Vaccination coverage standard

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Key points

- The standard applies to all operational settings, including both camp and non-camp situations.
- As you prepare a mass vaccination campaign against measles and polio, plan in parallel to restore or set up the EPI (expanded programme on immunization), in coordination with national authorities.

1. Overview

When populations are displaced, establish a system to ensure that at least 95% of new arrivals in a camp or community who are aged between 6 months and 15 years receive vaccination against measles and polio or as guided by the epidemiological and in consultation with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and WHO/UNICEF. Vitamin A should be administered under the same programme to children aged between 6 and 59 months.

2. Main guidance

Emergency standard

At completion of the polio and measles vaccination campaign:

- At least 95% of children aged between 0/6 months and 15 years have received polio and measles vaccinations.
- At least 95% of children aged between 6 and 59 months have received an appropriate dose of Vitamin A.
Longer-term standard

The above standards apply to both emergencies and long-term situations. In addition:

- Once routine immunization services (EPI) have been established, at least 90% of children aged between 0 and 12 months have received 3 doses of either (a) DPT or (b) Pentavelent vaccine (depending on which serves as a proxy indicator for full immunization coverage).

3. Links

The Sphere Handbook UNHCR Public Health iRHIS

4. Main contacts

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