	Demand Generation & Communication	J.2 Establish data collection systems, including 1) social media listening and rumor management, and 2) assessing behavioral and social data	UNICEF	Data collection systems, including 1) social media listening and rumor management, and 2) assessing behavioral and social data established.				more than 3 months	Matrix for capturing data on social media, rumors management and behavioral change.	National consultant NoB/CB @ \$4,700 per month for 8 months to support cascading community mobilization training on COVEX at subnational level		
South Sudan	Demand Generation & Communication	J.3 Develop key messages and materials for public communications and advocacy, in alignment with demand plan	UNICEF	Key messages and materials for public communications and advocacy, in alignment with demand plan developed.				more than 3 months	EC Materials (Posters, Banners, Flyers, radio jingles) for creating awareness among the service users	One P4 consultant for two months @ \$18,300 per month to lead the strategic demand generation technical support on strategy design development, roll out and oversight.		

