





# Health Information Systems: Overview and challenges Data reporting & collecting mechanisms for HPV vaccination program and research gaps to improve health information system

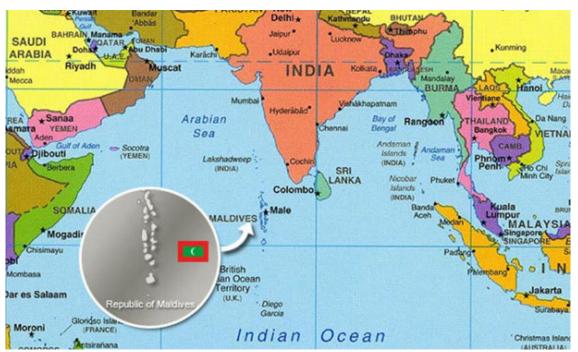
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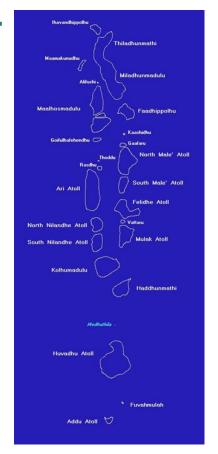
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# Current mechanisms of Immunization data management in Maldives

#### Systems used:

- EPI vaccines Database on MSExcel using Google sheets
- Log books
- DHIS-2; Electronic Immunization Registry (EIR) since August 2022
- For Covid vaccine: Dhifaau Portal (A digital platform) is being used all over the country.





#### Immunization data management in Maldives











### Electronic Immunization Registry (EIR)

- Electronic Immunization Registry (EIR) was developed with assistance from WHO.
- DHIS 2-Tracker
- Currently implemented in central level, atoll / regional hospitals and some of the island health facilities to enter vaccine data.
- Initiated in August 2022 and the Plan is to rollout EIR in all vaccine centers by end December 2022.





### Collecting data of Vaccine Recipients

- Initially done using Excel sheets
- For mass campaign, School-wise, grade-wise lists of eligible girls generated through Ministry of Education
- Vaccination documented using these lists on hard paper at schools
- Data entered into database on MS Excel sheets by schools and shared with HPA and data collated at HPA.
- Back-up print copies of lists kept at Health facilities.
- Proof of vaccination document provided to each recipient (Stamped on Child Health Development Record).









#### Gaps & Challenges in Information

- As HPA vaccination data is not yet entered in a common database,
- Gaps in tracing whether a child received vaccine if no documentation in hand
- Our electronic database requires all previous doses to be entered from birth, otherwise we cannot enter later vaccines.
- Therefore unable to enter HPV vaccinations yet.

"I'm not sure whether my daughter received the first dose of HPV. We moved house and lost her card"

"Didn't bring the Booklet today... too far to go back to fetch it"







#### Research gaps to improve health information

- HPA with WHO consultant team are working on fixing the gaps in the electronic immunization database.
- Research gaps:
  - Seroprevalence surveys
  - Hep B Sero-prevalence survey to evaluate impact of Hep B Immunization program planned for Jan 2023
  - Research on Vaccine refusal and hesitancy
    - Quantitative Studies to quantify size of problem
    - Quantitative studies to explore reasons for vaccine refusal, challenges and solutions







## Thank You







