



COALITION to STRENGTHEN
the HPV IMMUNIZATION
COMMUNITY



HPV Prevention
and Control Board



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Country experience from Maldives on delivery approaches.

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HPV Prevention and Control Landscape and the way forward.

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Maldives

- Population 579330 (2022 forecast. Statistical bureau)
- 20 Atolls
- 187 inhabited islands
- Capital city – Mal'e , 2 public hospitals (IGMH & HMH)
- 6 Regional hospitals
- Atoll hospitals
- Island health centers



Planning

- Working with MOE for data collection
- Process of procuring vaccines
- For Mass campaign to initiate HPA vaccination:
- Eligible population Denominator: girls aged 9-14yrs
 - Taken from Ministry of Education (mandatory for all children in Maldives to attend school)
- For continuation phase:
- Eligible population Denominator: girls aged 10yrs
 - Taken from Ministry of Education – 3500 girls



Parental awareness

- Worked with Ministry of Education/ HPA
- For teachers and parents awareness sessions were taken by Gynecologists & pediatricians. Q&A sessions were opened
- All schools were covered.
- Web based sessions for atolls
- Spots on TV & Radio
- Leaflets were made and distributed



Training programs for the Health care workers

- More vaccinators were trained
- Knowledge empowerment was done, medical officers, public health officers, and nurses involved in the campaign
 - -general knowledge of HPV & cervical cancer
 - - vaccine dosage & adverse reactions
 - AEFI , first aid response
 - -FAQs

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- School Halls were set up for vaccination
 - First aid with emergency trolley was available onsite
 - Trained medical officers & nurses stationed onsite for emergencies and answering queries.
 - Data entered into a Google sheets
 - Later data entered into each centers log books
 - Data monitored by schools & HPA as well
 - HPV added to routine schedule in 1st July 2019.

Vaccination

- Done in schools by the Health facilities (Hospitals & Health centers)
- Organized and monitored by HPA Immunization program
- Schedule was made to schools
- Number in each school was calculated & accordingly vaccines was distributed to the health facility
- Specific consent form made & distributed to parents via school
- Information leaflets were distributed to parents & children

Success- 1 st dose; 92 %

90%

of girls fully vaccinated
with HPV vaccine by
age 15 years.

70%

of women are screened
with a high-performance
test by 35 years of age and
again by 45 years of age.

90%

of women identified with cervical
disease receive treatment
(90% of women with precancer
treated, and 90% of women
with invasive cancer
managed).

Challenges

- Maintaining the achieved rate 92%/ 1st dose
- 2nd dose 72 %
- HPV vaccine 1st dose 2021 is 77%
- Antivaccers / vaccine hesitancy



Steps taken to strengthen vaccination

- Added to routine immunization vaccination from 1st July 2019.
- Strengthening central monitoring / tracking systems
- Reaching out to the **target** children via schools from health facility
- Addressing to parental concerns / myths & mis informations by experts
- Ongoing efforts to increase awareness
- Plan to start HPV for boys

Thank you

