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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AVW    African Vaccination Week
CAM    Communication, Advocacy and Media
CAH    Child and Adolescent Health
CDC    Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
DPT    Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus
EGPAF  Elizabeth Glaser Paediatric AIDS Foundation
EPI    Expanded Programme on Immunization
ESARO  UNICEF East and Southern Africa Regional Office
FAQ    Frequently Asked Questions
FMOH   Federal Ministry of Health
GAVI   Global Alliance for Vaccines & Immunization
GVAP   Global Vaccine Action Plan
HepB   Hepatitis B
Hib    Haemophilus influenzae Type B
HIV/AIDS Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ITNs   Insecticide Treated Nets
IST    Intercountry Support Team
IVE    Immunization and Vaccines Emergency Cluster
MCV    Measles Containing Vaccines
MNCHW  Maternal, Neonate and Child Health Week
MoHS   Ministry of Health and Sanitation
MSF    Médecins Sans Frontières
OPV    Oral Polio Vaccine
ORS    Oral Rehydration Salts
PCV    Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine
REJAV  Réseau des Journalistes Amis de la vaccination
TFI    Task Force on Immunization
TT     Tetanus Toxoid
UNICEF United Nations Children’s Fund
VDC    Village Development Committees
VHC    Village Health Committees
WCARO  UNICEF West and Central Africa Regional Office
WCO    WHO Country Office
WIW    World Immunization Week
WPV    Wild Polio Virus
WHAI   World Health Assembly
WHO    World Health Organization
WHO/AFRO WHO Regional Office for Africa
The 2014 edition of the African Vaccination Week (AVW) was celebrated by Member States in the WHO African Region from 22 to 27 April 2014. During the same period, they observed the 40th anniversary of the Expanded Programme on Immunization, which was launched in 1974. In the course of celebrating AVW, countries in the Region embarked on awareness-raising about benefits of vaccination. They also used the opportunity to conduct different catch-up vaccination activities. The theme for this year’s commemoration, “Vaccination, a shared responsibility” was both timely and apt in highlighting the crucial collective responsibility of governments, health-care workers, parents, families and communities — all doing their part to promote immunization. Every individual has a role to play in the fight against vaccine-preventable diseases such as polio, whooping cough, measles, tetanus, diphtheria, diarrhoea, pneumonia, hepatitis, among others, which cause death and disability.

Introduced only three years ago, the AVW initiative is now known for promoting benefits of immunization during the life-course and delivery of other life-saving interventions in the WHO African Region. Indeed, hundreds of millions of infants, children, adolescents, women, and men were vaccinated and/or received other health interventions during the last three editions. Progress has been made in the control of some of the vaccine-preventable diseases such as epidemic meningococcal type A meningitis, measles, polio and others.

Introduction of several new vaccines being carried out by countries has injected a new momentum into vaccination programmes. This progress is a shining example of what can be done when all stakeholders join hands to improve health. However, one out of five children in the Region is still not being immunized and the pace at which new vaccines are being introduced is still slow. Moreover, sustainable progress can only be made if vaccines are provided as part of a comprehensive approach to the delivery of health services, with all stakeholders – governments, communities and households as well as individuals – playing their roles.

In commemorating the AVW 2014, countries demonstrated awareness of the collective vulnerability to diseases, of individuals, families, communities, nations, the Region, continent and the world – a vulnerability which demands shared responsibility and investment of even more resources in immunization. Health partners were on hand to provide technical and other support for the 2014 AVW. It is gratifying to note that, 46 countries out of the 47 in our Region participated this year, signalling to the world that immunization is a priority for countries of the Region.

This report summarizes the activities undertaken by countries in commemorating the fourth edition of the AVW in 2014. It contains immunization and other interventions delivered, in addition to memorable pictures of the launches across the region, press cuttings, posters, messages on twitter and you tube, all promoting immunization. The report is useful for preparations towards the 5th edition of AVW in April 2015.

WHO is fully committed to universal access to immunization by children, adolescents, adults and the elderly, regardless of where they are born, who they are, or where they live, through a strong community demand for services. Let us all strive to vaccinate, save lives and prevent disabilities.

Dr Luis Gomes Sambo
Regional Director
1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to African Vaccination Week

The sixtieth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, in 2010, adopted Resolution AFR/RC60/R4 “to institutionalize an annual African Vaccination Week (AVW) for sustaining advocacy, expanding community participation and improving immunization service delivery”. Subsequently, the World Immunization Week (WIW) was endorsed in May 2012, by 194 Member States of the Sixty-fifth session of the World Health Assembly (Resolution 65.18), designating the last week of April as World Immunization Week (WIW).

Since April 2011 the AVW has been commemorated annually by countries, with some flexibility in their choice of activities, while focussing on goals of national health strategies. Countries conducted large-scale vaccination campaigns, small-scale vaccination activities or information outreach and health promotion through immunization and other child-survival interventions.

The AVW is led and coordinated by the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Africa but implemented by countries. The initiative provides a unique opportunity for countries and partners to strengthen national immunization programmes and, through advocacy and partnerships, keep immunization high on the national and regional agendas. It also promotes other high-impact, life-saving interventions. The overarching slogan of AVW is “Vaccinated communities, Healthy communities”. Each year, a suitable theme is chosen to reflect regional priorities and public health realities.

In 2011, 40 of the 46 countries in the Region organized various activities, such as vaccination of all ages against vaccine-preventable diseases and provision of various life-saving interventions, particularly for vulnerable groups and remote communities that traditionally lack access to health services. AVW reports over the past 3 years show that, more than 180 million people were vaccinated with OPV in 19 countries\(^1\) and in the 2013 edition, approximately 7.5 million doses of various vaccines were administered in 17 countries\(^2\). In addition, 31.5 million vitamin A and 21.2 million deworming tablets were distributed in 13\(^3\) and 9\(^4\) countries respectively; a total of 6.4 million children were screened for malnutrition in Cameroon, Madagascar, Mozambique; and 3.8 million wash kits distributed in Botswana, Cameroon and Nigeria.

The annual implementation of the WIW serves as the overarching framework for immunization week initiatives in all WHO Regions. In each Region, the week is dedicated to scaling up awareness on the importance of vaccination across the life-course, and ensuring in all countries universal access to this essential preventive health service. April 2014 marked the 4th year of celebration of the AVW under the theme “Vaccination, a shared responsibility” coinciding with the celebration of the 3\(^{rd}\) edition of the World Immunization Week.

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1. Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Central African Republic, Côte d’Ivoire, DRC, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and South Africa
2. Angola, Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Congo, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritania, Swaziland, Togo, Zimbabwe.
3. Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda and Swaziland.
1.2 Goal and objectives of African Vaccination Week

1.2.1 Goal

To strengthen immunization programmes in the African Region by increasing awareness of the importance of every person’s (particularly every child and woman) need and right to be protected from vaccine-preventable diseases.

1.2.2 Objectives

- To increase stakeholder awareness of the value and benefits of immunization.
- To promote and maintain immunization as a priority for decision-makers.
- To advocate for and mobilize human, financial and material resources for immunization.
- To increase demand and utilization of immunization services.
- To improve access for high-risk populations and hard-to-reach areas in the Region.
2. ACTIVITIES IN THE AFRICAN VACCINATION WEEK 2014

2.1 Regional activities in the 2014 African Vaccination Week

Activities conducted at the regional level include feature stories, FAQ’s on AVW, audio & TV spots, and the Regional Director’s message. A joint WHO/UNICEF press release was also shared with the media and posted on the WHO African Region website (http://www.afro.who.int/en/media-centre/events/african-vaccination-week/2014.html)

A briefing of local and international media represented in Congo was held, and tweets on immunization and AVW were sent out using the WHO/AFRO twitter account. A 13-minute TV programme was also developed and broadcast on various international channels (TV5 Monde, Ouest TV and national TV stations). The programmes featured a health talk, prior to an immunization session, in a health facility, and an interview with the Director for Immunization, Vaccines and Emergencies (IVE) cluster in the WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO/AFRO). The IVE Director provided the rationale for the 2014 AVW theme. The Director of Health, Ministry of Health and Population, Congo, highlighted the roles and responsibilities of Governments and partners in immunization in the African Region.

The Minister of Health and Population, Republic of Congo, Mr Francois Ibovi, launched the 2014 edition of the Regional AVW on 24 April 2014 in Brazzaville. The IVE cluster Director, Dr Deo Nshimirimana, a wide range of international (GAVI, UNICEF, SABIN) and national partners, as well as representatives of the diplomatic corps in Congo were present at the regional launch.

Launching the AVW, the keynote speaker and Minister of Health and Population, Republic of Congo, underlined the intrinsic values of vaccines as proven, powerful tools for disease prevention and called on all stakeholders to promote it and get the population to appropriate the benefits for healthy society. The Minister stated “The success of vaccination depends largely on its promotion by the media, local authorities, educators and parents. All skills and competencies must therefore be mobilized to ensure that vaccines reach the maximum number of children. Everyone has a share of responsibility”.

The Minister also used the occasion to announce the formal introduction of the rotavirus vaccine into immunization programmes in the Republic of the Congo. He equally announced the provision of vitamin A, long-lasting insecticide-treated nets to pregnant women and children as well as sensitization on breastfeeding during the week.
Dr Fatoumata Binta Diallo, WHO Representative in Congo, speaking on behalf of the WHO Regional Director for Africa and other development partners in Congo, pledged their commitment to support African countries in their quest to improve maternal, child and community health.

2.2 Selected country activities in the 2014 African Vaccination Week

Fifteen of the 47 countries in the African Region celebrated the 2014 edition of the African Vaccination Week (AVW) from 22 to 27 April 2014. Celebration of the event, however, continued in the remaining 30 countries in the Region between May and July 2014. Two countries (Gabon and South Africa) did not celebrate the event. Reports indicate that Member States used the occasion to hold round-table discussions, undertake advocacy and social mobilization activities for immunization, training, introduction of new vaccines into national routine immunization programmes; provision of life-saving interventions such as deworming, vitamin A supplementation, mosquito net distributions and growth monitoring.

Others conducted ‘catch-up’ vaccination against polio, measles, diphtheria, whooping cough, neonatal tetanus, influenza, yellow fever, rotavirus and bacterial pneumonia. See Table 1 for details.

Table 1: Public health interventions provided and communication activities per country during the AVW 2014

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<td>Communication activities</td>
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<td>45 countries in the African Region</td>
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<td>• SMS campaign</td>
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<td>Mauritius &amp; Uganda</td>
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<td>• Award to districts with good performance in immunization</td>
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<td>Kenya</td>
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<td>Catch-up vaccination activities</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>Angola, Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cap Verde, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Central African Republic, Congo, Comoros, DRC, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Lesotho, Malawi, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, São Tome, Senegal, Togo, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe</td>
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<td>Vitamin A administration</td>
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<td>Angola, Botswana, Cameroon, Comoros, Eritrea, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nigeria, Namibia, São Tomé, South Sudan, Swaziland, Rwanda, Zambia, Togo</td>
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<td>Deworming tablets</td>
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<td>Angola, Botswana, Cameroon, Comoros, Gambia, Guinea, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Swaziland, Zambia, Togo</td>
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<td>Polio campaign</td>
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<td>Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Gambia, Niger, Burkina Faso, Benin, Central African Republic</td>
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<td>New vaccine introduction</td>
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<td>Angola and Congo; Lesotho and Swaziland; Rwanda, Tanzania and Seychelles. Tanzania</td>
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<td>• Rotavirus</td>
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<td>• PCV</td>
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<td>• Measles 2nd dose</td>
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<td>Combined with Child Health days</td>
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<td>Growth monitoring</td>
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<td>Distribution of LLITNs</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Angola, Chad, Congo, Guinea Bissau</td>
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2.3 Some examples of communication strategies

2.3.1 Social media and media coverage

This year, the AVW was covered by the news media in all 47 countries of the Region, including South Africa that did not celebrate the event. The event was also promoted through the official WHO website and twitter account. The links to the original media reports, documents, tweets and re-tweets are provided in annex 2. The sources of press cuttings include: News agencies, newspapers/magazines, radio/TV, online and other media.

The twitter campaign was held from 17 March 2014 till 24 April 2014. A 14% increase in twitter followers was achieved during the period. Tweets contained links to documents, images, videos and stories for more information. Topics covered include AVW announcement; background information; past success of AVW; planned activities for AVW 2014; regional and country launch of AVW; vaccine safety; importance of vaccination; other interventions during AVW; vaccination of adults; vaccination in crisis situations; pneumonia and diarrhoeal diseases; human papillomavirus (HPV), as well as cervical cancer, measles, and polio.

2.3.2 Selected AVW media links

Some selected media links are provided below.

- African Vaccination Week proves its worth

- African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major killer diseases

- The presidential couple at the launch of the National Vaccination Campaign against polio
  (Equatorial Guinea)
3. LAUNCH OF AVW 2014 IN COUNTRIES AND BY SUBREGION

High-level authorities, local leaders and partners participated in celebrations, the major activities of which have been summarized below, from some selected countries.

3.1 West Africa (IST/West)

Côte d’Ivoire
The AVW was launched at the Anzoumana Konaté stadium in the commune of Treichville (Abidjan – Centre). The mayor, local members of parliament, traditional chiefs and WHO, Rotary International, the Association of Preventive Medicine and the Red Cross, all international partners were present at the ceremony.

The Ivorian Minister of Health and HIV/AIDS Control, Dr Raymonde Coffie – Goudou chaired the launching ceremony. Applauded and galvanized by songs and music provided by the town band, she discussed some salient points on immunization and appealed to the people, especially parents, to get their children adequately vaccinated. According to her, “Vaccination protects the child against disease. African Vaccination Week, which kicks off today, is an invitation and encouragement to get more people involved in vaccinating their children and themselves. I urge you to have your children vaccinated, especially those between zero and eleven months. The government supports you”.

Liberia
A formal national launch of African Vaccination Week took place on 6 May, 2014 at the Duport Road clinic in the borough of Paynesville on the outskirts of the capital, Monrovia. Senator Geraldine Doe Sharif, deputy chair, senate committee for health and Ambassador Miatta Fahnbulleh, goodwill ambassador for maternal and child health, jointly launched the event. The country representatives of UNICEF and WHO in Liberia, Rotary International, Polio Plus, and representatives of local and international NGOs and community leaders graced the occasion. The Assistant Minister for Preventive Services, Councillor Tolbert Nyenswah, represented the Minister for Health at the event.

Other dignitaries, who made remarks during the launch, are Dr Bernice T. Dahn, Chief Medical Officer of Liberia and Deputy Minister for Health Services, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. County-level advocacy meetings were held on 4 April. Radio talk shows and radio messages promoting routine immunization were aired during the African Vaccination Week.
One of the key innovations during the week’s celebration was the unveiling of murals with routine immunization messages in Grand Kru, River Gee, and Maryland, all poor-performing and hard-to-reach counties.

**Ghana**

The Honourable Minister for Health, Ms Sherry Ayittey, launched the 10th anniversary of the Child Health Promotion Week (CHPW) on 2 May 2014 at Jubilee Park, in Bolgatanga, regional capital of the Upper East Region. The week was observed concurrently with the 4th African Vaccination Week. A colourful crowd of traditional and religious leaders, as well as a cross-section of the public, participated in the launching. The Country Director of UNICEF, Dr Ngozi also addressed the gathering. Other partners were present at the event: Representatives of WHO, USAID, Birth and Deaths registry. High-level government officials, such as the Regional Minister for Upper East, Regional Director of Health Services for the region, the Deputy Director-General of Ghana Health Services (GHS) and the Coordinator of the Child Health Services and the Regional Director of Health Services of the Northern Region were present.

The Regional Minister, Dr Ephraim Avea Nsoh, gave a welcome address. In her speech, the Minister for Health said that the country made great achievements in the child health sector, with no reported cases for polio since 2008, and for measles since 2002 while a dramatic decrease in malaria cases among children was also noted. She added that Ghana increased the immunization of children under two years of age, while several of them were being supplemented with vitamin A; also, more caretakers were using bed nets. However, Ms Sherry Ayittey indicated that the country had been stagnating with a neonatal mortality of 32/1000 live births since 2011. The Deputy Director-General of GHS Dr. Gloria Quansah also gave an overview of the 10 years of CHPW in Ghana.

**Mauritania**

The General Secretary of Health in the MOH launched AVW at Ibn Sinaa de Arafat health center in Nouakchott on April 30, 2014. In attendance were the WHO and UNICEF representatives, dignitaries of the MOH, parliamentarians, local authorities and representatives of civil society. During the launching ceremony Dr. Mustapha Ould Abdellah, Director of Health Action presented the strategy and activities to be conducted during the 4th AVW in Mauritania scheduled from 30 April to 6 May, 2014. The activities had to do with mother and child health, such as Vitamin A supplementation, deworming, and screening of children for malnutrition. The WHO representative, representing immunization partners, opened a workshop on advocacy for decision-makers. The focus was on making immunization a priority in national health development policies. Among steps taken to ensure successful implementation of the 4th AVW was the constitution of six hundred and thirty-nine (639) teams, 84 supervisors and provision of 93 vehicles and more than 393 million ouguiyas. These reached 570 000 households, vaccinated 145 000 children (0 to 11 months old) and 165 000 pregnant women. Vitamin A was provided to 555 000 children (6 to 59 months old), deworming tablets provided to 495 000 (12 to 59 months old) and malnutrition screening was conducted in 555 000 children (6-59 months old).
3.2 East and Southern Africa (IST/East and South)

**Ethiopia**
African Vaccination Week 2014 kicked off on 23 April 2014 with a colourful event in Gondar, Amhara. Dr Pierre M’Pele, WHO Representative, commended the Government of Ethiopia and EPI partners on their efforts at improving the Expanded Programme on Immunization in Ethiopia.

The event was attended by a large number of high-level officials, including Ethiopia’s State Minister of Health, Vice President of Amhara Regional State, Head of Amhara Regional Health Bureau, as well as representatives of partner organizations including WHO, UNICEF, Clinton Health Access Initiative, PATH Ethiopia, Lions Club, IFP (USAID), and CCRDA/CORE Group.

The morning launch event concluded with a session of vaccination against polio.

**Swaziland**
The Government of Swaziland has made child health one of the key priorities for the Ministry of Health; and so on 23 April 2014 the country launched the African Vaccination Week and Child Health Days (CHD) simultaneously. This double event is a testimony to the commitment and hard work of the MOH to achieve the Millennium Development Goal number 4 (Reducing Child Mortality).

Swaziland has fully embraced this approach and the country has achieved a remarkable reduction in under-five child mortality, from 120 in 2007, to 104 deaths per thousand live births in 2010. However, it is important to note that the child mortality rate still remains unacceptably high. So the launching of the AVW and CHD simultaneously strengthens the resolve of the government to achieve further reduction in the rates of under-five mortality.

Swaziland is one of the countries in Africa that is steadily moving towards self-reliance in the area of immunization service delivery. During the launching of the AVW, a new vaccine (PCV13) was launched for prevention of pneumonia, which is one of the serious child killer diseases in Swaziland.

**South Sudan**
Al-Sabah Children’s Hospital, Juba, was the venue of the ceremony to kick-start the commemoration of the 2014 African Vaccination Week (AVW) activities in South Sudan. South Sudan launched the first phase of an integrated life-saving campaign to immunize nearly 2.5 million children against measles and polio and to administer Vitamin A tablets. The campaign was aimed at reducing the incidence of measles to less than five cases per million, and to boost the population’s immunity against Polio.

South Sudan is already close to celebrating five years of being polio-free, the 5th anniversary of which will be marked in June 2014. Maintaining this polio-free status, as well as being free of other vaccine-preventable diseases, requires vigilance. It requires, among other things, reaching all with vaccines for protection against polio and all other vaccine-preventable diseases. The AVW provided opportunity to increase awareness and encourage all to
take up their responsibility in promoting immunization services and ensuring adequate uptake of these services.

The AVW was launched with an innovative approach to saving life, namely the integrated life-saving campaign to immunize children against other vaccine-preventable child killer diseases. The activities for the two events were simultaneously conducted up to 30 April 2014. During this first phase of the integrated life-saving campaign, all children who had been displaced by the current conflict to camps in the first seven states were reached with essential vaccines.

**Uganda**

The Honourable Minister of Health, Dr Ruhakana Rugunda, officially launched the 4th edition of the African Vaccination Week in Uganda on 24 April 2014, in Sheema district, with a call on parents, communities and leaders to play their roles in immunizing children so as to have healthy communities. The minister stated that the theme for the year, “vaccination, a shared responsibility” was very apt as there was a need for everybody to ensure that children were fully immunized. According to him, everybody had a duty to protect children against vaccine-preventable diseases. The minister also pointed out the need to further improve on the national immunization coverage.

The UN Resident Coordinator in Uganda, Mrs. Ahunna Eziakonwa-Onochie highlighted the survival strategies being implemented in Uganda, coupled with the introduction of new vaccines, such as pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV), which prevents pneumonia and meningitis. The WHO country representative, Dr Wondimagegnehu Alemu, reiterated the justification of institutionalizing the African Vaccination Week and said that, several activities were being undertaken nationwide to further raise awareness on the life-saving value of immunization; seek to increase vaccination coverage; reach underserved, marginalized and hard-to-reach populations with the existing and new high-impact child survival packages and other life-saving interventions.

**3.3 Central Africa (IST/Central)**

**Angola**

His Excellency, the Vice-Governor for Social Affairs officially launched the 4th edition of African Vaccination Week in Kuando Kubango Province, Angola on 22 April, 2014. A country-wide media mobilization was undertaken through the national radio network, community radio broadcast, newspapers, as well as public and private television networks. Participation was satisfactory; communities’ demand and the series of live media coverage motivated technicians to remain in the field for several hours.
The week’s activities included mobile and advanced vaccination teams (with all antigens); HIV/AIDS testing; distribution of mosquito nets; deworming tablets (Albendazole); vitamin A, infant & adult nutrition programme and mother-child health care. Tetanus mop-up campaigns for women of childbearing age were the icing on the cake.

Kuando Kubango is one of the worst-hit HIV-AIDS provinces. The week provided opportunity to reach more people with HIV/AIDS services in this province, and the demand for HIV testing was impressive. More people voluntarily went for HIV testing.

Overall, the week’s activities focused on the key information that women of childbearing age need to take five shots of anti-tetanus vaccine to ensure they had healthy babies. The activities stressed also the easy and free access everyone has to vaccines, which are meant to save lives. The importance of primary health care and disease prevention was equally emphasized. It was also concluded that water sanitation and vector-transmitted diseases deserved particular attention on the 25 April Malaria Day celebration.

Chad
The 4th edition of the AVW was officially launched on 23 April 2014 in Kinasserom in Bol Region, in the presence of different national and local authorities as well as partners. The Chief of Bol Region, Secretary General of the region, the American Ambassador, WHO and UNICEF Representatives and Secretary General of the MOH made speeches in support of the immunization efforts in the country. This was followed by administration of vaccines, distribution of ITNs and bags to children and women that had completed their schedule.

A round-table discussion was also conducted on the national radio with opportunity for the public to contribute through call-in or to ask questions. During this week, the country used the opportunity for catch-up immunization of missed children, and provision of other life-saving interventions (ITNs, screening for malnutrition, among others).

Democratic Republic of the Congo
The National Minister of Public Health launched the 2014 edition of the AVW 2014 on 21 April, 2014 in Masina, Kinshasa. Present at the launch were members of the parliamentary sub-committee on immunization, the provincial Minister of Health, representatives of WHO and UNICEF, Sabine Vaccine Institute, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and partners of the health sector in DRC and others.

The Mayor of Masina in her welcome address emphasized that vaccination is a responsibility of the entire community, and encouraged parents to vaccinate their children to protect them against diseases. The WHO representative, on behalf of partners, recalled the history and objectives of the AVW and noted the year’s theme, “Vaccination, a shared responsibility”.

Registration of children at a health facility prior to their vaccination

The Minister of public health administering the vaccine at the launch event
The Minister in his speech noted that the MOH in DRC will win the fight against vaccine-preventable diseases. He emphasized that AVW is an opportunity for health personnel to provide each eligible person with vaccination and other health interventions. He also emphasized the need for effective communication to promote immunization in the country. According to him, communication activities should be conducted to encourage demand for immunization. He encouraged uptake of tetanus toxoid vaccine, which will be provided under the campaign mode during the AVW celebration.

There were presentations of drama sketches on the importance of achieving vaccination schedules. The ceremony ended with the vaccination of children and women.

**Equatorial Guinea**

His Excellency, Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, launched the first round of National Immunization Days against Polio on 22 April, 2014 in Niefang District, where incidentally, the first case of polio was recently reported in Equatorial Guinea. Thus, the launching of this year’s edition of AVW in the Niefang District was strategic to the promotion of immunization against polio and, indeed, against all vaccine-preventable diseases. The President used the opportunity to call on all stakeholders, community leaders and families to stand up to their responsibilities of ensuring that everyone is adequately immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases. According to him, the theme for this year’s AVW – Vaccination, a shared responsibility – could not have been more appropriate, given the focus of the government to ensure adequate protection of people, particularly mothers and their children, against vaccine-preventable diseases. He used the opportunity to call on partners of the national immunization programme to be more strategic in promoting immunization services. He implored them to engage communication strategies with proven effectiveness in reaching the people and getting them to demand immunization services.

During the one-week campaign, the country vaccinated over 309 000 children from birth to under 15 years of age. The ceremony marking this year’s edition of AVW also marked the inauguration of the emergency plan to stop wild polio virus transmission in the nation.
4. SELECTED INTERVENTIONS DELIVERED

4.1 Overview of interventions delivered during the 2014 AVW in the African Region

All participating countries reported on activities delivering different interventions during the 2014 AVW in the African Region. Although AVW is officially a one-week event, most countries extended their vaccination activities, particularly campaigns, over several weeks. As a reference the AVW vaccination and communication activities were consolidated into broad categories and listed by countries. Interventions ranging from health education and counselling to administration of various vaccine antigens and supply of health commodities were undertaken. See details in Table 2.

Table 2: Results of Immunization and other life-saving interventions delivered by countries

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<th>Interventions during AVW 2014</th>
<th>Results obtained</th>
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<td>Polio campaigns</td>
<td>21 528 715 doses of OPV administered in 5 countries</td>
<td>Burkina Faso, Cameroon, CAR, Mali &amp; South Sudan</td>
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<td>Catch-up vaccination activities</td>
<td>11 687 209 doses of vaccines of all antigens administered in 24 countries</td>
<td>Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Cameroon, CAR, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, DRC, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome, Seychelles, South Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda.</td>
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<td>Vitamin A administration</td>
<td>Approximately 30 380 710 capsules of vitamin A distributed to children &lt; 5 years &amp; women in post-partum in 14 countries</td>
<td>Angola, Chad, Cameroon, CAR, Congo, Eritrea, Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Sudan.</td>
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<td>Deworming tablets</td>
<td>Around 16 232 140 deworming tablets were distributed to children &lt;5 years and pregnant women in 9 countries</td>
<td>Angola, Cameroon, CAR, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda.</td>
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<td>Malnutrition screening</td>
<td>Around 14 900 433 children &lt;5 years screened for malnutrition in 8 countries</td>
<td>Angola, Chad, Eritrea, Ghana, Madagascar, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria.</td>
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<td>Iron distribution</td>
<td>2 142 641 iron &amp; folic acid tablets distributed to pregnant women in one country</td>
<td>Nigeria</td>
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<td>Malaria treatment &amp; pregnancy test</td>
<td>355 888 pregnant women were tested for malaria and received treatment in 2 countries</td>
<td>Angola &amp; Nigeria.</td>
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<td>Distribution of family planning devices</td>
<td>270 207 devices distributed in 2 countries</td>
<td>Nigeria &amp; Rwanda</td>
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<td>Birth registration</td>
<td>170 811 children registered in one country</td>
<td>Nigeria, Ghana</td>
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<td>Distribution of LLITNs</td>
<td>Approximately 214 613 LLITNs were distributed to mothers in 2 countries</td>
<td>Angola &amp; Nigeria.</td>
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4.2 Examples and outcomes of communication strategies used in selected countries

Significant achievements were recorded with respect to the communication interventions delivered during the 2014 AVW in countries of the African Region. In Angola, an advocacy mission to Exxon Mobil, an oil company operating in the country, was undertaken to elicit support for AVW. Other countries recorded similar successes from advocacy missions undertaken to different organizations and individuals within their reach. Some of the successes of employing advocacy were in the form of gaining more recognition for the programme, as was the case in Uganda.

Other forms of communication interventions include social mobilization and community engagement, as well as media and information for action. All of them recorded remarkable achievements and contributed to the success of the 2014 AVW in various dimensions. See details in Table 3 below.
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<td>Angola</td>
<td>- Funds mobilized in-country for AVW as a result of advocacy with Exxon Mobil oil company contributed to AVW preparation activities</td>
<td>- Six CSO (Core Group, World Vision, Africare, CRS, Salvation Army and Save the Children) participated in AVW. - 15 traditional healers from community-based surveillance network in Luanda &amp; 23 traditional leaders from hard-to-reach areas in remaining provinces were used to raise awareness of their community on importance of vaccine during AVW.</td>
<td>- The strategy was to focus on visual and sound mobilization as most people cannot read. - Daily coverage from radio and TV followed by community mobilization interviews. - Nationwide followed, highly-rated programmes covered field activities for free; - The two public and one private TV stations followed activities conducted. - Social mobilization through interviews was done in four high-profile talk shows from the public stations and two in the private station. - On the national radio station, which airs nationwide, social mobilization, through interviews, was done by participating in five shows. - Four private radios contributed to social communication and community mobilization. TV spot was daily transmitted in both public and private stations. All 17 (public, community and private radios) radio stations played the radio spot. - 51 journalists were briefed on AVW objectives and the benefits of immunization and New Vaccines;</td>
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<td>Liberia</td>
<td>- AVW was not included in the joint EPI annual plan and budget jointly developed by UNICEF, WHO, and UNICEF - Total allocated and disbursed from all sources = $267,872. - 118 private sector health facilities/companies contributed/participated in AVW</td>
<td>- Liberia Immunization Platform (consists of 30 CSOs) participated to AVW activities. A ½ day orientation was held for members and communication materials (flyers, toolkits provided) - Meetings were held with the National Inter-religious Council, however, no information was received from national or county level on activities conducted</td>
<td>- 5 posts on FB including a press release. The posts included photos from the event in Paynesville, an infographic, quotes, etc. - Six posts on Twitter. - 55% (30 stations contracted with a MOU + 4 additional). Stations in each of the 15 counties under MOU. – - 55 spots broadcasted on national radio stations-. - 11 journalists attended a media workshop to discuss AVW and RI - A media release was sent to all media partners.</td>
<td>- Information on RI was included in all messages and materials</td>
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<td><strong>Uganda</strong></td>
<td>2 days of announcements with key messages were placed in 3 papers</td>
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<td>- Various partners such as the Uganda Muslim Supreme Council, the Uganda Catholic Secretariat, and the Church of Uganda joined UNICEF &amp; WHO to discuss strategies to engage religious institutions during AVW. - A letter requesting all religious institutions to mobilize for AVW was distributed to all religious partners (34 Diocesan Secretaries and 34 Diocesan Health Coordinators, 5,800 mosques across 44 districts)</td>
<td>- Results of the 260,492 SMS sent about CDP services offered during AVW and where to access them shows that: - Only 40% were aware of the CDP - 55% heard about it on the radio - 40% gave correct responses about main services provided - Both traditional media and social media outlets were utilized to promote AVW and share key messages (radio announcement was produced in 15 languages and aired 5 times a day on 20 different radio stations) - One-hour radio talk shows were aired on nine different radio stations from 22 to 24 April. - UJL conducted radio talk shows about AVW in the Sheema District and the Uganda Muslim Supreme Council mobilized radio stations and aired radio programmes - Announcements were also made every Friday on each of the six radio stations during the Islamic half-hour programmes. - A media briefing was organized attended by 60 participants; as a result, various stories were developed in print, online newspapers, television and radio news programmes - Various stories and messages in support of immunization were shared on the website, Facebook and Twitter pages.</td>
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<td>- CSO such as the Uganda Junior League (UJL), Lions Clubs, and the Uganda Scouts were involved to plan and coordinate activities for AVW. - UJL took the lead on conducting community based social mobilization activities in the Sheema District where the AVW launch event took place through the use of mobile drives, community and school based sports activities, community theatre and film shows, and immunization outreaches. - UJL conducted over 40 different activities and reached over 45,000 people in the Sheema District, including school pupils, mothers, and residents. - Rotary International conducted Rotary Family Health Days on 10-12 April, including 60 sessions throughout 34 districts in which 2,100 people were immunized.</td>
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4.3 Perspectives

The results achieved so far by annually celebrating the AVW portend a more promising future for immunization. It is essential that countries maintain the momentum of this regional and global initiative, in order to address regional/global priorities of reaching underserved/unreached populations; achieving polio eradication; eliminating measles, rubella and neonatal tetanus; controlling yellow fever and introducing new vaccines and technologies, in a sustainable manner, into national immunization programmes. Implementing an integrated approach to all these immunization initiatives will accelerate the reduction of morbidity and mortality in children towards attaining the objectives of health-related MDGs.

Achievements made in the region should be maintained by countries to ensure that immunization remains a priority, and that adequate resources are secured. The upcoming ministerial conference on immunization in Africa should be used to advocate for reinforcement of country ownership, exhibited through the celebration of the AVW that should translate into concrete activities.

The success of AVW will also depend on the ability of countries to include AVW in their strategic and annual national immunization plans, and to allocate resources for implementation of activities. Countries are encouraged to utilize AVW as an opportunity to integrate immunization with other high-impact interventions as a means of strengthening health systems and ensuring sustainability.
ANNEXES

ANNEX 1

Detailed communication activities with links for monitoring: Traditional & Social Media

A number of traditional and social media activities were undertaken during the 2014 AVW celebration in different countries. The communication events during the week’s celebration were monitored and reported here. The following pages document reports on the African Vaccination Week 2014 in both traditional and social media. The links provided facilitate access to the original media reports, documents, tweets and re-tweets as monitored by the WHO Regional Office for Africa.
ANNEX 2

Sources of press cuttings

These were: News agencies, Newspapers/Magazines, Radio/TV, Online & other Media. Links to some of them are provided hereunder.

Congo: African Vaccination Week proves its worth (Panapress)

African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major killer diseases (ReliefWeb)
https://www.google.com/webhp?hl=en&q=reliefweb+ +African+Vaccination+Week+gathers+steam+%2C+seek+s+to+protect+millions+against+major+killer+

Bilan de la Semaine africaine de la vaccination (Afriquejet)
http://www.afriquejet.com/afrique-centrale/5589-bilan-de-la-semaine-africaine-de-la-vaccination-au-congo.html

La Semaine Africaine de Vaccination fait ses preuves (WHO/AFRO)

Le vaccin antirotavirus introduit dans le programme élargi de vaccination du Congo (Congo-Site): http://fr.africatime.com/congo/articles/le-vaccin-antirotavirus-introduit-dans-le-programme-elargi-de-vaccination-du-congo#sthash.4IZVVgRC.dpuf

4ème édition de la Sav (Semaine africaine de vaccination) : Introduction du vaccin antirotavirus au Congo, pour lutter contre les diarrhées aiguës (La Semaine Africaine-Journal)

Angola imuniza 2,5 milhões de crianças na Semana Africana de Vacinação (Noticias)
http://noticias.sapo.pt/internacional/artigo/angola-imuniza-2-5-milhoes-de-crianças-na-semana-africana-de-vacinacao_17656033.html


MOH encourages parents to utilise African Vaccination week (AVW) [Malawi News Agency]
http://www.manaonline.gov.mw/index.php/component/search/?searchword=vaccination%20week&ordering=nest&searchphrase=all

98,000 children in Ghana missed 2013 vaccination – WHO (GhanaWeb)

MOH adds five new vaccines to achieve MDG 4 (Ghana Broadcasting Corporation)
http://www.gbcghana.com/1.1725558

Santé : Quatrième semaine africaine de la vaccination (Le Quotidien de Nouakchott)
http://www.cridem.org/imprimable.php?article=655854

The presidential couple at the launch of the National Vaccination Campaign against polio (Official Web Page of the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea)

Ngamiland hosts vaccination week (Daily News, Botswana)

4ème édition de la Semaine africaine de vaccination : Pour racheter les enfants non encore vaccines (Fraternité-Benin)
http://www.fraternitebj.info/actualite/article/4eme-edition-de-la-semaine

Semaine africaine de vaccination : les femmes en âge de procréer seront vaccinées contre le tétanos (Agence d’Information d’Afrique Centrale)
http://www.adiac-congo.com/content/semaine-africaine-de-vaccination-les-femmes-en-age-de-
Luanda (Portal de Angola)
Africa celebrates world immunization week (Sierra Leone Telegraph)
http://www.thesierraleonetelegraph.com/?p=6034

NEW PNEUMONIA VACCINE INTRODUCED IN SWAZILAND (Times of Swaziland)
http://www.times.co.sz/community/96699-new-pneumonia-vaccine-introduced-in-swaziland.html

Semaine de la santé de la Mère et de l’Enfant : introduction du vaccin contre les rotavirus (NEWSMADA – Les actus du Madagascar)
http://www.newsmada.com/index.php/societe/40444-semaine-de-la-sante-de-la-mere-et-de-lenfant--introduction-du-vaccin-contre-les-rotavirus#.U5HEz9WtFP8

Madagascar introduit le vaccin contre la diarrhée à rotavirus dans la vaccination de routine (Moov-Madagascar)
http://www.moov.mg/actualiteNationale.php?articleId=813778

http://mobi.nampa.org/pl/svt/si/nampa/po/opfrica/sc/nampaedhealth/dk/nampa.05-14-2014.1155p0000/pa/187829/uid/

Semaine africaine de la vaccination : les enfants non vaccinés seront récupérés (L’ObservateurQuotidien national d’information en RD Congo)

UGANDA COMMEMORATES THE AFRICAN VACCINATION WEEK (Galaxy 100.2 FM)
http://www.galaxyfm.co.ug/2014/04/22/uganda-commemorates-african-vaccination-week#sthash.DmsHfIBu.dpuf

procreer-seront-vaccinees-contre-le-0

Lancement officiel de la Semaine Africaine de la Vaccination. Allocation de Madame la Ministre de la Santé et de la Lutte contre le Sida (Cote d’Ivoire – Ministre de la santé)

Burundi : la 2ème dose du VAR au coeur de la 4e semaine africaine de vaccination ( Xinhua)

Burundi/Santé : Atelier média sur la semaine africaine de vaccination (Portal des institutions)
http://burundi-gov.bi/Burundi-Sante-Atelier-media-sur-la

Health Ministry Launches Nationwide Immunization Campaign (The Citizen, South Sudan)
http://www.citizen-news.net/health-ministry-launches-nationwide-immunization-campaign/

Semaine africaine de la vaccination : les parents appelés à rattraper les vaccins ratés de leurs enfants jusqu’au 27 avril (audio) [Radio Algérienne]

Semaine africaine de vaccination: Les polycliniques accueillent les retardataires (HORIZONS – Quotidien national d’information)

Centrafrique : lancement de 4ème semaine africaine de la vaccination à Bouar (Kangbi-Ndara)
http://kangbi-ndara.oubangui.net/centrafrique-lancement-de-4eme-semaine-africaine-de-la-vaccination-a-bouar/

Mali : Semaine africaine de la vaccination (bamako.com) http://news.abamako.com/h/44725.html
ANNEX 3

TWITTER

The online twitter campaign was held from 17 March 2014 till 24 April 2014. A 14% increase in twitter followers was achieved during the campaign period. Tweets that were sent out contained links to documents, images, videos and stories for more information. Topics that were covered include:

- AVW Announcement, background information, past success of AVW, planned activities for AVW 2014
- Regional and Country launch of AVW
- Vaccine safety
- Importance of vaccination
- Other interventions during AVW
- Vaccination of adults
- Vaccination in crisis situations – focus on South Sudan
- Pneumonia
- Diarrhoeal disease
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) and cervical cancer
- Measles

Here under are some examples

VaccineSmarts @VaccineSmarts May 24 Great to hear over 44mill doses of #vaccines were given during African Vaccination Week this year, according to WHO: http://ow.ly/x1aRK
ANNEX 4

Pictures of events in countries during the AVW 2014

CDC-Namibia @CDCNamibia May 14 PIC: #CDC
Deputy Country Director, Dr. Aune Victor, helping kick off #AfricanVaccinationWeek in #Namibia!
pic.twitter.com/byURIiVgLV

myo-zin nyunt @mznyunt May 14 @UnicefNamibia 1st ever African Vaccination Week launched in Namibia today. Thanks to Japan Government for supplies.
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RESULTS Canada @ResultsCda May 11
MT @defeatdd: African Vaccination Week highlights shared responsibility of immunization & rotavirus vaccine roll outs
http://ow.ly/wFWfO

UNMIL @UNMILNews May 9
See what @UNICEF is doing in #Liberia for African #Vaccination Week http://ow.ly/wzqXF

UNMIL @UNMILNews May 8
Vaccines prevent 2.5 million deaths annually worldwide. It’s African #Vaccination Week http://ow.ly/wzqQL
http://ow.ly/i/5u6xS

DefeatDD @defeatDD May 8
African Vaccination Week highlights shared responsibility of immunization. Several rotavirus vaccine roll-outs, too:
http://ow.ly/wCFDU

Nili Majumder @NiliMajumder May 8
@UNMILNews “All mothers want what is best for their children.” It’s African #Vaccination Week http://ow.ly/i/5u6tW
http://ow.ly/wzqLG

UNMIL @UNMILNews May 8
“All mothers want what is best for their children.” It is African #Vaccination Week http://ow.ly/i/5u6tW
http://ow.ly/wzqLG
It’s African Vaccination Week. 850,000 children will be vaccinated or receive other health services via @UNICEF http://ow.ly/wzq8N

African Vaccination Week: Gov’t of Liberia guarantees all infants under 1 a series of free, routine immunizations http://ow.ly/i/5u6nc

Over 10% of children in Liberia haven’t had all recommended routine immunizations. It's African Vaccination Week http://ow.ly/i/5u69L


It’s African Vaccination Week in Liberia! Time to ensure every child under one year is immunized. #vaccineswork pic.twitter.com/ttHwxvBCMx

It's African Vaccination Week in Liberia. Protect your kids & make sure you’re up-to-date on your vaccines. pic.twitter.com/VbMnk1a9Bh

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This week is Global/African Vaccination Week. #WeCare
(Xinhua) -- Health workers in Ghana...
http://bit.ly/1kvRQHX #ghana #breakingnews

Paa Stevo @PK_Arhin May 2
Ghana to commemorate African vaccination week: ACCRA, (Xinhua) -- Health workers in Ghana...
http://bit.ly/1kvRQHX #ghana #breakingnews

ShapeLivesFoundation @shapelives1 May 1
World: Countries wrap up African Vaccination Week activities ReliefWeb Ghana
http://reliefweb.int/report/world/countries-wrap-african-vaccination-week-activities ...

ReliefWeb Countries wrap up African Vaccination Week activities
Brazzaville, 1 May 2014 -- Celebration of the African Vaccination Week (AVW) wrapped up in 15 of the 47 countries of the WHO African Region on Sunday 27 April. The celebration of the event is,...

gcmc Azerbaijan @gcmcAzerbaijan May 1
#Azerbaijan World: Countries wrap up African Vaccination Week activities http://bit.ly/1IEjrcO #crisismanagement

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gcmc Uganda @gcmcUganda May 1
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gcmc Senegal @gcmcSenegal May 1
#Senegal World: Countries wrap up African Vaccination Week activities http://bit.ly/1fCner1 #crisismanagement
gcmc Ghana @gcmcGhana May 1
#GAVW14 @WHO @NorthWestDOH @HealthZA @Healthaware_org http://ow.ly/i/52tKJ

CDC Kenya @CDCKenya Apr 26
African Vaccination Week: "Vaccination – a shared responsibility" #worldimmunizationweek

Chris Salter @postpolionews Apr 26
African #Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major killer diseases http://buff.ly/1IgmvQr via @WHOAFRO #pnnws

BreakingNews @BBreakingNNewsss Apr 26
#African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major killer diseases ...

Sociedade Lunar-Redenção
Sociedade Lunar - Redenção

Operation Blanket @oblanket Apr 26
This week is Global/African Vaccination Week. #WeCare #GAVW14 @WHO @NorthWestDOH @HealthZA @Healthaware_org http://ow.ly/i/52tIf

Newswlocker WorldNews @WorldNewswlocker Apr 26
African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major killer diseases (WHO - Worldnewswlocker.com/en-us/news/worldnews/african-vaccination-week-gathers-steam-seeks-to-protect-millions-against-major-killer-diseases-who-world-health-organization-regional-office-for-africa/ ... AidNews @AidNews Apr 26
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Humanitarian News @HumanityNews Apr 26
News: World: African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major killer diseases http://dlvr.it/5VLCBz

gcmc Pandemic @gcmcPandemic Apr 26
World: African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major killer diseases http://bit.ly/1Ii4xr3 #pandemic

ReliefWeb African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions...
Brazzaville, 24 April 2014 --- The regional launch of the 4th African Vaccination Week (AVW) took place on Thursday in Brazzaville, although celebration of the week began in countries across the...

gcmc Congo @gcmcCongo Apr 26
#Congo World: African Vaccination Week gathers steam, seeks to protect millions against major...
http://bit.ly/1Ii4xr3 #crisismanagement

VOFN Ghana @vofnghana Apr 25
#VOFPaper | Ghana Commemorates 2014 African Vaccination and Child Health Promotion Week - WHO ...
#Ghana World: Countries wrap up African Vaccination Week activities http://bit.ly/1fCner1 #crisismanagement

Operation Blanket @oblanket Apr 30
This week is Global/African Vaccination Week. #WeCare #GAVW14 @WHO @NorthWestDOH @HealthZA @Healthaware_org http://ow.ly/I/52ujO

Operation Blanket @oblanket Apr 29
This week is Global/African Vaccination Week. #WeCare #GAVW14 @WHO @NorthWestDOH @HealthZA @Healthaware_org http://ow.ly/I/52ubY

Operation Blanket @oblanket Apr 28
This week is Global/African Vaccination Week. #WeCare #GAVW14 @WHO @NorthWestDOH @HealthZA @Healthaware_org http://ow.ly/I/52tNB

WHO Rwanda @WHORwanda Apr 27
For @WHOAFRO RD Luis Sambo’s full message, check out the WHO AFRO website : http://www.afro.who.int/en/rdo/speeches/4107-african-vaccination-week-22-27-april-2014.html … #AWV #RUuptodate

Ghana: African Vaccination Week Commemorated in Accra
Child immunisation prevents two to three million deaths among children under five years every year, the Deputy Director of Public Health at the Ghana Health Service (GHS), Dr. George Bonsu, has...

http://ow.ly/2G27Zz

MedXpert @MedXpertSA Apr 25
This week is African Vaccination Week: As part World Immunization Week, African Vaccination Week, be... http://bit.ly/1feLExb #MedXpert

MedQuote @Med_Quote Apr 25
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Radiant Health Mag @RadiantHealthNG Apr 25

WCO-ANGOLA @WHO_Angola Apr 25
African Vaccination Week -Day Four! Busy schedule with integrated services PLUS Malaria Day Celebration!!! pic.twitter.com/2aAVA6mcZO

somalilandpress @somalilandpress Apr 24
The African Vaccination Week will be celebrated from 22 to 27 April under the theme... http://tinyurl.com/mv2e4oy

DoroCrownPrince™ @CRWNprinceNike Apr 24
"African Vaccination Week Commemorated in Accra" http://feedly.com/e/FTnv1IsJ

Operation Blanket @oblanket Apr 25
This week is Global/African Vaccination Week. #WeCare #GAVW14 @WHO @NorthWestDOH @HealthZA @Healthaware_org http://ow.ly/I/52tBM

Vaccination Infos @McVaccination Apr 25
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Stefano Malvolti @smalvolti Apr 24
Are you up to date? "@WHOAFRO: launch of African #Vaccination Week 2014 at Mfilou Hospital in #Brazzaville, #Congo pic.twitter.com/ssSBFcbRlL"

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 24 Regional launch

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 24 Rep. #Congo in
The African Vaccination Week 2014 was held at Mfilou Hospital in Brazzaville, Congo. AVW partnered with @WHOAFRO and @UNICEF to launch African Vaccination Week 2014 today.

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 24 Minister of Public Health DRC vaccinating a child at DRC launch of African Vaccination Week #AVW #RUuptodate
pic.twitter.com/btdtdV4QPv

WCO-ANGOLA @WHO_Angola Apr 24 African Vaccination Week 22-27 April; 3rd day. Activities portrait! pic.twitter.com/NppjdsumOZ

Nadege Mbairaroua @Mbairaroua Apr 24 Chad participates in the African Vaccination Week to improve routine immunization.
http://shar.es/TO5za via @reliefweb

Chad participates in the African Vaccination Week to improve routine...
By Nadim Boughanmi N’djamena, 23rd April 2014 - The fourth edition of the African Vaccination Week is currently underway in several participating African countries including Chad. With a main...

Operation Blanket @oblanket Apr 24
This week is Global/African Vaccination Week. #WeCare #GAVW14 @WHO @NorthWestDOH @HealthZA @Healthaware_org http://ow.ly/I/52txz

Unicef Zambia @unicefzambia Apr 24
“The African Vaccination Week is an opportunity to strengthen routine immunization, and it is also an opportunity...
http://fb.me/2e8GWpaH9

UNIC Canberra @UNICCanberra Apr 24
MT “@WHOAFRO: 31.5m Vitamin A tablets distributed to children in 13 countries in Africa Region in 2013

USAID SouthernAfrica @USAID_SAfrica Apr 23
@WHOAFRO African Vaccination Week, 22 to 27 April under the theme -- "Vaccination - a shared responsibility".
http://ow.ly/w4rrl

nicoletta grassi @GrassiNicoletta Apr 23
"More than 44 million vaccine doses administered to millions of people in 43 countries in @WHOAFRO http://goo.gl/1WqUif " #RUuptodate"

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23
Dr Deo Nshimirimana “#AVW has successfully argued the case for its establishment and continued celebration”
http://goo.gl/1WqUif

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23
Millions of people in Africa will be reached with vaccines, various life-saving interventions during #AVW 2014 http://goo.gl/1WqUif

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23
http://goo.gl/1WqUif “ #RUuptodate

gcmc Pandemic @gcmcPandemic Apr 23
Chad: Chad participates to the African Vaccination Week to improve routine immunization http://bit.ly/1fpJ3Ve #pandemic

Chris Salter @postpolionews Apr 23
#Chad participates to the African Vaccination Week to improve routine #immunization http://buff.ly/1pqWJi via @ReliefWeb
#UNICEF #ppnews

gcmc Chad @gcmcChad Apr 23
#Chad Chad: Chad participates to the African Vaccination Week to improve routine immunization http://bit.ly/1fpJ3Ve #crisismanagement

Barbara Rother @BarbaraRother1 Apr 23
http://www.afro.who.int/en/media-centre/afro-feature/4101-african-vaccination-week-proves-its-worth.html ...

Nili Majumder @NiliMajumder Apr 23
MT “More than 44m vaccine doses administered to millions of ppl in 43 countries in @WHOAFRO http://goo.gl/1WqUif “ #RUuptodate v @WHO

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WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23
#AVW 2013 - 6.3 million children screened for malnutrition and 3.8 million wash kits distributed in 3 countries http://goo.gl/1WqUif

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23
#AVW 2013 - 31.5 million tablets of Vitamin A were distributed to children in 13 countries in African Region http://goo.gl/1WqUif

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23
#AVW 2013 - more than 36.7 million oral polio vaccine doses administered to children under 5yrs in 10 countries http://goo.gl/1WqUif

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RT @WHOAFRO: #AVW 2013 - more than 44 million vaccine doses administered to millions in 43 countries http://goo.gl/1WqUif

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23
#AVW 2013 - more than 44 million vaccine doses administered to millions of people in 43 countries in the Region http://goo.gl/1WqUif

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23
African #Vaccination Week proves its worth! http://goo.gl/1WqUif #AVW

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23
#Vaccination is a shared responsibility. We all have a role to play. Are you doing your part? http://goo.gl/uL4Tov #AVW

All 47 countries in WHO African Region are expected to celebrate #AVW 2014 http://goo.gl/1WqUif #RUuptodate

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23
#AVW has grown, resulting in improved #vaccination access especially to hard-to-reach communities http://goo.gl/1WqUif

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WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23
We must break down all #vaccination “barriers” and form an alliance of partners to deliver vaccines http://goo.gl/1WqUif #AVW

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WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23
Dr Sambo on African #Vaccination Week 2013 achievements: “By all standards, this is a record” http://goo.gl/1WqUif #AVW

News 24h Angola @news24hago Apr 22
African Immunisation Week opens Tuesday in Luanda: The campaign for vaccination of children and women at ferti...
http://news24h.allnews24h.com/17og

#UNICEFnextGen @ObinnaOsobalu Apr 22
http://www.afro.who.int/en/media-centre/events/african-vaccination-week/2014.html ...
#VaccinesWork #RUuptodate

ECD @wgecd Apr 19
African Vaccination Week will be celebrated from 22 to 27 April under the theme “Vaccination a shared responsibility”.http://www.afro.who.int/fr/centre-des-medias/eventenements/african-vaccination-week-2014.html ...

Barbara Rother @BarbaraRother1 Apr 16
http://www.afro.who.int/en/media-centre/events/african-vaccination-week/2014.html ...

eHealthGlobalHealth @healthglobal Apr 16
RT @DaliaLourenco Check out the African Vaccination Week campaign http://tinyurl.com/o3l3wy8 #RUuptodate

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 15
Get vaccinated, receive other health interventions during #African #Vaccination Week, 22-27 April
http://youtu.be/j6zM574rGyM #AVW

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 15
Make sure you complete your #vaccination schedule during African #Vaccination Week http://goo.gl/7q79iA #AVW

UNICEF Kenya @UNICEFKenya Apr 13
Prep for African Vaccination Week: Vaccines & Global Health: Week in Review 12 April Ctr for #Vaccine Ethics & Policy
African Region @WHOAFRO Apr 23

Galaxy FM 100.2 @GalaxyFMUG Apr 22
Let’s join in and save the young ones. http://fb.me/6Il8yzsML

Naija-Cars Inc. @NaijaCars Apr 22
Africa: African Immunisation Week Opens Tuesday in Luanda: [ANGOP]The campaign for vaccination of children and... http://bit.ly/1tx9m5b

Barbara Rother @BarbaraRother Apr 16
http://www.afro.who.int/en/media-centre/events/african-vaccination-week/2014.html ...

WCO-ANGOLA @WHO_Angola Apr 8
African Vaccination Week in Kuando Kubango discussion and work plan plenary with partners and community leaders pic.twitter.com/2iCZgUneDi Expand

Dak Lul @GatNyanthiech Mar 31
SMH! I just wrote about this last week! It died in an "accident" while getting their normal vaccination. African...
http://fb.me/1oGS2c1rT

Alawode @DAlawode Mar 21
"@WHOAFRO: The more people who are vaccinated, the more protected a community will be http://goo.gl/YuWMXC #AVW2014 " ➤ Herd Immunity

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Mar 21
Remember, not everyone was fully vaccinated as a child. Check your #vaccination status, get vaccinated!
http://goo.gl/YuWMXC

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Mar 21
The more people who are vaccinated, the more protected a community will be http://goo.gl/YuWMXC #AVW2014 #vaccinations

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Mar 21
When adults get vaccinated, children are protected http://goo.gl/YuWMXC #AVW2014 #vaccination

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Mar 21
Vaccines are not for children alone, adults need them too http://goo.gl/YuWMXC #AVW2014 #vaccination

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Mar 21
Protect yourselves and our loved ones. Get vaccinated!
http://goo.gl/YuWMXC #AVW2014 #vaccination

Jaime Ardila @jaimeardila Mar 17
“@WHOAFRO: Everyone should complete their #vaccination schedules. Let’s all get vac!AVW2014 http://goo.gl/YuWMXC “@GlobeDebate @yesLAKSH
View conversation

WHO African Region @WHOAFRO Mar 17
African Vaccination Week is an opportunity to strengthen...
national immunization programmes #AVW2014 http://goo.gl/YuWMxc

Ernest proudly shows his vaccination card to WHO supervisor during a measles #vaccination campaign in #CAR http://t.co/i0f1yrKRh8

Stefano Malvolti @smalvolti Rehydration, antibiotics & vaccines needed “@WHOAFRO: average 3 episodes of #diarrhoea p.a. for U3 #children goo.gl/UOLWiq”

Progress on tackling #pneumonia and #diarrhoea in Malawi with new vaccines http://t.co/au6T3wrGdQ

WHO and @UNICEF Action Plan for better integrating prevention, control interventions for #pneumonia #diarrhoea http://t.co/JwbqA2eepO

#Rotavirus vaccines, #ORS, #zinc supplements highly effective in reduction of disease & death due to #diarrhoea http://t.co/7HjJRtDpl

Rotaviruses are a leading cause of severe #diarrhoea disease and dehydration in infants and young children http://t.co/7HjJRtDpl

Most people who die from #diarrhoea actually die from severe dehydration and fluid loss http://t.co/7HjJRtDpl

Many #diarrhoea cases can be prevented through safe drinking-water, adequate #sanitation and #hygiene http://t.co/7HjJRtDpl

Dr. Tom Frieden @DrFriedenCDC Despite 88% decrease in #measles deaths in @WHOAFRO, region still fell short of 2012 pre-elimination goal. go.usa.gov/kqT3

Measles #vaccination campaign in #CAR http://t.co/XLEhUBmqzT

Let’s work together to cut #diarrhoea, #pneumonia deaths with #vaccines, #breastfeeding, preventing #HIV, safe water, health services

In developing countries, #children under 3 years experience on average 3 episodes of #diarrhoea every year http://t.co/IiC4kqD

Each #diarrhoea episode deprives a child of the #nutrition necessary for growth http://t.co/7HjJRtDpl

#Diarrhoea is a leading cause of #malnutrition in #children under 5 years old http://t.co/7HjJRtDpl

#Diarrhoea is both preventable and treatable http://t.co/7HjJRtDpl

#Diarrhoea is the 2nd leading cause of death in #children under 5 years old http://t.co/7HjJRtDpl