Yellow fever vaccine supply in an emergency

A health worker suspects yellow fever and takes a blood sample for testing.

People get vaccinated!

The blood sample is sent to a laboratory.

Lab results confirm yellow fever.

The Ministry of Health requests vaccines from the ICG.

Lab results go to the Ministry of Health who reports yellow fever cases to WHO.

48h

The ICG makes a decision to release vaccines from the stockpile within 48 hours.

A shipment of vaccines arrives in the country within 7 days.

The International Coordinating Group (ICG)*

The ICG is comprised of UNICEF, MSF, IFRC and WHO. It currently manages the yellow fever vaccine stockpile of 6 million doses and approves deployment of vaccines.

In 2016, the yellow fever vaccine stockpile has been replenished 2 times! ☑

UNICEF and WHO request manufacturers to increase production of vaccines.

It takes 12 months to produce new yellow fever vaccines.

4 vaccine manufacturers work around the clock to produce more and more vaccines.

* The ICG manages emergency vaccine stockpiles for cholera, meningitis and yellow fever to ensure availability of sufficient supply when responding to emergencies.