

Welcome question

**What last
mile vaccine
access
challenges
do you
encounter in
your work?**

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Immunization Programmes That Leave No One Behind

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Innovative Access

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Agenda

- Welcome (5 minutes)
 - Share out audience ideas on key immunization access challenges
 - Overview of session and introduction to speakers
- Panel (25 minutes)
 - Each presenter will share for 5 minutes
- Q&A (15-20 minutes)

The panel will present innovative strategies to address immunization access barriers.



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Community health workers as vaccinators



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Direct delivery of Routine Immunization Vaccines (and other PHC commodities) for Equity. DRIVE



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Vaccination in security compromised settings & "market storms"



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Community role models & community-based vaccination sessions

Community health workers as vaccinators

Why CHWs as vaccinators?



Live in and are trusted by under-reached communities.



Bridge gaps in health care access to help reduce health disparities.



Often engage in health promotion and health education activities related to routine immunization.

Want to learn more?



Read a [rapid review of the global landscape of CHWs as vaccinators in GHSP](#)



Read about [how Malawi leverages CHWs as vaccinators in BMC: Human Resources for Health](#)

CHWs have administered vaccines in 20 countries.¹

Injectable vaccines = 19 countries; oral vaccines only = 1 country (D.R. Congo).



Direct delivery of Routine Immunization Vaccines for Equity (DRIVE)

Catalyzing sustainable last mile delivery solutions

Countries' iSC Last Mile Status Quo

Partners	Healthcare workers (HCWs) responsible for distribution
Delivery models	Commodity pick-up from district stores
Financing	Default-prone hidden costs often borne by HCWs
Capacity building	HCWs pick ups a missed stock management opportunities
Local Economy	HCWs out of pocket expenditure regressive on personal expenses and impacts supply chain performance
Collaboration	Limited or no multi-stakeholder engagements in vaccine management

THE DRIVE Solution



Implementation



Missed opportunities with current last mile distribution mechanisms often not well highlighted

Need for **change levers and appropriate incentives** to facilitate adoption of sustainable models

Flexibility based on country/sub-national contexts key when designing alternative models

Multisectoral collaborations required to successfully implement innovative and sustainable models

Engagement with local stakeholders to increase COVID-19 vaccinations in Nigeria

Innovation: *Vaccinations in security compromised settings*

Collaborated with Imo State Government authorities to increase COVID-19 vaccinations in **two security compromised local government areas (LGA)**. The project supported LGA health authorities with logistics to complement their transportation of eligible populations to nearby safe LGAs to access COVID-19 vaccines.

Why was it needed?

In these areas, all government presence and vaccination interventions are considered taboo/sacrilegious and any attempt to promote government-led activities are strongly resisted. Health facilities were razed and vaccines needed to be transported in sacks and concealed for use.

How has it helped?

- In the two LGAs, **86,415 eligible people were vaccinated**.
- This innovation can be used to **support routine immunization services** in security compromised settings.



Innovation: *Market storms¹*

Collaborated with Ikotun Market authorities in Alimosho LGA, to conduct a mass **COVID-19 vaccination event** through their commercial market. The project used megaphones to announce vaccines and supported vaccine administration in different sections of the market.

Why was it needed?

The population of Alimosho LGA is estimated to be over 1.2 million people with a significant proportion residing in and around the market. The market is a bustling commercial center that serves as a hub for traders and buyers of various goods and services.

How has it helped?

- Supported the vaccination of **10,140 vendors and merchants** over three days.
- This innovation can be used to support routine immunization services and distribute information in highly populated areas.

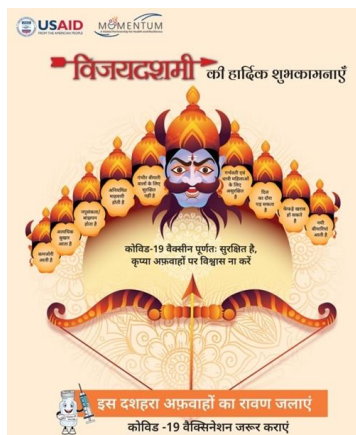


¹A market storm engages people in a market by creating awareness about COVID-19 vaccination using pervasive and carefully crafted communication messages delivered with the support of community allies

Fostering local community partnerships for enhancing vaccination for last-mile and marginalized populations in India

What is the innovation?

- Identifying **community role models** for COVID-19 messaging and positive behavior modeling to enhance trust in vaccination through:
 - Strategic engagement with **faith-based organizations** as mobilizers.
 - Leveraging **special occasions/festivals** to foster community dialogues.
 - Enhancing **community outreach** through community meetings, street plays, and videos.
 - Supporting **vaccination camps** in priority areas.
 - **Cross-learning, experience-sharing**, and improving the capacity of NGOs.



Why is it needed?

- To leverage **community-level local intelligence** on reasons for low vaccine uptake.
- To implement **context-specific**, culturally acceptable community engagement interventions to enhance vaccination uptake.
- To ensure **vaccine access and last-mile delivery**, especially for marginalized populations.



How has it helped?

- Facilitated **~6.7 million vaccine doses** among priority groups through **170,503 community-based sessions**.
- Sustained efforts for **local actor capacity-building** to facilitate community ownership.
- Eased access to vaccination sites through **mobile vaccination units** and brought vaccines to high resilient areas.
- Existing partnerships can be used to **expand routine immunization** coverage to reach **under-immunized and zero-dose children**.



Q&A

Moderated by Kim Couri



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