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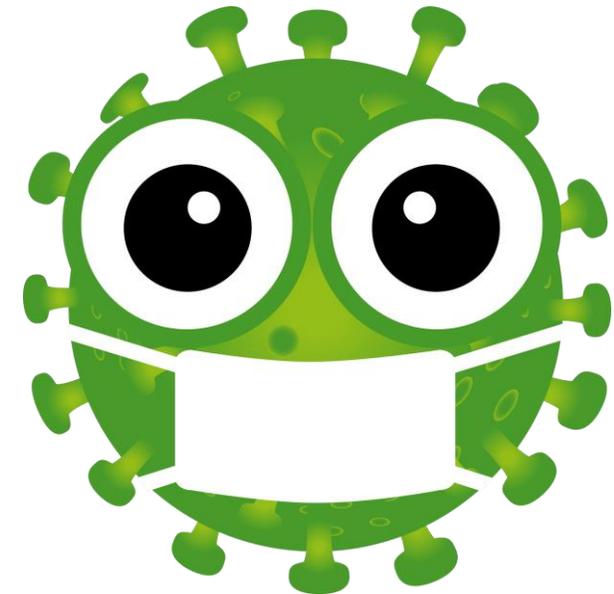
Change to protect

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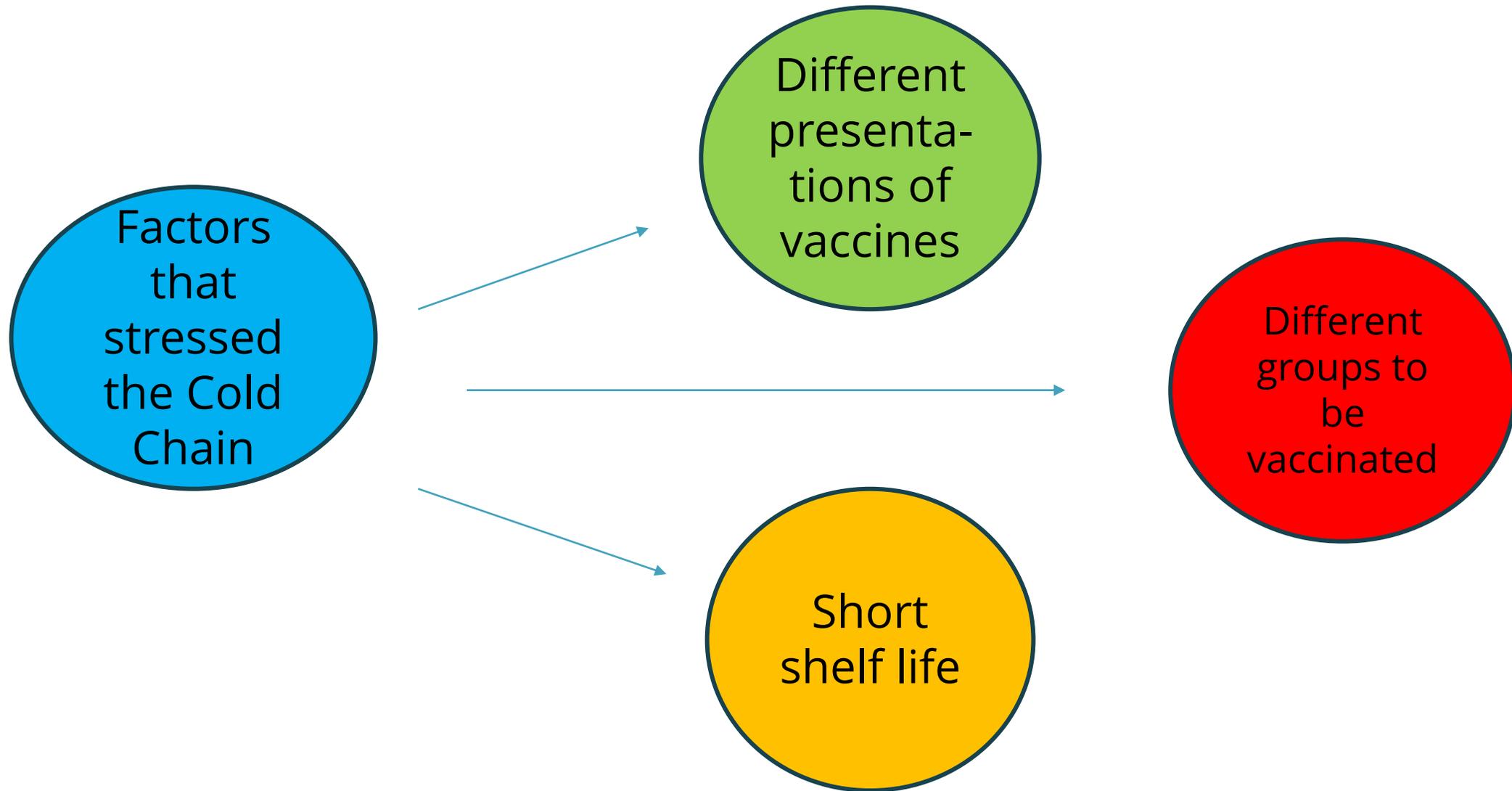
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SARS-Cov2 Pandemic

- The SARS-Cov2 pandemic forced countries to implement coping strategies and mitigation at all levels that addressed many areas of the lives of the population and the performance of health systems, including the storage capacity of the new COVID-19 vaccines.
- Storage capacity of the new COVID-19 vaccines, which were developed on different platforms.
- Storage conditions rarely used in the EPI, such as vaccines requiring ultra-low temperatures (-70 °C).



SARS-Cov2 Pandemic



Nicaragua

POPULATION 2023

Total Country	6,803,800
0 año	126,204
1 año	127,455



Vaccination schedule

Vaccine type	Vaccine Presentation (doses/vial)	Doses based on schedulema, (doses/target)	Average volume per dose (cm3)	
			Vacuna	Diluyente
BCG	10	1	2.2	2.2
DTP/HB+Hib	1	3	17.2	
MMR	1	1	26.1	26.1
OPV	20	3	0.7	
DTP	10	1	2.4	
Td	10	2	2.9	
RotaTeq	1	3	46.3	
Rotarix (aplicador)	1	2	85.3	
PCV-13	1	3	13.8	
Influenza pediatria	10	1	12	
Influenza de adultos	10	1	17.82	
IPV	1	1	15.7	
Hepatitis B	1		15.8	
Fiebre Amarilla	10	1	2.6	4.6
Antirrabica humana	1		3.0	
Covid-19	1	2	18	
VPH	5	2	18	

SUPPLY CHAIN OVERVIEW

Logistics Structure



National Warehouse



SILAIS warehouse



Municipal Warehouse



Health post



Community

Cold chain equipment

Reception and distribution of vaccines



Sub National Warehouse



Municipality Warehouse



Health Post



ESAF/ISIS Vaccination of the population



Analysis of the Cold Chain pre-covid19

Evaluation of the effective management of vaccines carried out in 2015:

- Gap in the storage capacity for the vaccines of the program,
- The country developed an improvement plan that included; [purchase of new equipment, renewal of equipment more than 15 years old and creation of regional biological warehouses.](#)

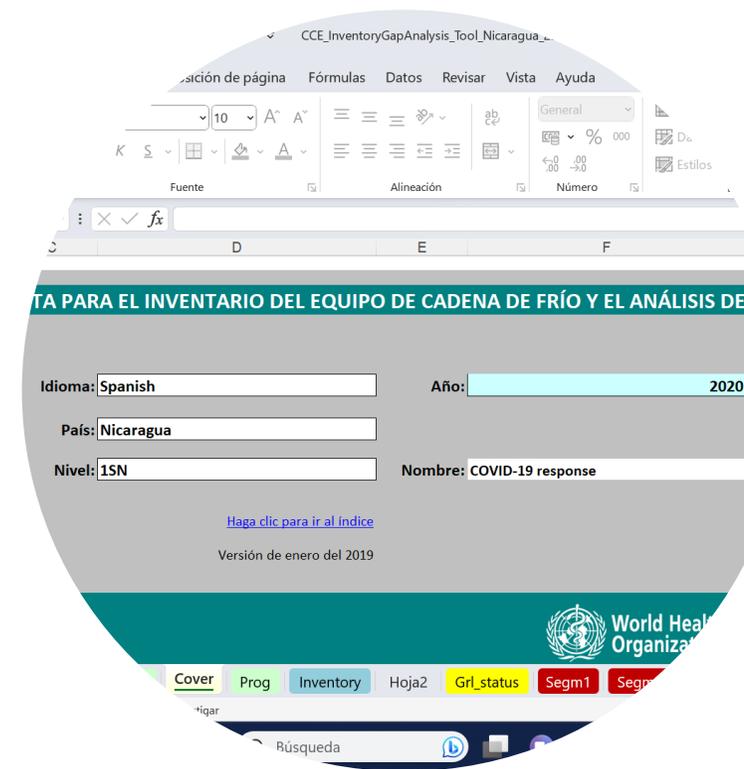
- ✓ Temperature monitoring study.
- ✓ Real-time remote temperature monitoring system.
- ✓ Gradual replacement of refrigeration equipment, generators, stabilizers, cold boxes, thermoses.
- ✓ Acquisition of refrigerated vehicle.
- ✓ Acquisition of a 30-day continuous recording monitoring device.
- **Construction of 4 regional warehouses.**
- ✓ Temperature mapping.
- ✓ Vaccine inventory control system on Intranet.
- ✓ Use of freezing indicators.
- ✓ **Updated equipment inventory**
- ✓ Update of the EPI standard.



Analysis of the Cold Chain pre-covid19

Inventory and storage capacity analysis

- Availability of updated of cold chain equipment inventory by level, storage capacity, model, make, manufacturer, location and other critical variables.
- These inputs, plus the use of tools as:
 - *CCE_InventoryGapAnalysis_Tool*
 - *Sizing tool y*
 - CCEM
- Keys to defining the gap at the national and subnational levels that allowed the rapid development of a new plan that will ensure the quality of vaccines and facilitate access at the municipal level.



Report visualizations of digital tools

1. Distribución de puntos de servicio por estado de electrificación

electricidad >16 h	electricidad 8-16 h	electricidad <8 h	No hay electricidad	Total
>16 h	16 h	<8 h	No	
1,231	21	3	190	1,445

2. Distribución del equipo de cadena de frío por estado de funcionamiento

Funciona bien	Funciona; necesita reparaciones	No funciona; está roto	Problemas con la puesta en servicio	Nuevo; todavía no se ha instalado	No se ha especificado	Total
1	2	3	4	5		
2,540	25	134				2,699

3. Distribución del equipo de cadena de frío por normas PQ

PIS	Non_PQ	Total
498	2,080	

4. Distribución del equipo

Eqpt	6,062,563	272,815	33%	46,367	44,159	143	2,065	-
Facilities	169	169	86%	169	169	2	21	-

	D	E	AF	AG	AH	AI	AJ	AK	AL
de San José de los R	8,530	384	50%	150	150	-	-	-	-
Santa Rita (Teustepe)	32,310	1,454	33%	258	258	-	-	-	-
Santa Lucía	10,125	456	0%	338	338	-	-	-	-
Ramón Toledo	11,270	507	50%	150	150	-	-	-	-
San Francisco de Asís	42,776	1,925	25%	520	520	-	-	-	-
Annet Campos Corea	31,441	1,415	20%	418	418	-	-	-	-
San Marcos	32,986	1,484	40%	231	231	-	-	-	-
Dinamba	64,757	2,914	36%	748	748	-	-	-	-
lores	8,691	391	25%	183	183	-	-	-	-
pe	54,435	2,450	33%	521	521	-	-	-	-
	8,691	391	50%	60	60	-	-	-	-
	5,717	257	0%	168	168	-	-	-	-

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      A[Número total de SP: 1,445] --> B[SP con electricidad >= 8 h: 1,231]
      A --> C[SP sin electricidad o electricidad < 8 h: 190]
      B --> D[SP con equipo de cadena de frío: 1,033]
      B --> E[SP sin equipo de cadena de frío: 219]
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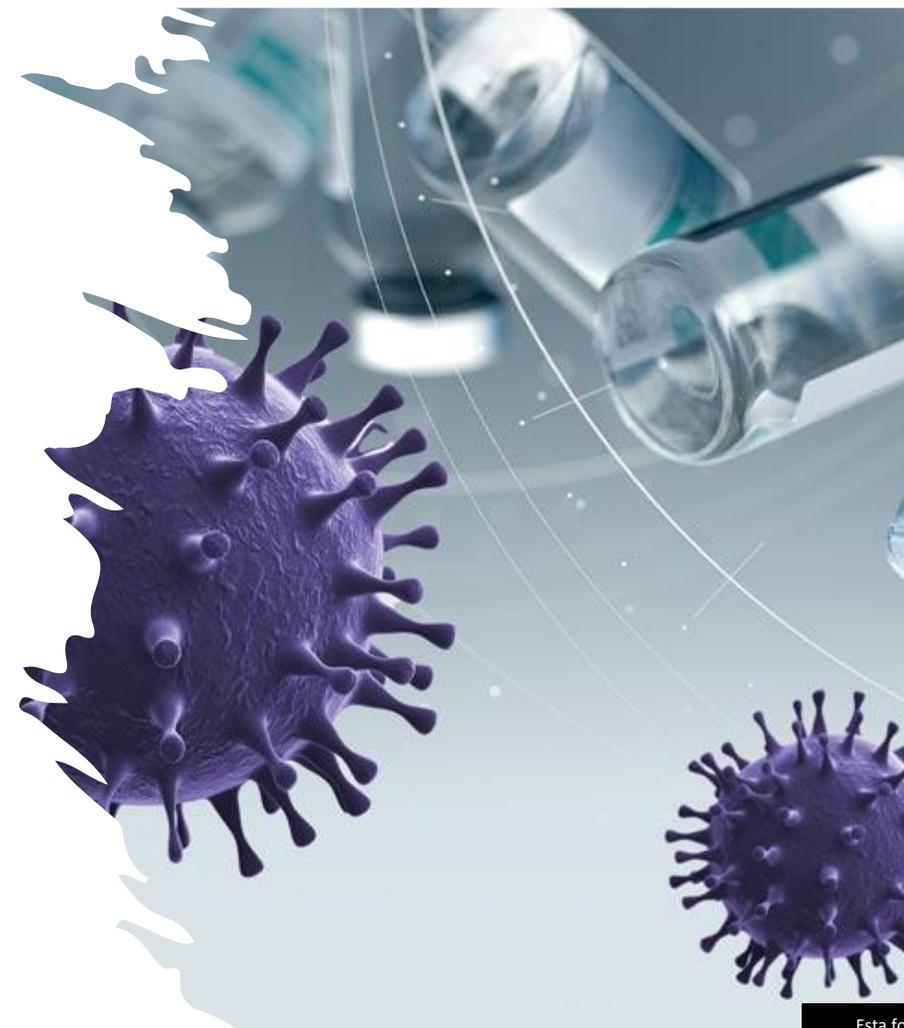
Response to Covid-19 pandemic

- The first phase of the plan consisted of the expansion of the storage capacity at the national level with equipment to maintain different types of vaccines according to their storage temperature conditions, prioritizing vaccines between (+ 2 °C to + 8 °C) and based on the expected population to be vaccinated of 20% in addition to the regular program.
- The largest gap was at the SILAIS level. (Sub-national).

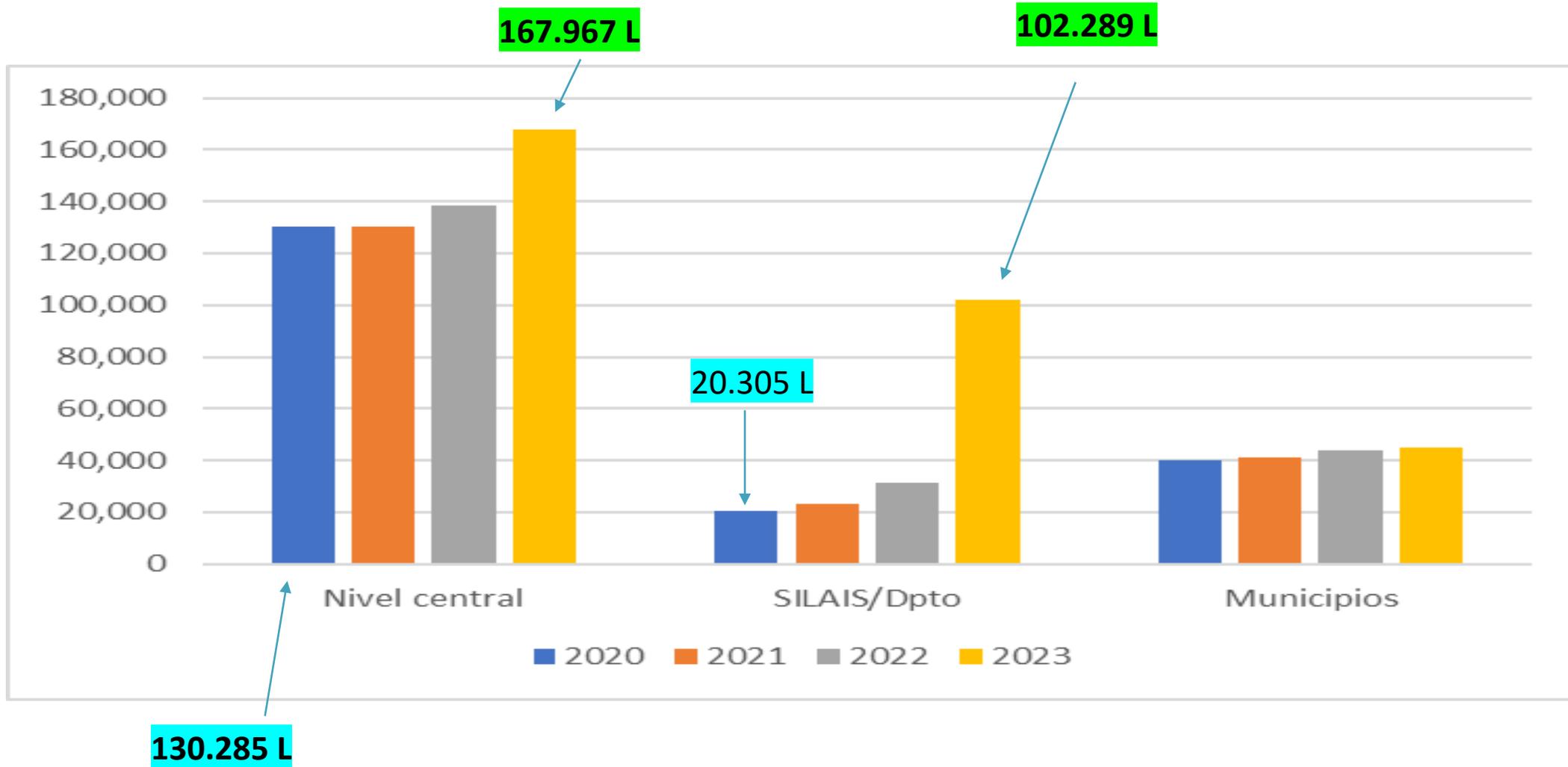


Response to Covid-19 pandemic

- In 2022, there was greater access to vaccines of different storage conditions and volume, which led to:
 - Increase in population groups,
 - New tension in storage capacity at the national level and SILAIS.
 - Update cold chain equipment acquisition plan.
- The storage capacity was gradually increased through donations from donors such as PAHO, COVAX-GAVI, Japan, UNICEF and loans from banks.



Comparative storage capacity in liters (+5°C). Nicaragua 2020-2023.



Lessons learned

- Maintain updated inventory.
- The use of technologies optimizes analysis for timely decision making.
- Making five-year forecasts of the need to renew and expand storage capacity helps to ensure an appropriate cold chain in the event of an upcoming epidemic and the introduction of new vaccines.
- Proper planning of vaccine distribution coupled with vaccination strategies in the field decreases wastage, increases vaccine turnover and facilitates access to vaccination for the population.
- The use of WHO-prequalified, state-of-the-art equipment and the updating of health personnel are essential to ensure vaccine quality.



Benefits for the population



COVID-19 Vaccination in the A..

2,181,592,379 [1, 7, 8]
Total doses administered

732,051,701 [2, 8]
Completed schedule

805,971,110 [3, 7, 8]
1st doses administered

704,658,717 [4, 7, 8]
2nd doses administered

Spanish (ES)

615,894,915 [6]
Additional doses

28,380,388 [5, 8]
Single doses administered

9/8/2023
Updated on

51/51 Have started
vaccinations
Countries/Territories

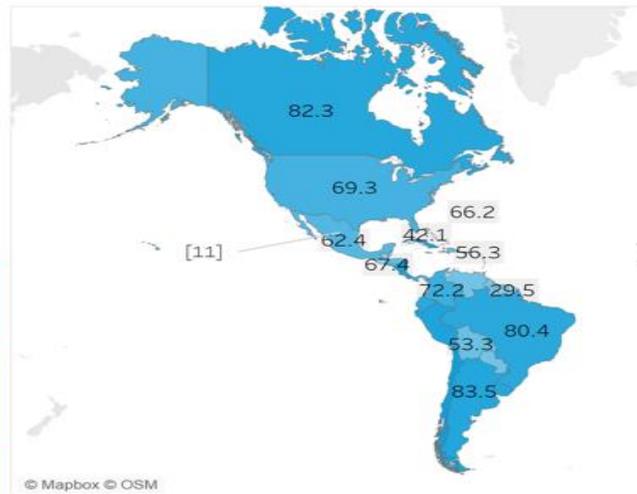
Region Overview

Subregional data

Country/Territory details

Weekly data

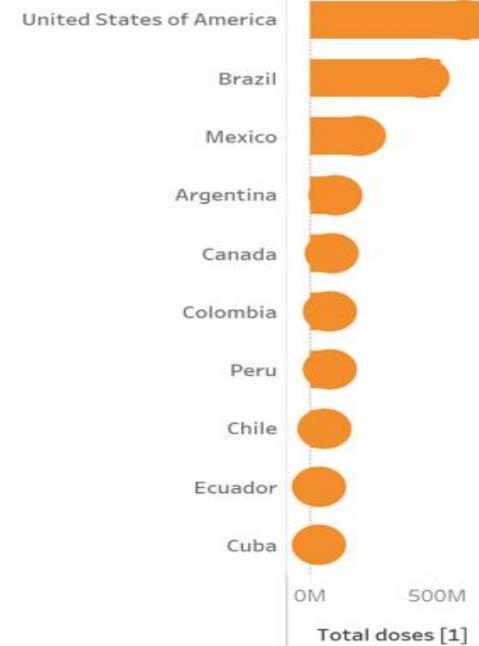
Data table



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Total doses administered by country [1,7,8]



Complete Schedule per 100 by country [9]



Next challenges

- On-line implementation of the deployment of the IGA tool for cold chain equipment inventory management.
- Training of administrators and users on the IGA tool. October 2023.
- GEV 2.0 Evaluation.

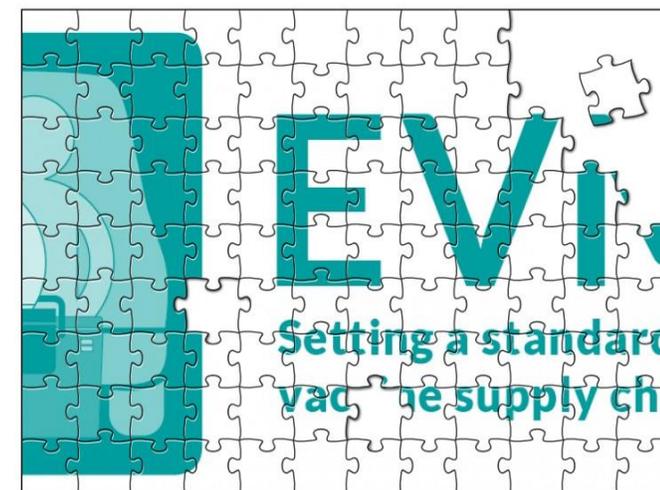
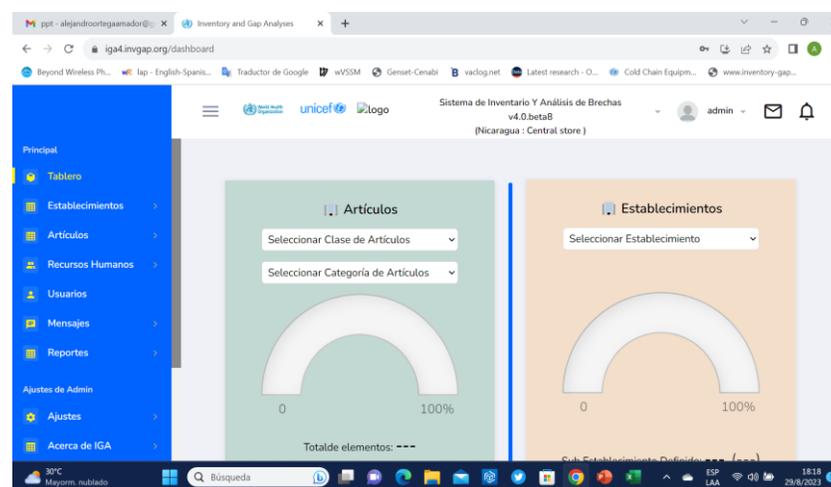


Inventory and Gap Analysis (IGA)

Version 4.0



EVM
Setting a standard for the vaccine supply chain





Thank you!

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Strengthening the cold chain as part of the anticovid vaccination strategy in Cuba

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Content

- National Health System: National Immunization Program.
- Anticovid-19 mass vaccination campaign.
- Maintenance of routine scheme coverage in pandemic years.
- Impact of strengthening the cold chain.

National Immunization Program

Created 61 years ago:

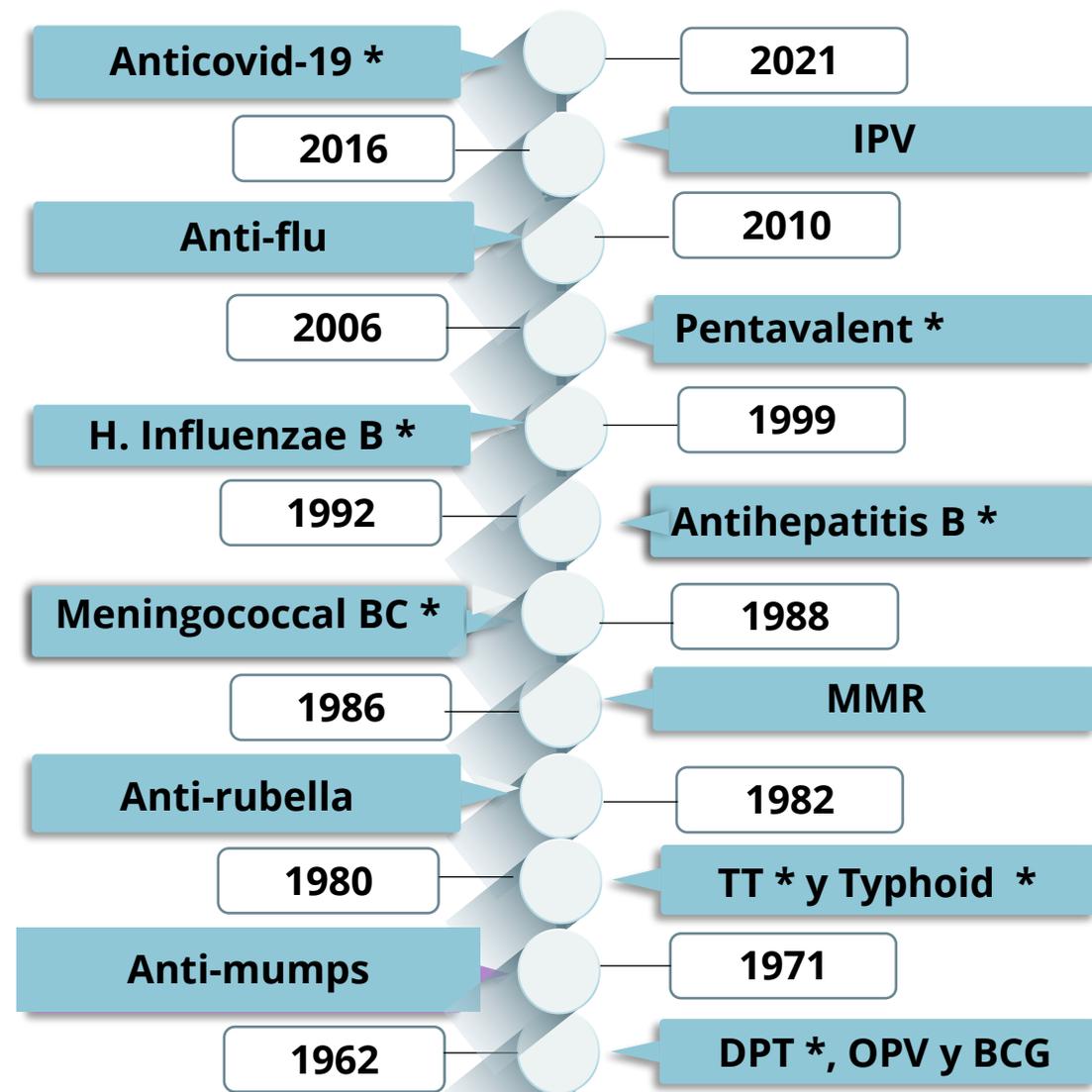
- ✓ Integrated at all levels of the health system with emphasis on PHC.
- ✓ Free of charge.
- ✓ Aimed at the entire population following the life course.

Protects against **16 diseases and four severe forms, with 20** single or combined **vaccines**.

- ✓ **12 of domestic production (*)**.
- ✓ **8 imported**.

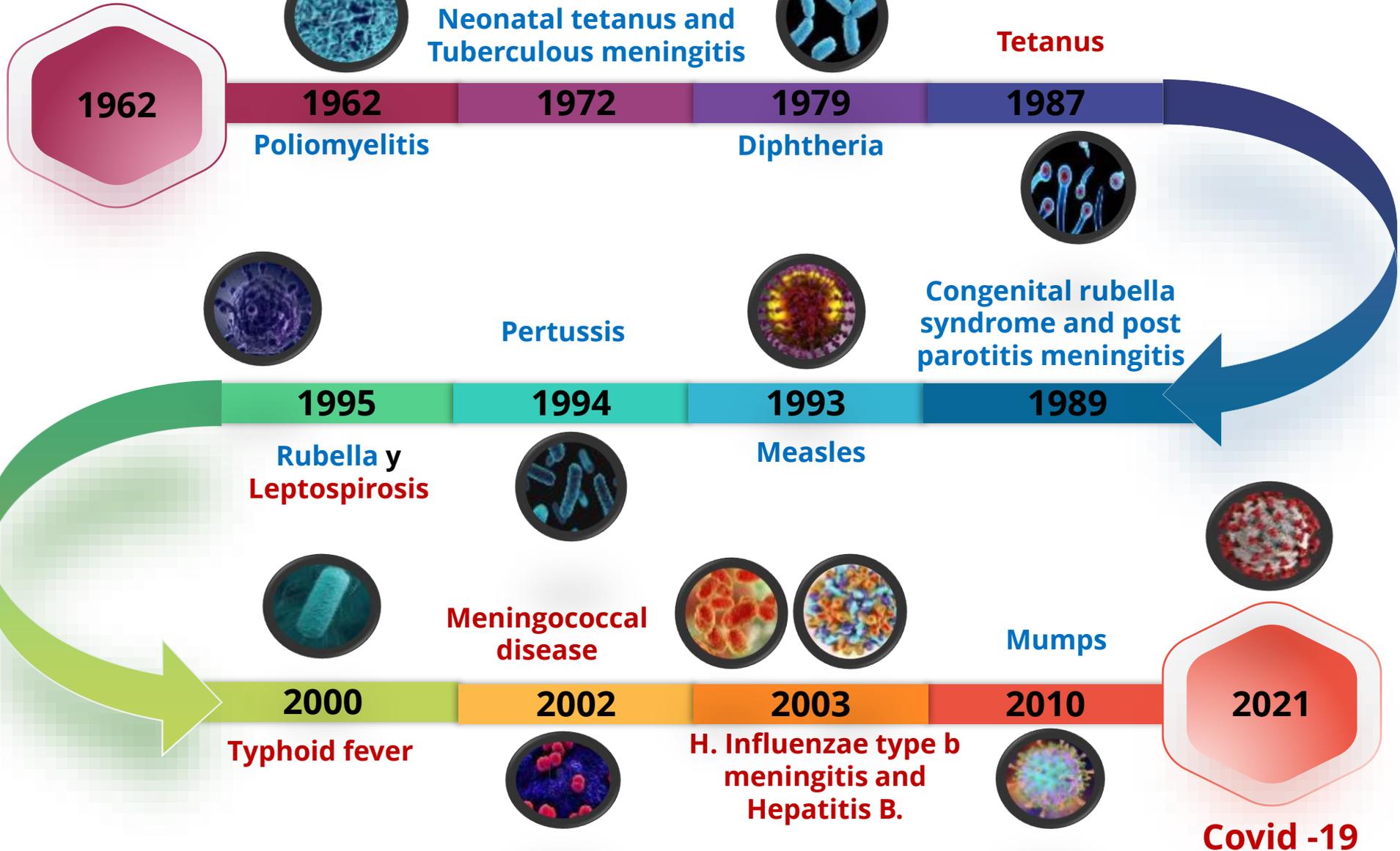
To risk groups:

Antirabies: 1962
 Anti-flu adult: 1997
 Antileptospirosis*: 1996
 Anti-typhoid: 1992
 Anti-hepatitis B adult*: 1992



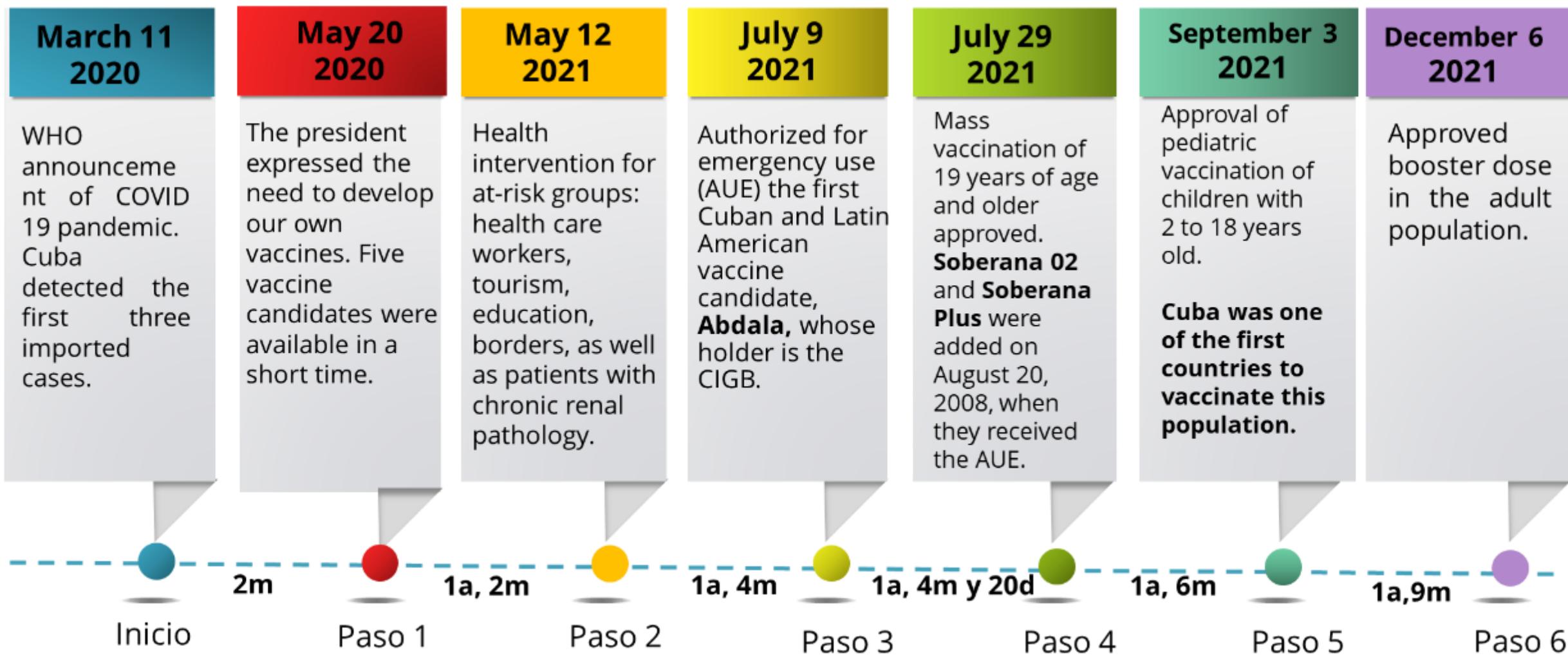
Impact of the National Immunization Program

Creation of the NIP



Yellow fever: 1904
Bubonic plague: 1915
Smallpox: 1923

Anticovid-19 vaccination strategy



Anticovid-19 vaccination actions

- Design, control and daily evaluation of the routes for the transfer of vaccines from the polyclinics to the vaccination points, ensuring the cold chain.
- Enabling 11,649 Family Medical Offices and other premises as vaccination points.
- Certification and equipment of vaccination points.
- Incorporation and training of 23,300 nurse vaccinators and their reservation for new vaccinations.
- Incorporation of medical and nursing students for the citation and organization of the population.



VACUNAS CUBANAS COVID-19

Anticovid-19 vaccination actions

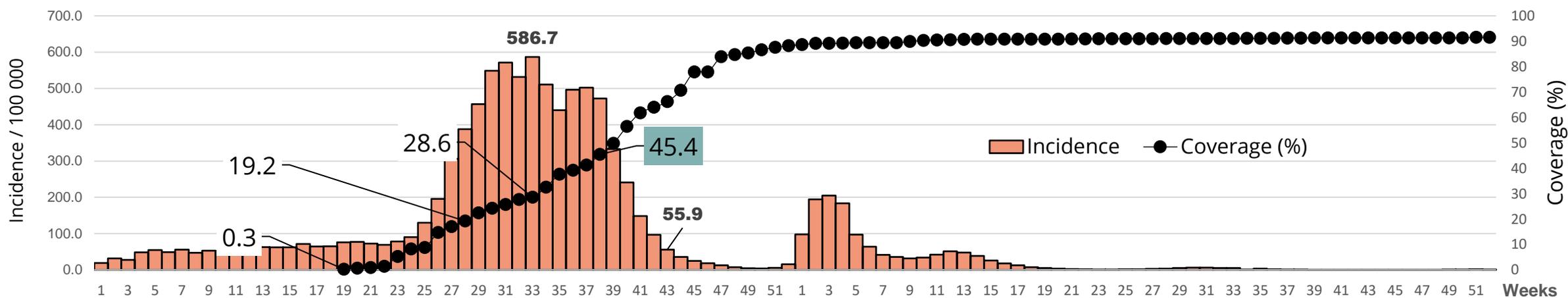
- Citation by population strata (over 60 years old, 40 to 59 and 19 to 39 years old), by names and surnames, identity card, indicating the day and time of vaccination.
- Provision of premises for post-vaccination surveillance with allocation of human resources, emergency stock and ensuring physical distancing.
- Printing of statistical models of vaccination and surveillance of ESAVI.
- Application of a home vaccination protocol for bedridden, severely disabled and long-lived persons.



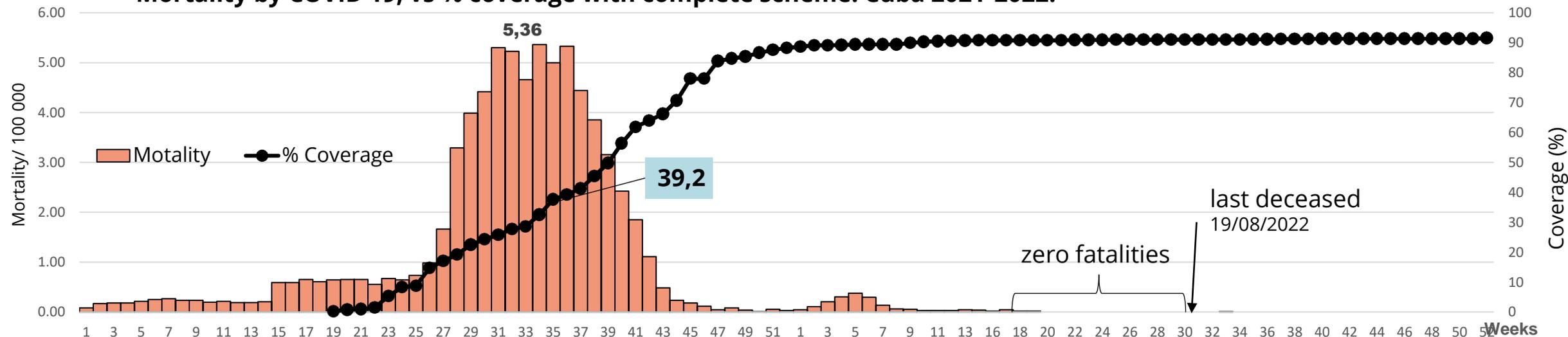
VACUNAS CUBANAS COVID-19

Impact of anticovid-19 vaccination

Incidence by COVID 19, vs % coverage with complete scheme. Cuba 2021-2022.



Mortality by COVID 19, vs % coverage with complete scheme. Cuba 2021-2022.



Pediatric anticovid-19 vaccination campaign

September 3

Initiated vaccination in students of 12th grade and last year in the polytechnical education. Universe of 120,349.

September 5

Vaccination began in children and adolescents from 12 to 18 years of age. Universe of 706,995.

September 15

Start of vaccination in children from 2 to 11 years of age. Universe of 1,133,004.

By October 30, 2021, 97.5% of the pediatric population with a full schedule

Joint work MINSAP- MINED

The educational centers of all the teachings and the children's circles closed by the Covid-19, opened their doors as vaccination points for their students.



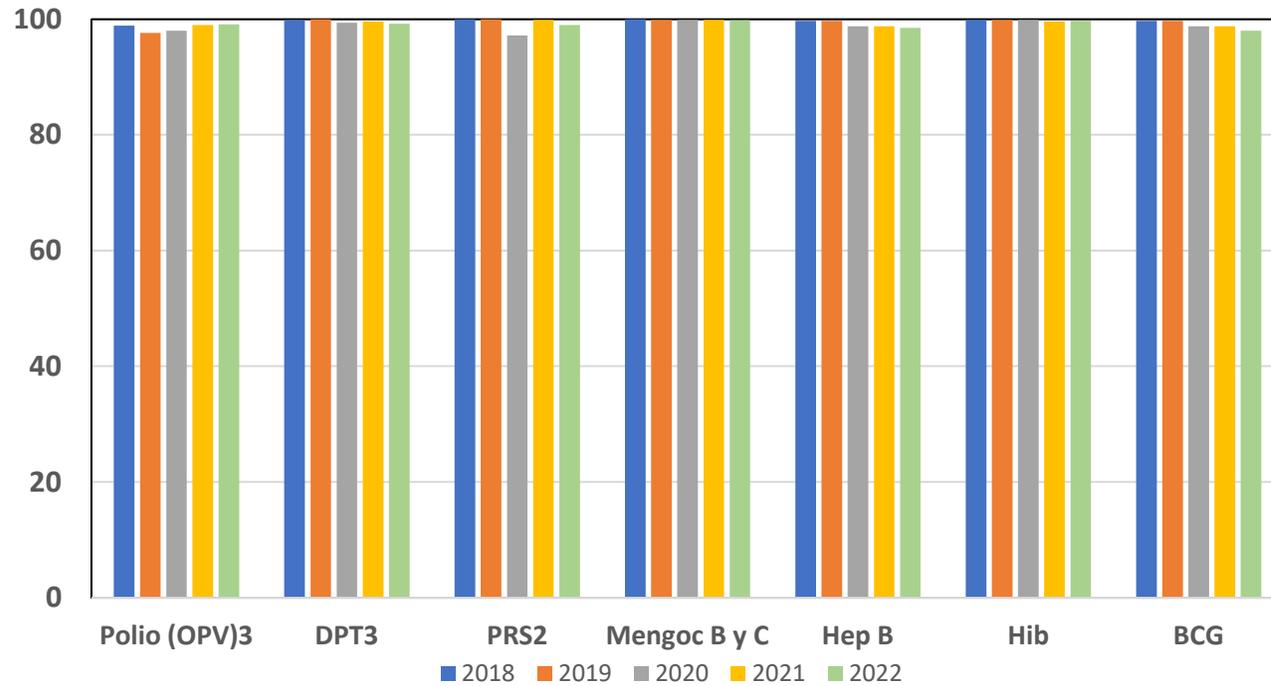
Vaccination strategy to maintain routine vaccination coverage in pandemic years.



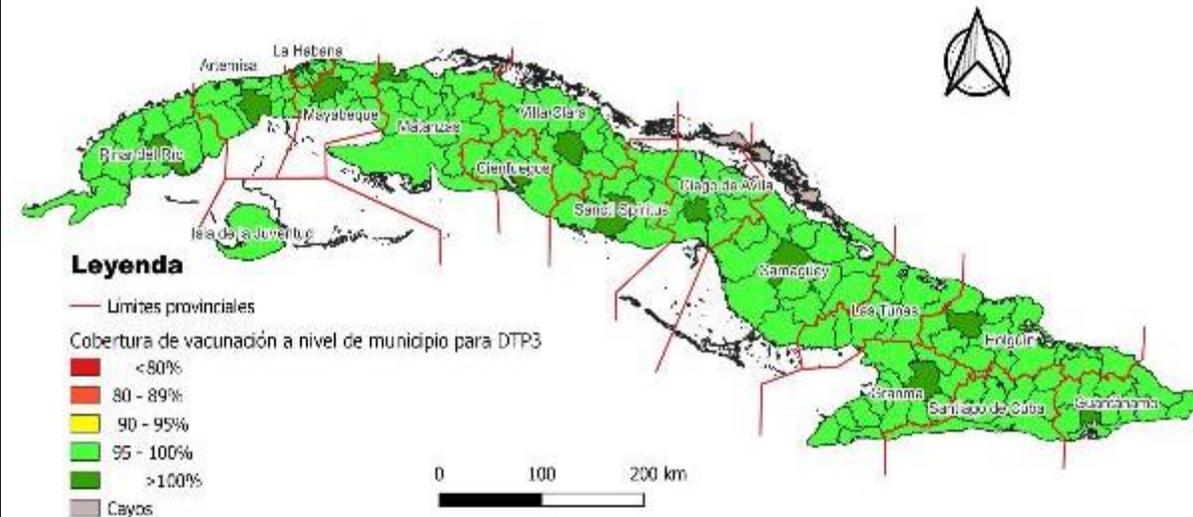
- Nominal identification of children pending one or more vaccinations according to health area.
- Active capture (phone call and messages). Passive capture media targeting (TV, radio, press, social networks, etc.).
- Opening of new vaccination points to bring the service closer to the communities.
- Home to home vaccination when necessary.
- Waiting rooms to maintain distance in post-vaccination surveillance.
- Take advantage of the vaccination opportunity in case of visiting the health center for another reason.
- Co-administer at the same time all the vaccines indicated and allowed according to technical data sheets.
- Use accelerated schemes if necessary.
- To recover school vaccinations once schools are open.
- Weekly analysis of recovered and overdue children at all levels of program implementation until none remain outstanding.

Impact of vaccination strategy to maintain routine vaccination coverage in pandemic years .

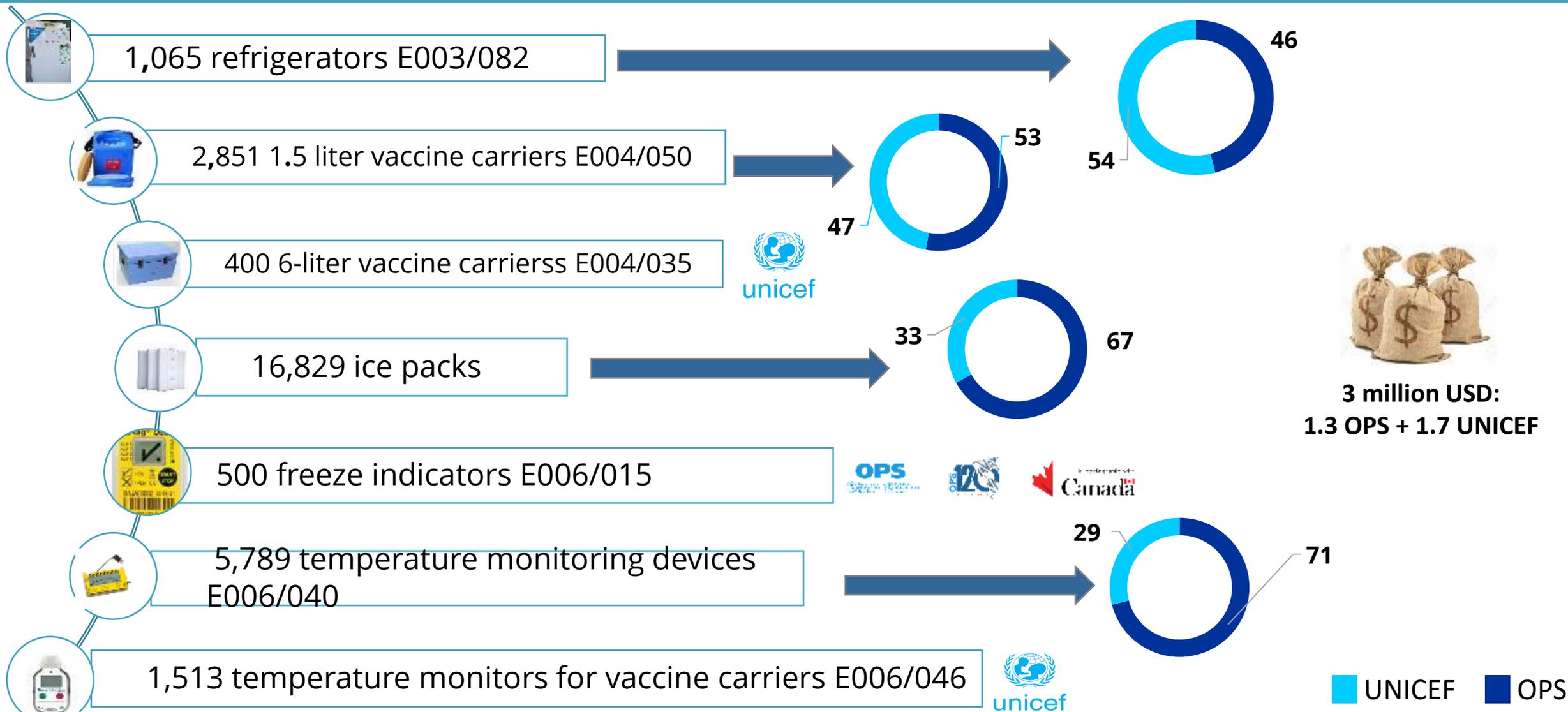
National vaccination coverage (%), 2018 - 2022.



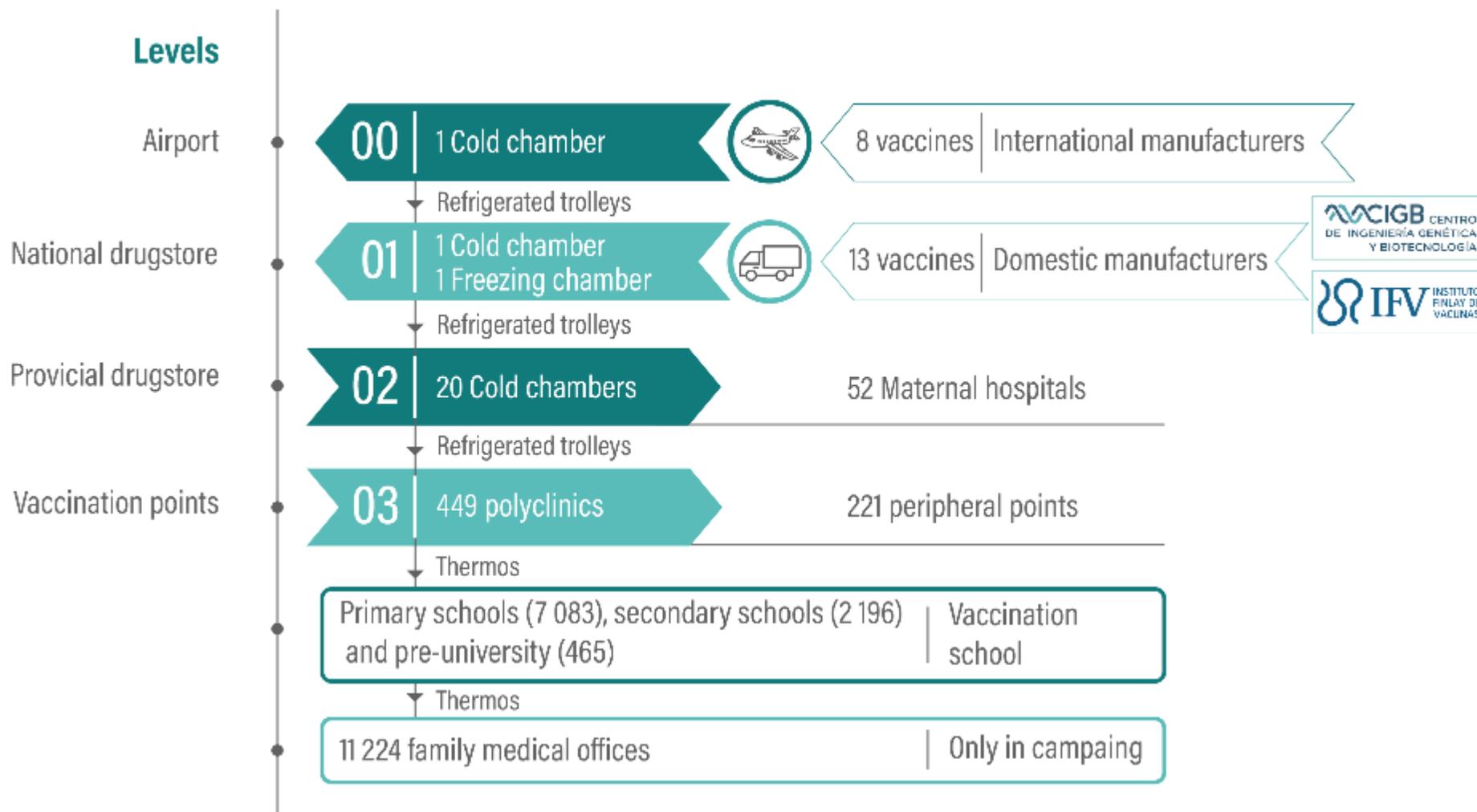
Vaccination coverage (%) with DPT-3 in <1 year by municipality, Cuba 2021.



Strengthening of the cold chain with support from PAHO and UNICEF



EPI Cold chain structure



Impact of strengthening the cold chain PQS of vaccines

- ✓ Opening of new vaccination points, bringing the service closer to the communities.
- ✓ Reinforced home-to-home and school vaccinations with new vaccine carriers.
- ✓ Increased the degree of personnel satisfaction with the new equipment acquired.
- ✓ Increased the safety of vaccine conservation with the acquisition of 70% of the refrigerators needed in the country, with prequalified equipment.
- ✓ Expansion of storage capacity with additional possibilities for the introduction of new vaccines.
- ✓ Guarantee of temperature control with continuous temperature monitoring devices, in 100% of the country's vaccine refrigerators.
- ✓ Increased conservation time of vaccines in the event of electrical failures or other contingencies.



Next steps



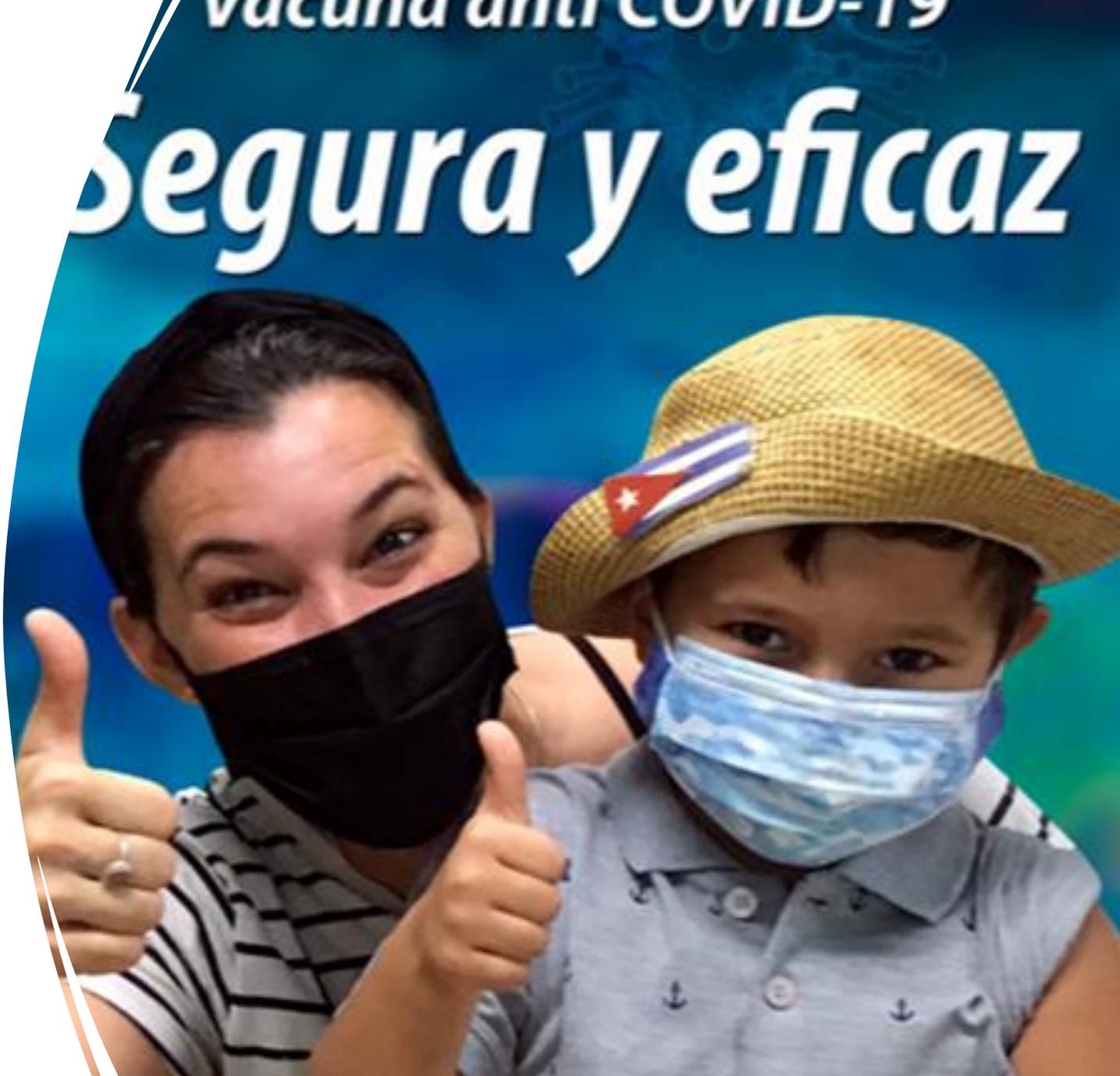
- Acquire a combined cold room/freezer room storage facility for the José Martí International Airport.
- Complete the remaining 30% of vaccinators with prequalified refrigerators.
- Conduct a international workshop on Effective Vaccine Management (GEV.2.0) to train HCW and provide implementation tools.



Thank You!

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Colombia Nominal Vaccination Information System (PAIWEB)

Claudia Liliana Sosa, Specialized Professional, Expanded Program on
Immunization

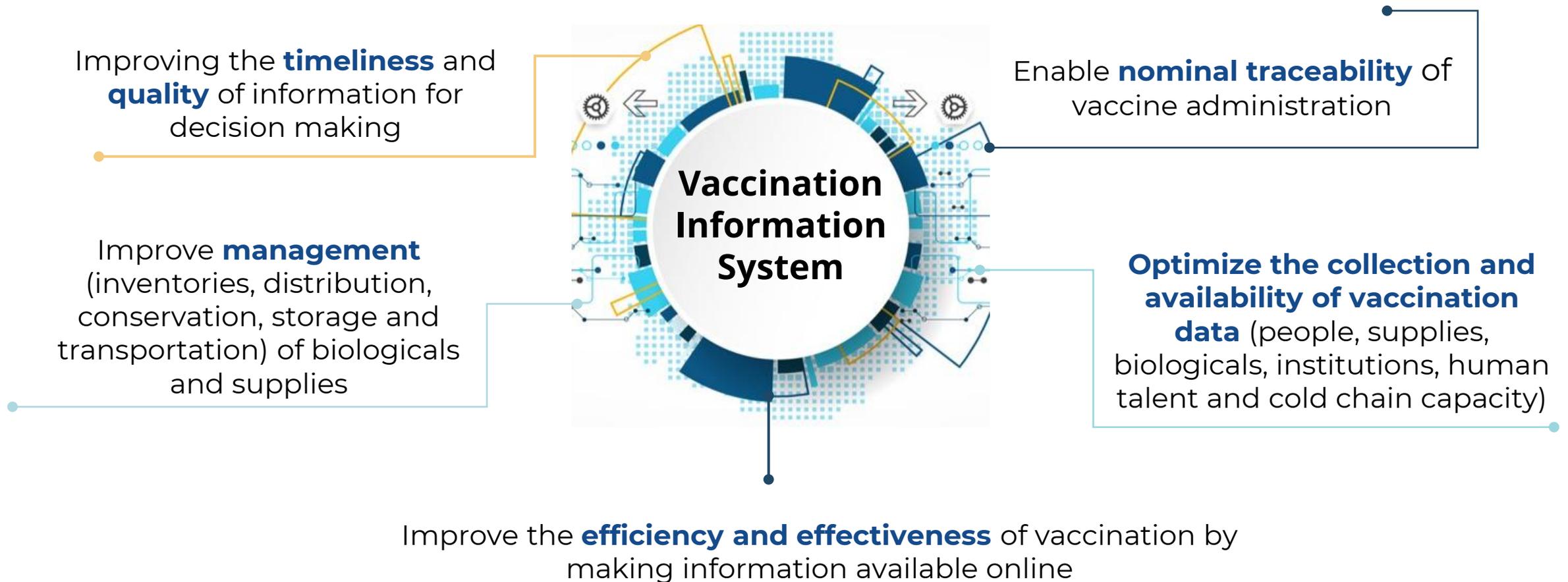
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PAIWEB Generalities



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Objectives of PAIWEB



PAIWEB 2 in data



+53 M

People



+330M

Recorded doses



+11K

Active users



+ 2.600 K

Active institutions

Vaccine traceability through the information System PAI WEB 2.0

Inventory module: Control of entries, dispatches, application of biologicals, control of losses, transfers.



Regional/District Warehouse



National warehouse



Airport



Production laboratory



Order module: Calculation and request of biologicals and supplies by level

Cold chain module: Optimal vaccine conservation, inventory and cold network capacity

Biological management module: Nominal record with basic user data and data on the applied, vaccine card

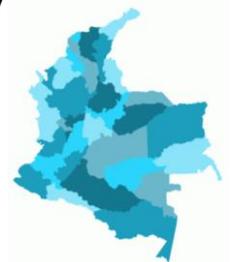
Trazabilidad del pedido

Resultados obtenidos: 4 Número de elementos por página: 10

Estado	Fecha	Usuario	Institución	Observación
Creada	17/01/2021	Claudia Sosa	VILLAVICENCIO Secretaría de salud municipal	PEDIDO PRIMERA ETAPA-FASE 1
Aprobado	17/01/2021	Claudia Sosa	META Secretaría de salud Departamental	PEDIDO PRIMERA ETAPA-FASE 1
Pedido aprobado y enviado	17/01/2021	Claudia Sosa	META Secretaría de salud Departamental	PEDIDO PRIMERA ETAPA-FASE 1
Pedido recibido	17/01/2021	Claudia Sosa	VILLAVICENCIO Secretaría de salud municipal	ingresa en cajas de Pfizer - ultacongelación

Biological Matrix Module: Biological Configuration and Schemes

Dashboard module, reports, statistics: Information on doses applied, daily record, monthly consolidated



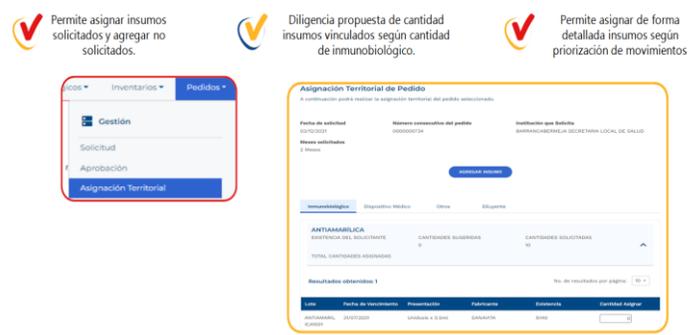
Local Warehouses (Health Centers)



Vaccinators



Target Population



- Application Module
- Orders Module
- Inventory Module
- Cold chain Module
- Administration Module, user management and audit
- Biological and inputs matrix module
- Reports module, control board, statistics and search engine.

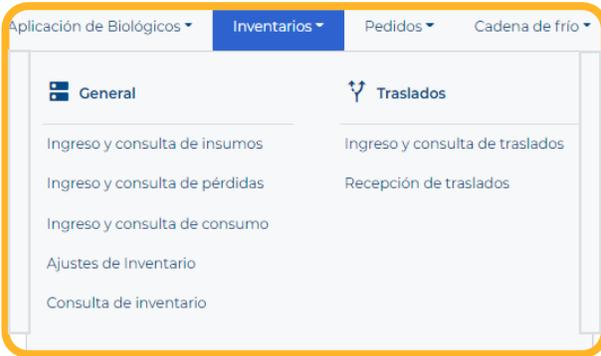
Traceability in schemes through unified registration and updating of socio-demographic data. Vaccine information and history of newborns, children and adults.

Interoperability for basic personal data and insurance.

Calculation of needs of each item according to the assigned target and the vaccination schemes at each level, including the IPS.

Traceability of orders from request to receipt.

Structure PAIWEB



Application Module

Order Module

Inventory Module

Cold chain Module

Administration Module,
user management and
audit

Biological and supplies
matrix module

Reports module, control
panel, statistics and
search engine.

Enter supplies and provide detailed information on each one (expiration dates, batches, quantity).

It facilitates the allocation of supplies and allows to see traceability from purchase to application.

Interoperability with Operations Management for inventory monitoring in PAIWEB with the warehouse of Ministry of Health and Social Protection.

Traceability in supply and equipment management by automating the registration and monitoring of cold network equipment inventories, their maintenance and storage capacity and conditions at each level.

Notification, management and monitoring of temperature excursions (Invima)

Structure PAIWEB



Application Module

Order Module

Inventory Module

Cold chain Module

Administration Module,
user management and
audit

Biological and supplies
matrix module

Reports module, control
panel, statistics and
search engine.

Management of users, roles, institutions, insurers. System parameterization.

Interoperability with REPS for verification of authorization codes of the institutions that operate the PAIWEB

Autonomy in changes related to the configuration of biological and vaccination schedules

Structure PAIWEB



Application Module

Order Module

Inventory Module

Cold chain Module.

Administration Module,
user management and
audit

Biological and supplies
matrix module

Reports module, control
panel, statistics and
search engine.

Traceability of the program by generating multiple reports, monitoring processes, viewing order and inventory control boards, and consulting information in the system of different modules.

Interoperability with SISPRO for data storage in data cube and dashboard themes

NEW!

Mobile Application: Use of the system in remote areas with mobile devices increases accessibility.

Cold Chain Module



Navigation menu: Inventarios ▾ Pedidos ▾ **Cadena de frío ▾** Cohortes ▾ Reportes ▾ Admin

 Equipos	 Pérdida de Cadena	 Reportes
Catálogo Equipo	Cuarentena	Capacidad volumétrica
Inventario	Pérdida de Cadena	Mantenimiento de equipos
Temperatura Ambiente		Equipos de apoyo
Traslados		Consolidado evento por estado
		Consolidado evento por territorio
		Consolidado de causa por evento
		Consolidado de dosis por evento
		Ruptura de cadena de frío

Cold Chain Module - CCE Inventory

Inicio > Cadena de frío > Equipos > Inventario

Inventario de equipos

A continuación, usted podrá consultar los equipos que hacen parte del inventario de cadena de frío del PAI.

Consultar Inventario de equipos

Los campos con asterisco (*) son obligatorios

Institución Nacional*

MINISTERIO DE SALUD Y PROTECCION ...

Institución Departamental

BOGOTA SECRETARIA DE SALUD DE B...

Institución Municipal

INSTITUCION: SUBRED INTEGRADA DE ...

Institución IPS

CLINICA UNIVERSITARIA COLOMBIA

Clasificación del Equipo*

Seleccione una opción

Fabricante

Seleccione una opción

Tipo Equipo

Seleccione una opción

Modelo

Seleccione una opción

Estado Traslado

Seleccione una opción

Tipo Consulta*

Seleccione una opción

Seleccionar estado*

Todos Activo Inactivo

Crear Inventario Equipo

Para acceder a la funcionalidad debe verificar previamente que no se encuentre registrado en el sistema.

CREAR INVENTARIO

LIMPIAR

BUSCAR

Cold Chain Module - CCE Inventory Creation

[Inicio](#) > [Cadena de frío](#) > [Equipos](#) > [Inventario](#) > **Crear Inventario Equipo**

Inventario de Equipos

A continuación, usted podrá crear el inventario de los equipos de cadena de frío del PAI que hacen parte de su institución.

Crear Inventario Equipo

Los campos con asterisco (*) son obligatorios

Activo

Inventario del Equipo*

Refrigerador

Tipo*

Seleccione una opción

PQS *

¿Cuenta con regulador de voltaje? *

Seleccione una opción

Fecha de próximo mantenimiento *

Tipo de Adquisición*

Seleccione una opción

Modelo *

Ejemplo: TCW 2000 SDD

Volumen (Litros) *

Fecha de compra

Seleccionar estado*

Activo Inactivo

Fabricante*

Seleccione una opción

Serie *

Ejemplo: 000001

Sistema de monitoreo *

Seleccione una opción

Fecha de último mantenimiento

Cold chain equipment

All cold network equipment
must be entered under the
option

"Create inventory

"



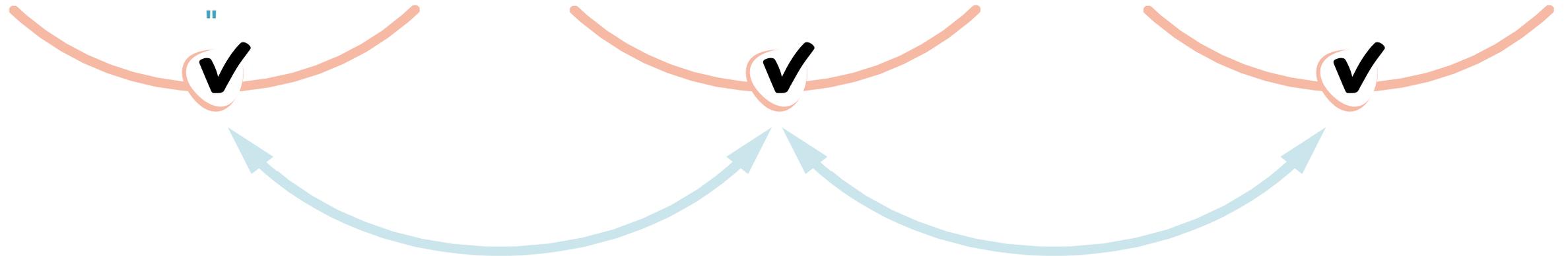
Only equipment in inventory
can be associated with

quarantines



Each institution is **responsible**
for keeping its cold chain
inventory updated:

Creation and Maintenance



Cold Chain Module- Maintenance Records

All cold chain equipment must have an **updated maintenance report.**



Aplicación de Biológicos ▾ Inventarios ▾ Pedidos ▾ Cadena de frío ▾ Cohortes ▾

Inicio > Cadena de frío > Equipos > Inventario > **Modificar Inventario Equipo**

Inventario de Equipos

A continuación, usted podrá modificar la información registrada en el inventario de los equipos de cadena de frío del PAI que hacen parte de su institución.

Inventario del equipo **Registrar mantenimiento** Historial mantenimiento

Fecha Último Mantenimiento **Fecha Próximo Mantenimiento**

20/12/2020  20/12/2021 

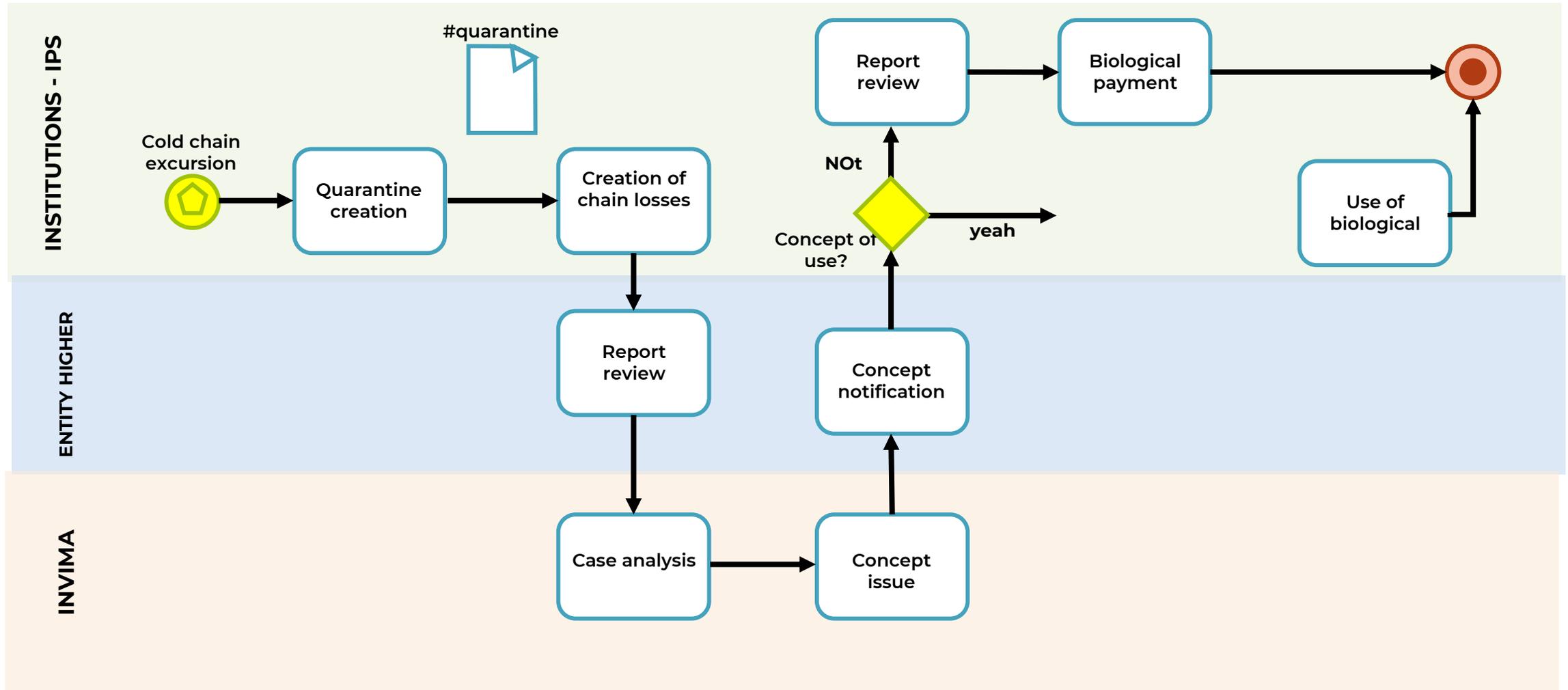
Observación

Equipo en funcionamiento

CANCELAR **REGISTRAR**

Cold Chain Module – Temperature excursions

COLD CHAIN EXCURSIONS





Thank You!

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