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An Introduction to DHIS2 Tracker & Bangladesh Use Case

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HISP and DHIS2 – a quick background

- **Health Information Systems Program (HISP)**
  - Global movement to strengthen health information systems in developing countries
  - Started in 1994, in South Africa, by University of Western Cape and University of Oslo
  - Today there are 17 HISP groups in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and at University of Oslo (UiO), Norway
- **DHIS2**
  - Free- and open source software platform for health information since 1996
  - Univ of Oslo is the governing body
  - Endorsed as a global public good by WHO and supported by the Global Fund, GAVI, PEPFAR, CDC, Norad, the BMGF and others
  - The world's largest health management information system used by ministries of health in 73 countries in the Global South
  - A global community of developers, implementers, and users

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HISP Sri Lanka
HISP Bangladesh
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EIR is expanding on established DHIS2 Systems

Countries using DHIS2 for Covid-19 Vaccine systems

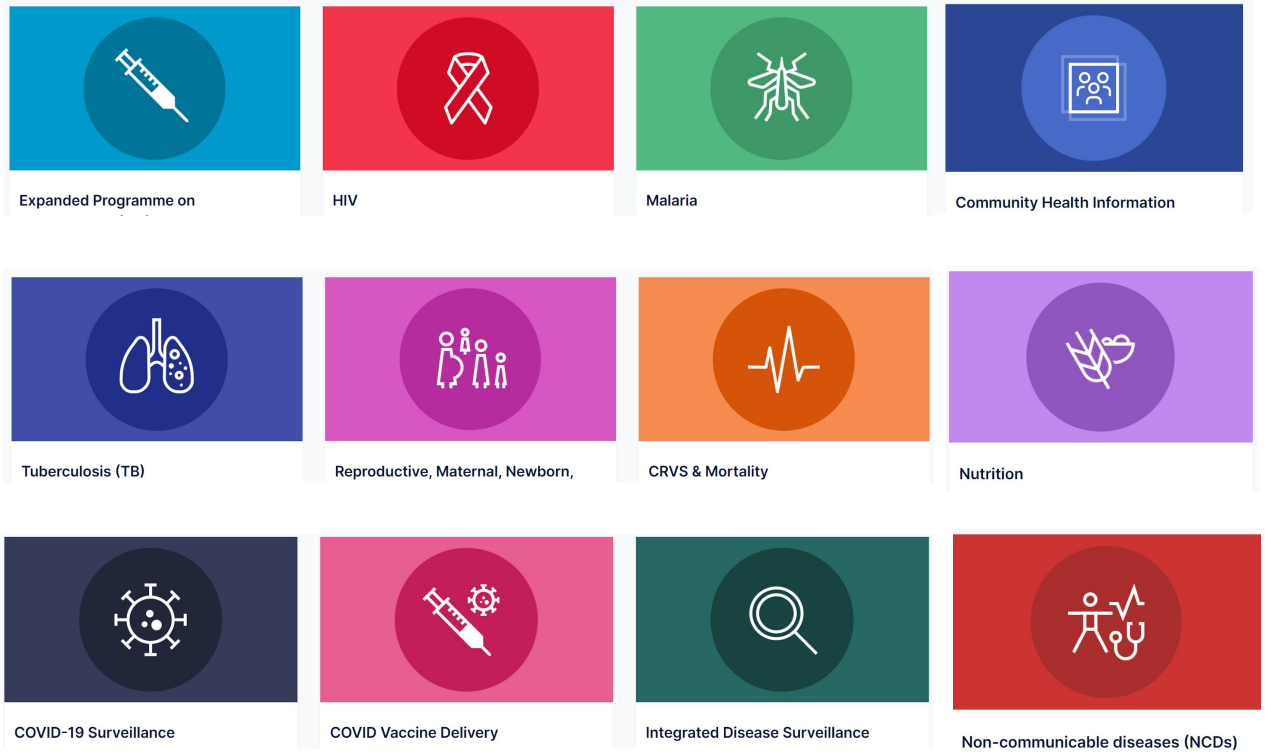
45 countries use DHIS2 for Immunization data

30 countries have installed WHO EPI package

42 countries use DHIS2 for Covid Vaccine Response

HISP Center, University of Oslo (DHIS2) is a WHO Collaborating Centre

Standards-based configuration to improve data quality, analysis and use in national systems

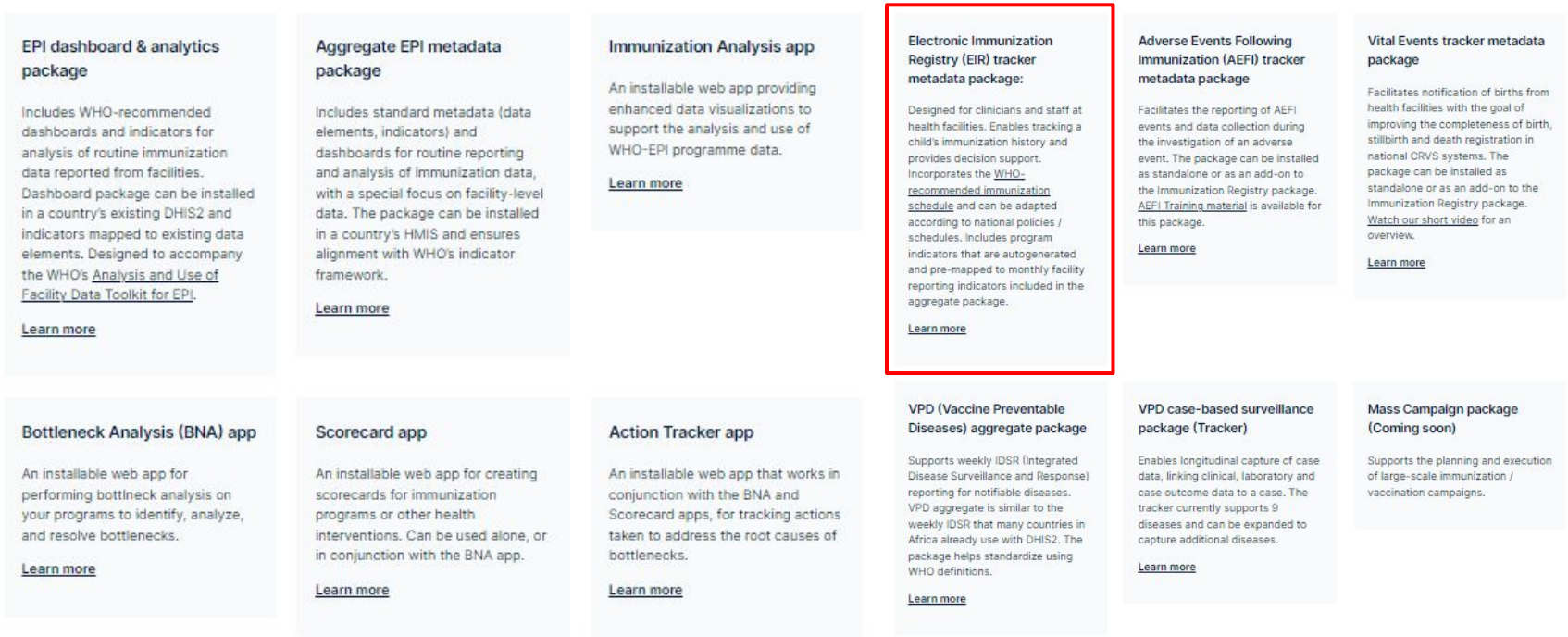


WHO Toolkit for Routine Health Information Systems Data
And
WHO Digital health data packages

- **Core indicators and metadata**
- **Data quality metrics**
- **Programme specific indicators and data elements**
- **Best practice dashboards, analyses**
- **Modules optimized for integrated HMIS and individual level/case-based**
- **Standard data entry forms/registers**

More info:
https://www.who.int/data/data-collection-tools/health-service-data/

DHIS2 and Immunization



EPI dashboard & analytics package

Includes WHO-recommended dashboards and indicators for analysis of routine immunization data reported from facilities. Dashboard package can be installed in a country's existing DHIS2 and indicators mapped to existing data elements. Designed to accompany the WHO's Analysis and Use of Facility Data Toolkit for EPI.

Learn more

Aggregate EPI metadata package

Includes standard metadata (data elements, indicators) and dashboards for routine reporting and analysis of immunization data, with a special focus on facility-level data. The package can be installed in a country's HMIS and ensures alignment with WHO's indicator framework.

Learn more

Immunization Analysis app

An installable web app providing enhanced data visualizations to support the analysis and use of WHO-EPI programme data.

Learn more

Electronic Immunization Registry (EIR) tracker metadata package:

Designed for clinicians and staff at health facilities. Enables tracking a child's immunization history and provides decision support. Incorporates the WHO-recommended immunization schedule and can be adapted according to national policies / schedules. Includes program indicators that are autogenerated and pre-mapped to monthly facility reporting indicators included in the aggregate package.

Learn more

Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) tracker metadata package

Facilitates the reporting of AEFI events and data collection during the investigation of an adverse event. The package can be installed as standalone or as an add-on to the Immunization Registry package. AEFI Training material is available for this package.

Learn more

Vital Events tracker metadata package

Facilitates notification of births from health facilities with the goal of improving the completeness of birth, stillbirth and death registration in national CRVS systems. The package can be installed as standalone or as an add-on to the Immunization Registry package. Watch our short video for an overview.

Learn more

Bottleneck Analysis (BNA) app

An installable web app for performing bottleneck analysis on your programs to identify, analyze, and resolve bottlenecks.

Learn more

Scorecard app

An installable web app for creating scorecards for immunization programs or other health interventions. Can be used alone, or in conjunction with the BNA app.

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Action Tracker app

An installable web app that works in conjunction with the BNA and Scorecard apps, for tracking actions taken to address the root causes of bottlenecks.

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VPD (Vaccine Preventable Diseases) aggregate package

Supports weekly IDSR (Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response) reporting for notifiable diseases. VPD aggregate is similar to the weekly IDSR that many countries in Africa already use with DHIS2. The package helps standardize using WHO definitions.

Learn more

VPD case-based surveillance package (Tracker)

Enables longitudinal capture of case data, linking clinical, laboratory and case outcome data to a case. The tracker currently supports 9 diseases and can be expanded to capture additional diseases.

Learn more

Mass Campaign package (Coming soon)

Supports the planning and execution of large-scale immunization / vaccination campaigns.

More at: https://dhis2.org/immunization/

Electronic Immunization Registry

General Overview and Purpose

Improve routine data collection

developed in response to an expressed need from countries and partners to improve timeliness, accuracy of data, expand coverage, efficiency and effectiveness through the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI)

Increase data reliability

provide clinical guidance to health care providers on immunization schedules and contraindications based on global standards, as well as generate reliable data for decision making

Design and resources

designed based on the WHO Position Papers-Recommendations for Routine Immunization (2018), and resources from collaborating institutions; such as, the Norwegian Institute of Public Health. These resources can be found in the References section. The design also draws on immunization country use cases from Zambia, Botswana, and Rwanda, as well as published literature from PAHO.

WHO-Recommendations for Routine Immunization

Table 1: Summary of WHO Position Papers - Recommendations for Routine Immunization (updated: April 2019)

Antigen		Children (see Table 2 for details)		Adolescents	Adults	Considerations (see footnotes for details)
Recommendations for all immunization programmes						
BCG[1]		1 dose				Birth dose and HIV; Universal vs selective vaccination; Co-administration; Vaccination of older age groups Pregnancy
Hepatitis B[2]		3-4-doses (see footnote for schedule options)		3 doses (for high-risk groups if not previously immunized) (see footnote)		Birth dose Premature and low birth weight Co-administration and combination vaccine Definition high-risk
Polio[3]		3-4 doses (at least one dose of IPV) with DTPCV				bOPV birth dose Type of vaccine Transmission and importation risk criteria
DTP-containing vaccine (DTPCV)[4]		3 doses	2 boosters 12-23 months (DTPCV) and 4-7 years (Td/DT containing vaccine, see footnote)	1 booster 9-15 yrs (Td)		Delayed/interrupted schedule Combination vaccine Maternal immunization
***Haemophilus influenzae type b*[5]**	**Option 1**	3 doses, with DTPCV				Single dose if > 12 months of age Not recommended for children > 5 yrs old Delayed/interrupted schedule Co-administration and combination vaccine
	Option 2	2 or 3 doses, with booster at least 6 months after last dose				
Pneumococcal (Conjugate)[6]	**Option 1**	3 doses (3p+0) with DTPCV				Schedule options (3p+0 vs 2p+1) Vaccine options HIV+ and preterm neonate booster
	Option 2	2 doses before 6 months of age, plus booster dose at 9-15 mos of age (2p+1) with DTPCV				
Rotavirus[7]		2-3 doses depending on product with DTPCV				Vaccine options Not recommended if > 24 months old
Measles[8]		2 doses				Combination vaccine; HIV early vaccination; Pregnancy
Rubella[9]		1 dose (see footnote)		1 dose (adolescent girls and women of child-bearing age if not previously vaccinated; see footnote)		Achieve and sustain 80% coverage Combination vaccine and Co-administration Pregnancy
HPV[10]				2 doses (females)		Target 9-14 year old girls; Multi-age cohort vaccination; Pregnancy Older age groups ≥ 15 years 3 doses HIV and immunocompromised

Summary Table 1 - Notes

- Refer to http://www.who.int/immunization/documents/positionpapers/ for the most recent version of the tables and position papers.
- The attached table summarizes the recommendations for vaccine administration found in the WHO position papers which are published in the Weekly Epidemiological Review. Its purpose is to assist planners to develop an appropriate immunization schedule. Health care workers should refer to their national immunization schedules. While vaccines are universally recommended, some children may have contraindications to particular vaccines.
- Vaccines can generally be co-administered (i.e. more than one vaccine given at different sites during the same visit). Recommendations that explicitly endorse co-administration are indicated in the table, however, lack of an explicit co-administration recommendation does not imply that the vaccine cannot be co-administered; further, there are no recommendations against co-administration.
- Doses administered by campaign may or may not contribute to a child's routine immunization schedule depending on type and purpose of campaign (e.g. supplemental versus routine/pulse campaign for access reasons).
- For some antigens, recommendations for the age of initiation of primary immunization series and/or booster doses are not available. Instead, the criteria for age at first dose must be determined from local epidemiologic data.
- If a catch-up schedule for interrupted immunization is available, it is noted in the footnotes.
- Other vaccines, such as varicella and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines, may be of individual benefit but are not recommended for routine immunization. See the specific position papers for more details.
- For further background on immunization schedules refer to "Immunological Basis for Immunization" series which is available at http://www.who.int/immunization/documents/immunological_basis_series/en/index.html

1 BCG

- Position paper reference: Weekly Epid. Record (2018, 93:73-96) [pdf 660KB]
- Universal BCG vaccination at birth is recommended in countries or settings with a high incidence of TB and/or high leprosy burden. A single dose of BCG vaccine should be given to all healthy neonates at birth, ideally together with Hepatitis B birth dose.
- Countries with low TB incidence or leprosy burden may choose to selectively vaccinate neonates in high-risk groups.
- BCG vaccination is also recommended for unvaccinated TST- or IGRA-negative older children, adolescents and adults from settings with high incidence of TB and/or high leprosy burden, those moving from low to high TB incidence/ leprosy burden settings and persons at risk of occupational exposure in low and high TB incidence areas (e.g. health-care workers, laboratory workers, medical students, prison workers, other individuals with occupational exposure).
- BCG vaccination is not recommended during pregnancy.
- If HIV-infected individuals, including children, are receiving ART, are clinically well and immunologically stable (CD4% >25% for children aged <5 years or CD4 count ≥200 if aged >5 years) they should be vaccinated with BCG. Neonates born to women of unknown HIV status should be vaccinated as the benefits of BCG vaccination outweigh the risks. Neonates of unknown HIV status born to HIV infected women should be vaccinated if they have no clinical evidence suggestive of HIV infection, regardless of whether the mother is receiving ART. For neonates with HIV infection confirmed by early virological testing, BCG vaccination should be delayed until ART has been started and the infant confirmed to be immunologically stable (CD4 >25%).
- Moderate-to-late preterm infants (gestational age > 31 weeks) and low birth weight infants (< 2500 g) who are healthy and clinically stable can receive BCG vaccination at birth, or at the latest, upon discharge.

2 Hepatitis B

- Position paper reference: Weekly Epid. Record (2017, 92:369-392) [pdf 2.4MB]
- Hepatitis B vaccination is recommended for all children worldwide. Reaching all children with at least 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine should be the standard for all national immunization programmes. Since perinatal or early postnatal transmission is the most important source of chronic HBV infection globally, all infants (including low birth weight and premature infants) should receive their first dose of hepatitis B vaccine as soon as possible after birth, ideally within 24 hours.
- The birth dose should be followed by 2 or 3 additional doses to complete the primary series. Both of the following options are considered appropriate: (i) a 3-dose schedule with the first dose (monovalent) being given at birth and the second and third (monovalent or as part of a combined vaccine) given at the same time as the first and third doses of DTP-containing vaccine; or (ii) 4 doses, where a monovalent birth dose is followed by 3 (monovalent or combined vaccine) doses, usually given with other routine infant vaccines; the additional dose does not cause any harm. The interval between doses should be at least 4 weeks.
- A birth dose of hepatitis B vaccine can be given to low birth weight (<2000g) and premature infants. For these infants, the birth dose should not count as part of the primary 3-dose series; the 3 doses of the standard primary series should be given according to the national vaccination schedule.
- For catch-up of unvaccinated individuals, priority should be given to younger age groups since the risk of chronic infection is highest in these cohorts. Catch-up vaccination is a time-limited opportunity for prevention and should be considered based on available resources and priority. Unvaccinated individuals should be vaccinated with a 0, 1, 6 month schedule.
- Vaccination of groups at highest risk of acquiring HBV is recommended. These include patients who frequently require blood or blood products, dialysis patients, diabetes patients, recipients of solid organ transplantation, person with chronic liver disease including those with Hepatitis C, person with HIV infection, men who have sex with men, persons with multiple sexual partners, as well as health care workers and others who may be exposed to blood, blood products or other potentially infectious body fluids during their work.

3 Polio

- Position paper reference: Weekly Epid. Record (2016, 9: 145-168) [pdf 611KB] and Meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization, October 2017 Conclusions and Recommendations. Weekly Epid. Record (2017, 92:729-48.) [pdf 390KB]

OPV plus IPV

- For all countries using OPV in the national immunization programme, WHO recommends the inclusion of at least one dose of IPV in the vaccination schedule.
- In polio-endemic countries and in countries at high risk for importation and subsequent spread of poliovirus, WHO recommends a bOPV birth dose (zero dose) followed by a primary series of 3 bOPV doses and at least 1 IPV dose.
- The zero dose of bOPV should be administered at birth, or as soon as possible after birth, to maximize seroconversion rates following subsequent doses and to induce mucosal protection.
- The primary series consisting of 3 bOPV doses plus 1 IPV dose can be initiated from the age of 6 weeks with a minimum interval of 4 weeks between the bOPV doses. If 1 dose of IPV is used, it should be given at 14 weeks of age or later (when maternal antibodies have diminished and immunogenicity is significantly higher) and can be co-administered with a bOPV dose.
- The primary series can be administered according to the regular schedules of national

https://www.who.int/immunization/policy/immunization_tables/en/

Design

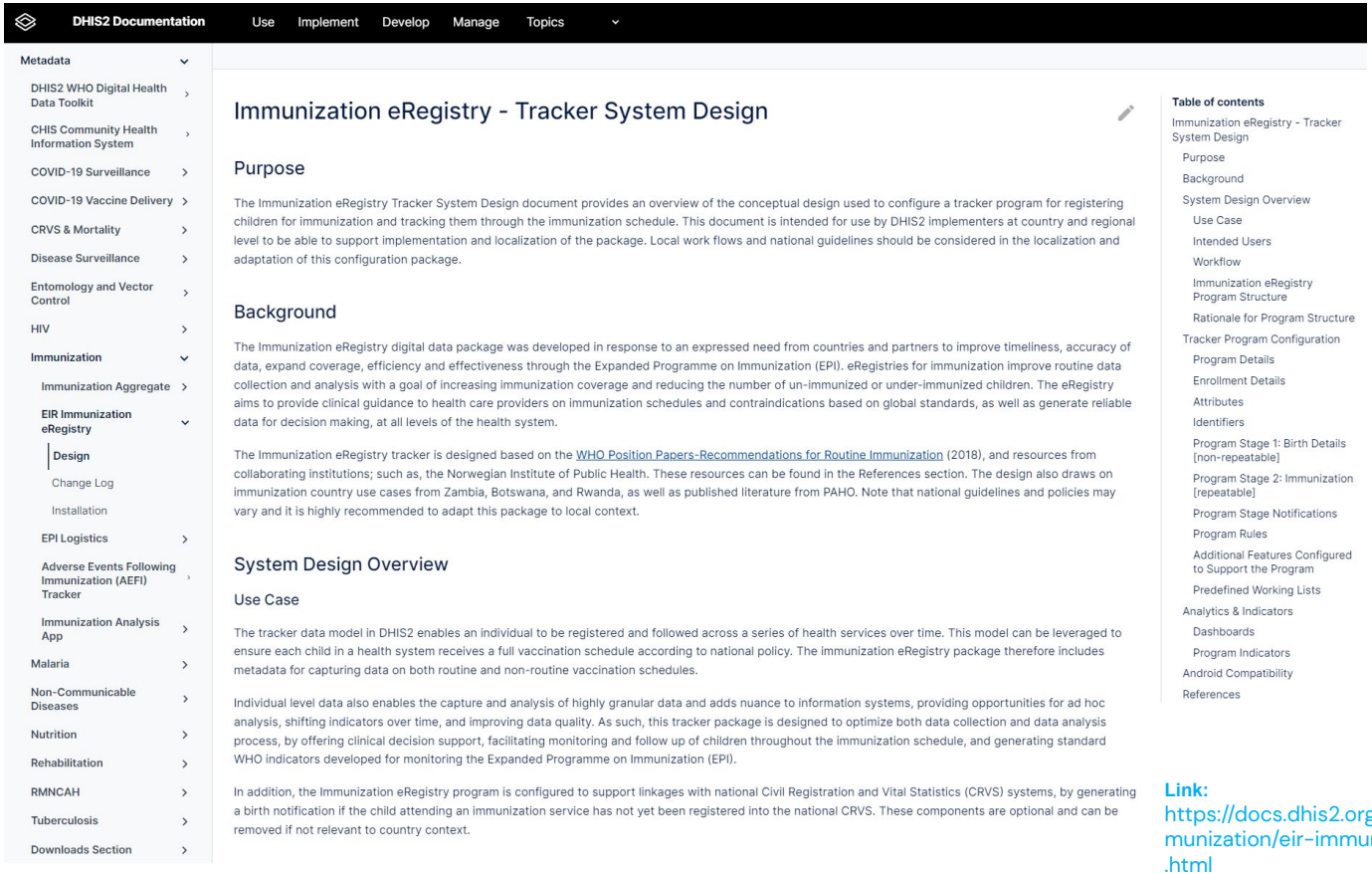
Routine Immunizations	
Child's Age	**Immunizations Required**
Birth	BCG 0.05mg, bOPV 0, Hep B 1
6 weeks	bOPV 1, Penta (DPT- Hep B- Hib) 1, PCV 1, RV 1
10 weeks	bOPV 2, Penta (DPT- Hep B- Hib) 2, PCV2, RV 2
14 weeks	bOPV 3, IPV 1, Penta (DPT- Hep B- Hib) 3, PCV 3
9 months	Measles 1, Rubella 1
18 months	Measles 2

Design

Non Routine Immunizations

MR (2 doses)	Tdap (Td and ap containing) 1
MMR (2 doses)	Cholera [3 doses]
Japanese Encephalitis (Inactivated and Live atten) [2 doses]	Meningococcal [2 doses]
Tick-Borne Encephalitis [3 doses]	Hepatitis (A, B2 and B3) [1 dose]
Typhoid TCV (Typbar and Vi PS) [1 dose]	Rabies [2 doses]
Typhoid (Ty21a) [4 doses]	Dengue [3 doses]
Varicella [2 doses]	mOPV
DPT (Booster) 1	DTwP (Td containing) 1
DTap (Td containing) 1	Covid-19

Documentation and Downloads



Link:
https://docs.dhis2.org/en/topics/metadata/immunization/eir-immunization-eregistry/design.html

The EIR aims to provide **clinical guidance and support** to health care providers

Hide and Show Program rules

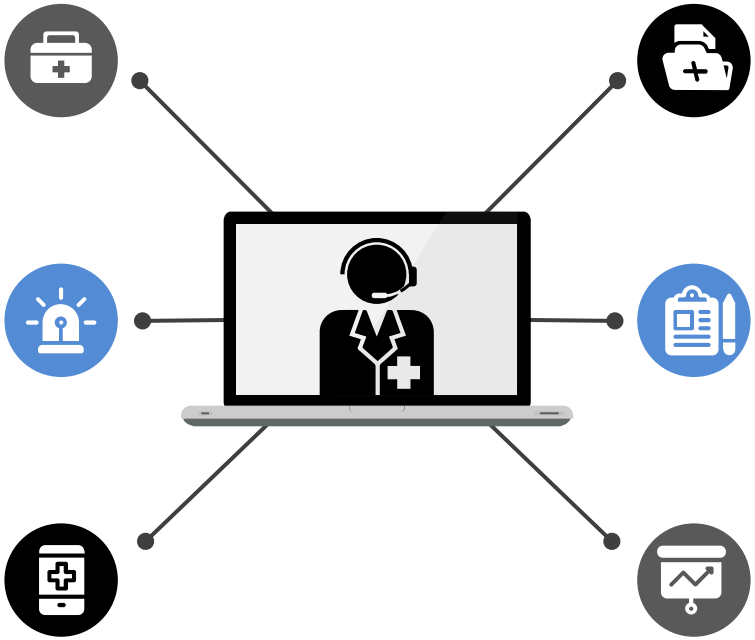
Program rules are used extensively to show data elements for routine vaccinations on the Routine Immunization event based on the date of birth (attribute) and previous vaccination history (data elements).

Warnings and Contraindications

Based on the answers selected in the Pre-Immunization Question section, program rules are triggered to give decision support.. These are shown in the TEI dashboard (e.g. allergies, high risk status) and are also used to trigger warnings and contraindications during immunization service delivery

SMS Notifications

Program stage notifications have been configured based on program rules to enable birth notification for CRVS and appointment reminders to parents/caregivers. These notifications can be sent by system messages (internal to DHIS2), external email, or by SMS.



Vaccine Card View

Tabular data entry view displays an electronic "Vaccine card" for the health care provider or data entry clerk that follows the format of the typical yellow paper-based immunization card. The card gives the history of all the child's immunizations.

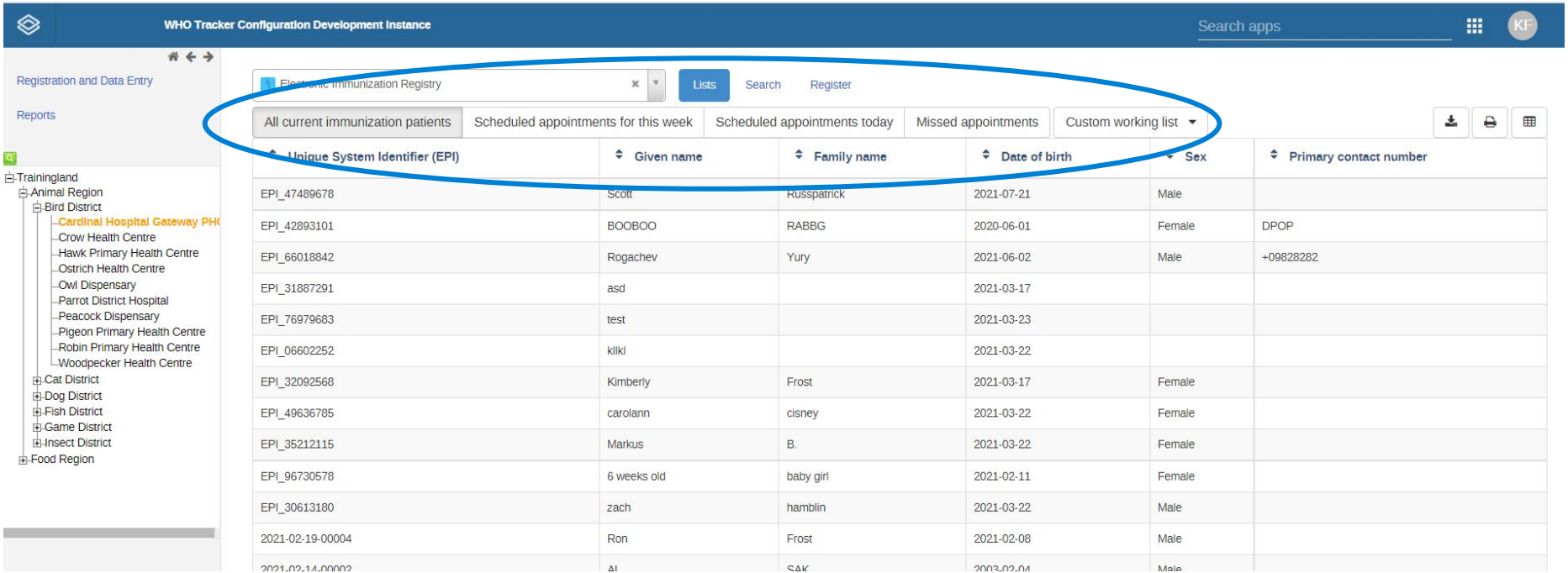
Working Lists

To support quick search of patients at facility level, four separate "working lists" are predefined in the "Lists" tab of the Tracker Capture landing page. Each of these working lists display TEI that meet certain criteria, such as upcoming appointments or missed appointments.

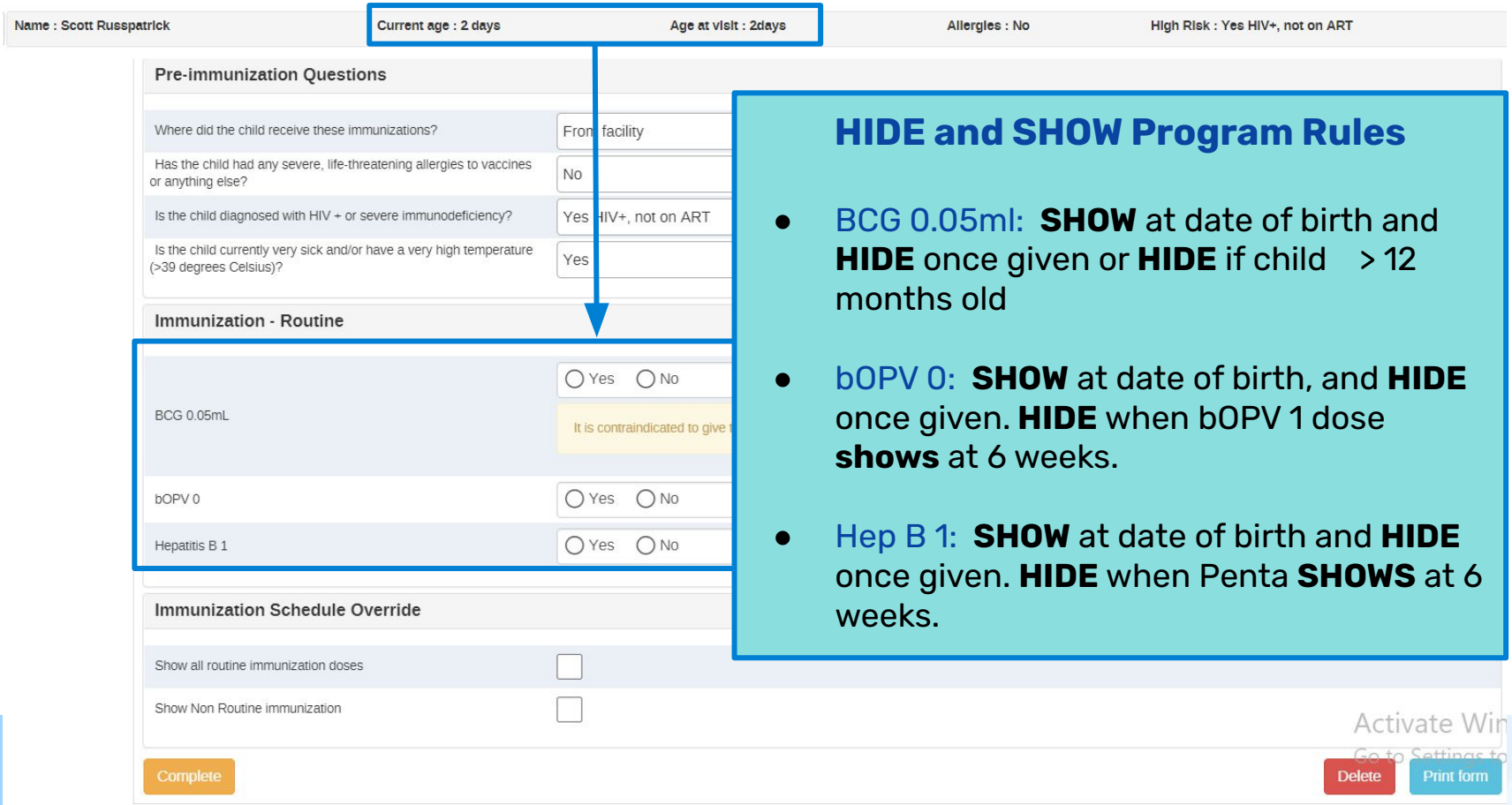
Analytics & Indicators

The indicators are based on the WHO EPI aggregate program . In addition, many indicators from the Immunization Tracker program are based on ***cohorts***, rather than raw counts. (Note that the Immunization Tracker program can only calculate a subset of the recommended aggregate indicators,)

Working Lists



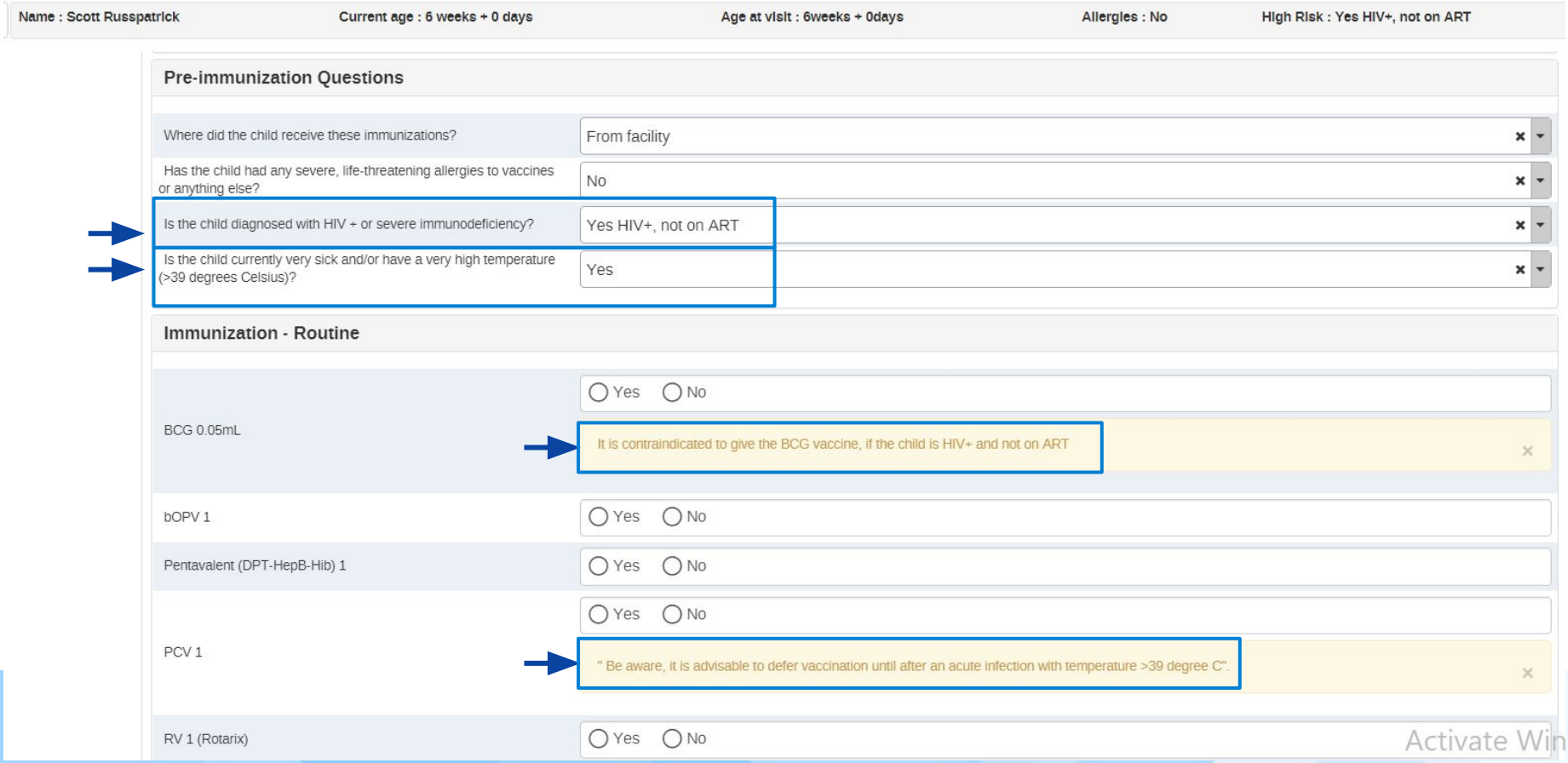
Program rules based on AGE



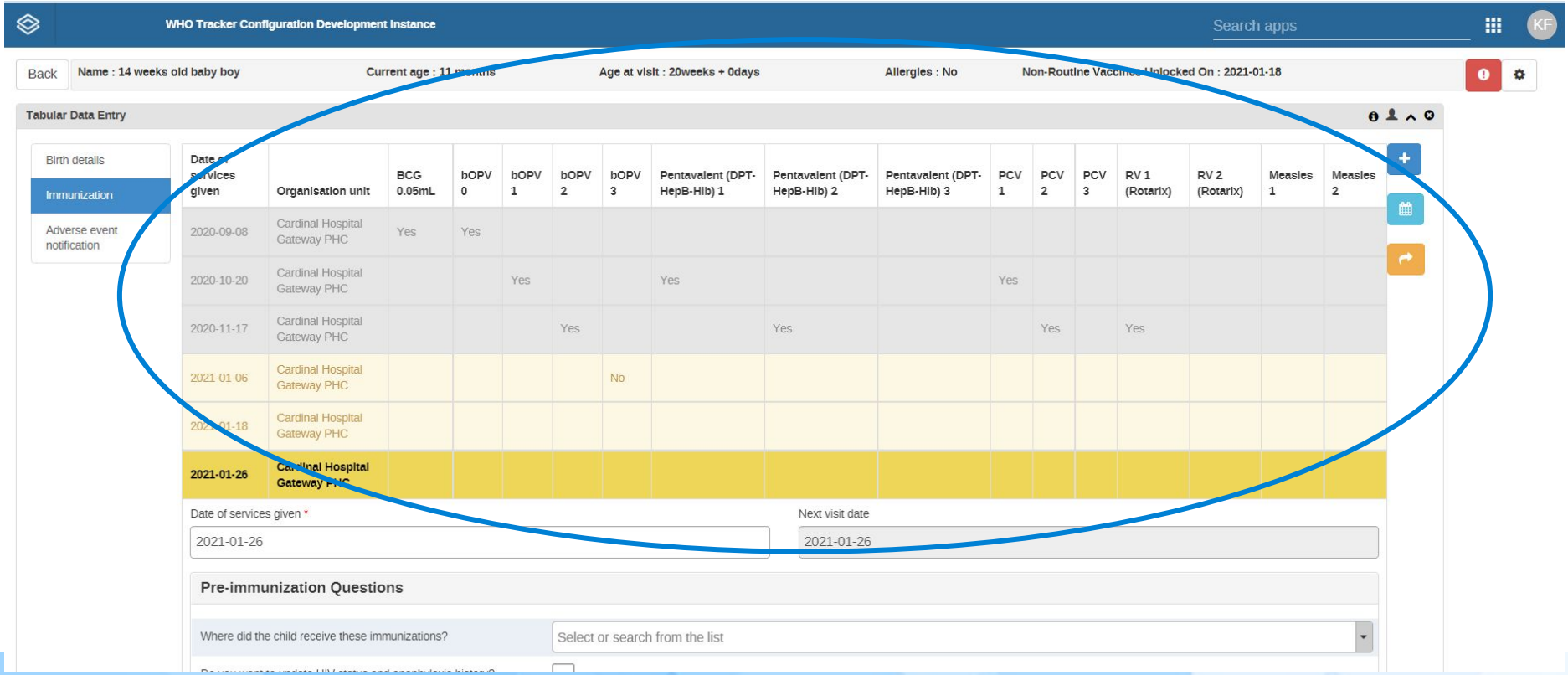
HIDE and SHOW Program Rules

- BCG 0.05ml: **SHOW** at date of birth and **HIDE** once given or **HIDE** if child > 12 months old
- bOPV 0: **SHOW** at date of birth, and **HIDE** once given. **HIDE** when bOPV 1 dose **shows** at 6 weeks.
- Hep B 1: **SHOW** at date of birth and **HIDE** once given. **HIDE** when Penta **SHOWS** at 6 weeks.

Warning and Validation Rules



Vaccine Card (Tabular Data Entry)



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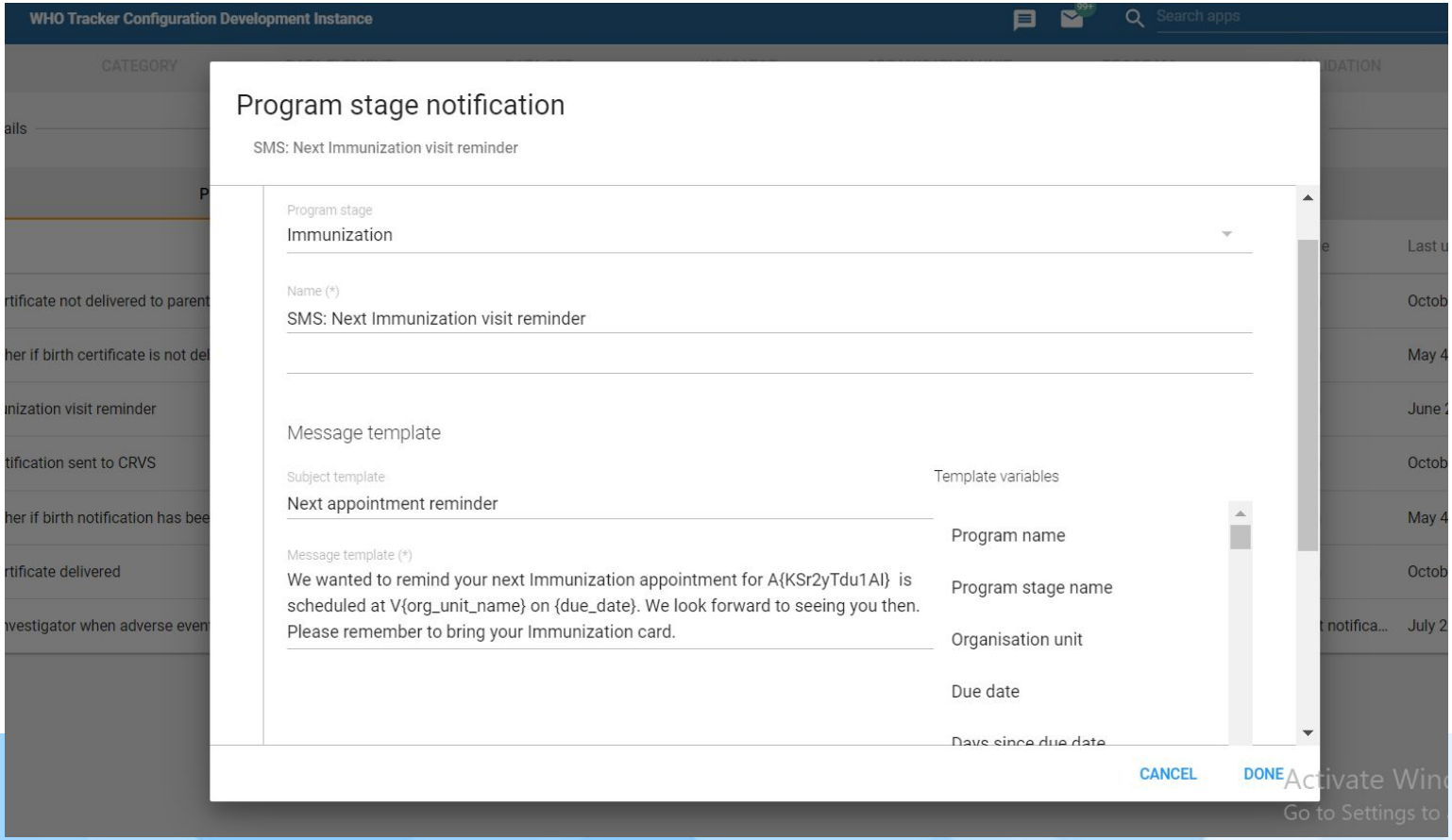

Web and Android

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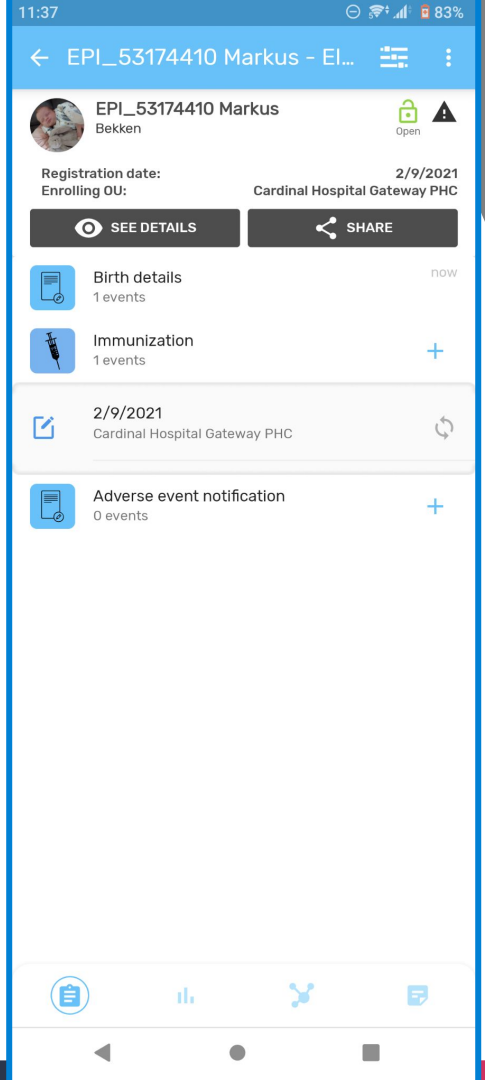
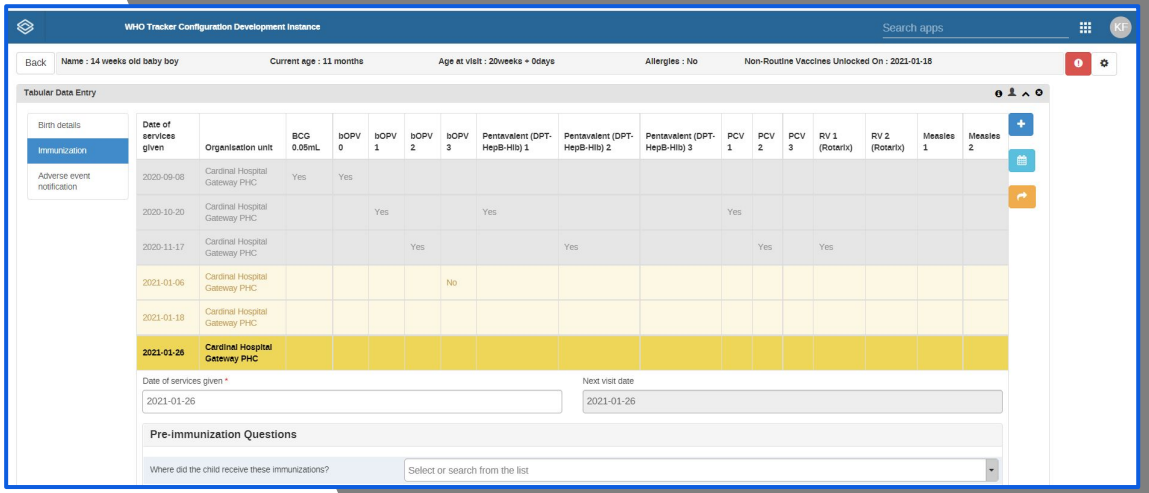


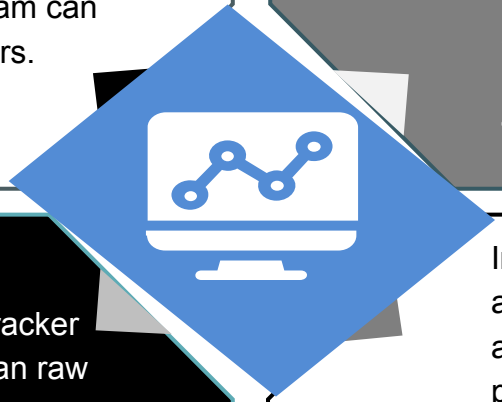


EPI Tracker Analytics & Indicators

The indicators are based on the WHO EPI aggregate program, with the intention that the relevant data collected in the Tracker program can be reported to the aggregate HMIS indicators.

Five dashboards are included in the metadata package

1. EIR Overall Rollout
2. EIR Age Ranges
3. EIR Dropout Rates
4. EIR Vax Doses
5. EIR Immunization



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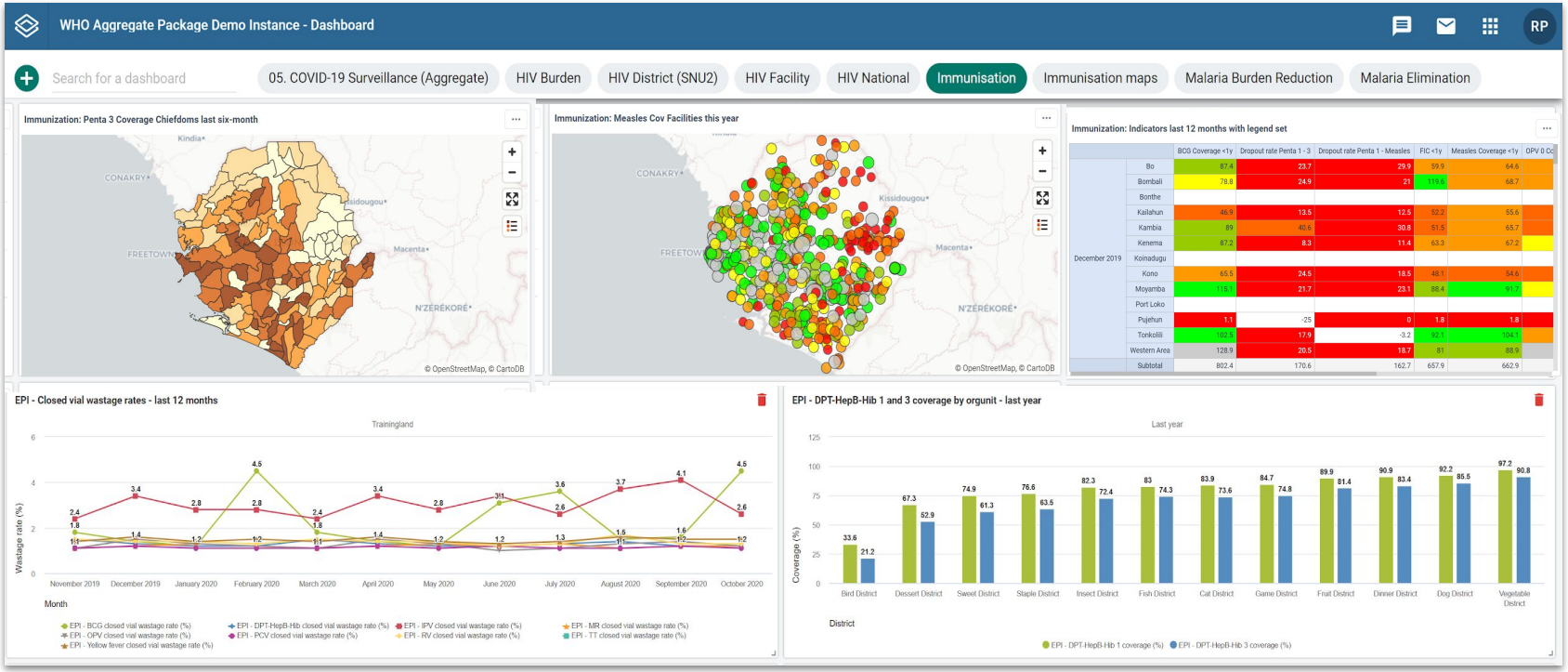
Individual level data enables the capture and analysis of highly granular data and adds nuance to information systems, providing opportunities for ad hoc analysis, shifting indicators over time, and improving data quality

Analytics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EPI - Closed vial wastage rates - last 12 months
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EPI - DPT-HepB-Hib closed vial wastage rate (%)
EPI - IPV closed vial wastage rate (%)
EPI - MR closed vial wastage rate (%)
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Insect District
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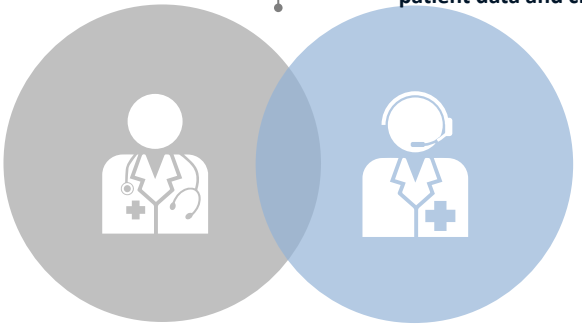
District
EPI - DPT-HepB-Hib 1 coverage (%)
EPI - DPT-HepB-Hib 3 coverage (%)

Birth Notification to the CRVS

Opportunistic collection of vital data

In many settings, health workers already collect much of the core information that is needed to register a birth or death. **Adding simple birth details to the EIR strengthens longitudinal patient data and creates cross sectional data usage**



Birth Notification

The EIR creates multiple opportunities to help overcome barriers in ensuring that births are notified to the CRVS. **Adding notification questions to the EIR can create a cascade response with SMS, and email notifications** .

Birth Registration

With improved systems for registering births health systems benefit because such information is fundamental to health decision making, both in terms of the provision of care at the level of individuals, and also in terms of the **generation of statistics for decision making.**

Resources

Documentation EIR:
https://docs.dhis2.org/en/topics/metadata/immunization/eir-immunization-eregistry/design.html
Demo EIR: https://who-demos.dhis2.org/newdemos/
Metadata Package download EIR: https://dhis2.org/metadata-package-downloads/#eir

https://dhis2.org/immunization/

Contact your local HISP group for technical assistance.

Contact UiO if you don't have a relationship to a HISP group or for global questions: **post@dhis2.org**

Ministry of Health
Republic of Maldives

Health Protection Agency

Comprehensive EIR Implementation in Maldives

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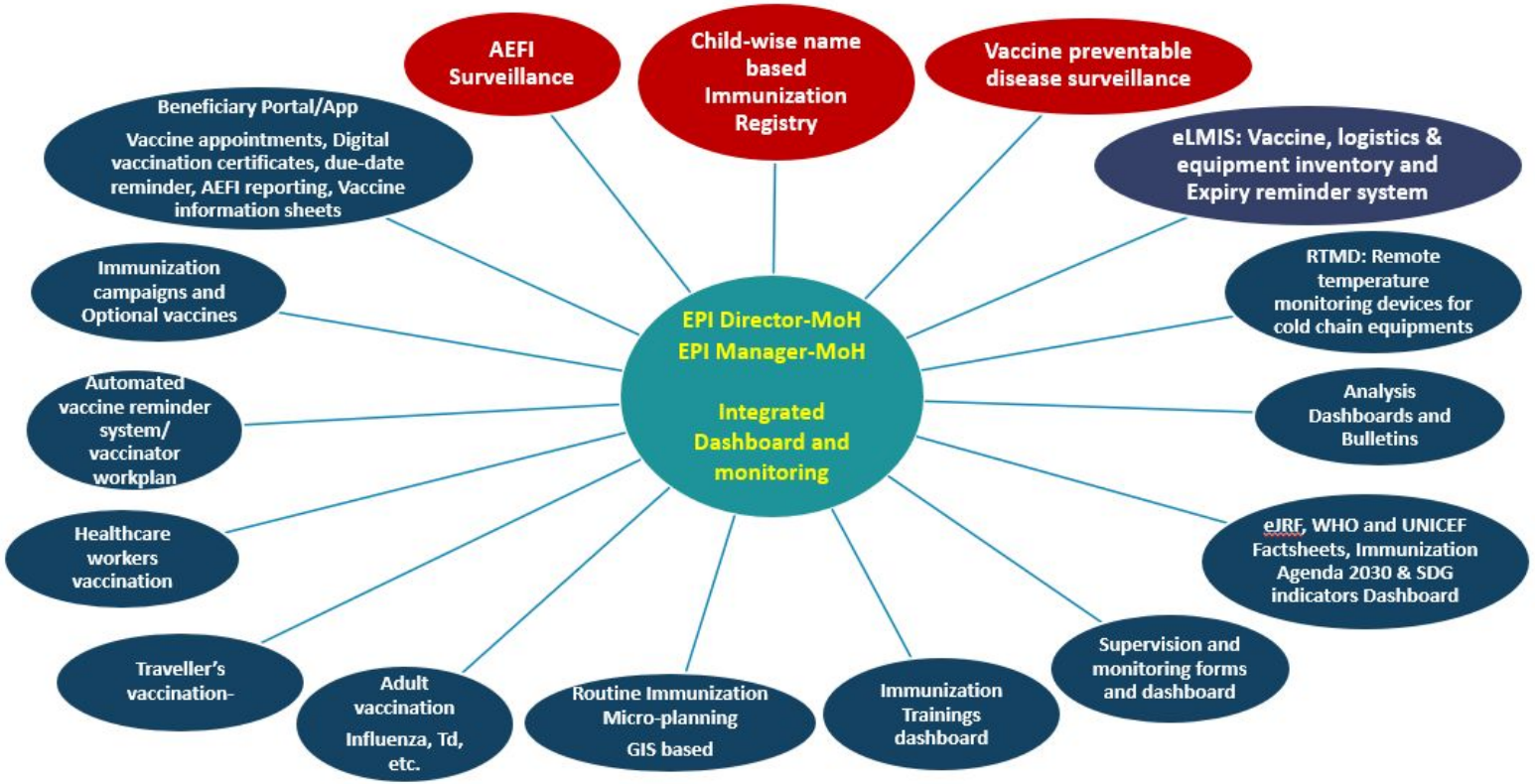
Maldives Comprehensive Electronic Immunization Registry (EIR): DHIS2 overview



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Technical Approach

Customization	Custom Developments	Integration
Child Immunization Registry	Beneficiary Portal	eLMIS
AEFI Surveillance	Immunization Certificate	Remote Temperature Monitoring
Vaccine Preventable Diseases	Immunization Microplanning	Integration with Birth Registration System
Healthcare Worker Vaccination		Vigiflow integration
Travelers Vaccination		
Adult Vaccination		
Supervision & Monitoring		
Analysis Dashboards		

Main Functions of EIR

Ministry of Health
Republic of Maldives

Health Protection Agency

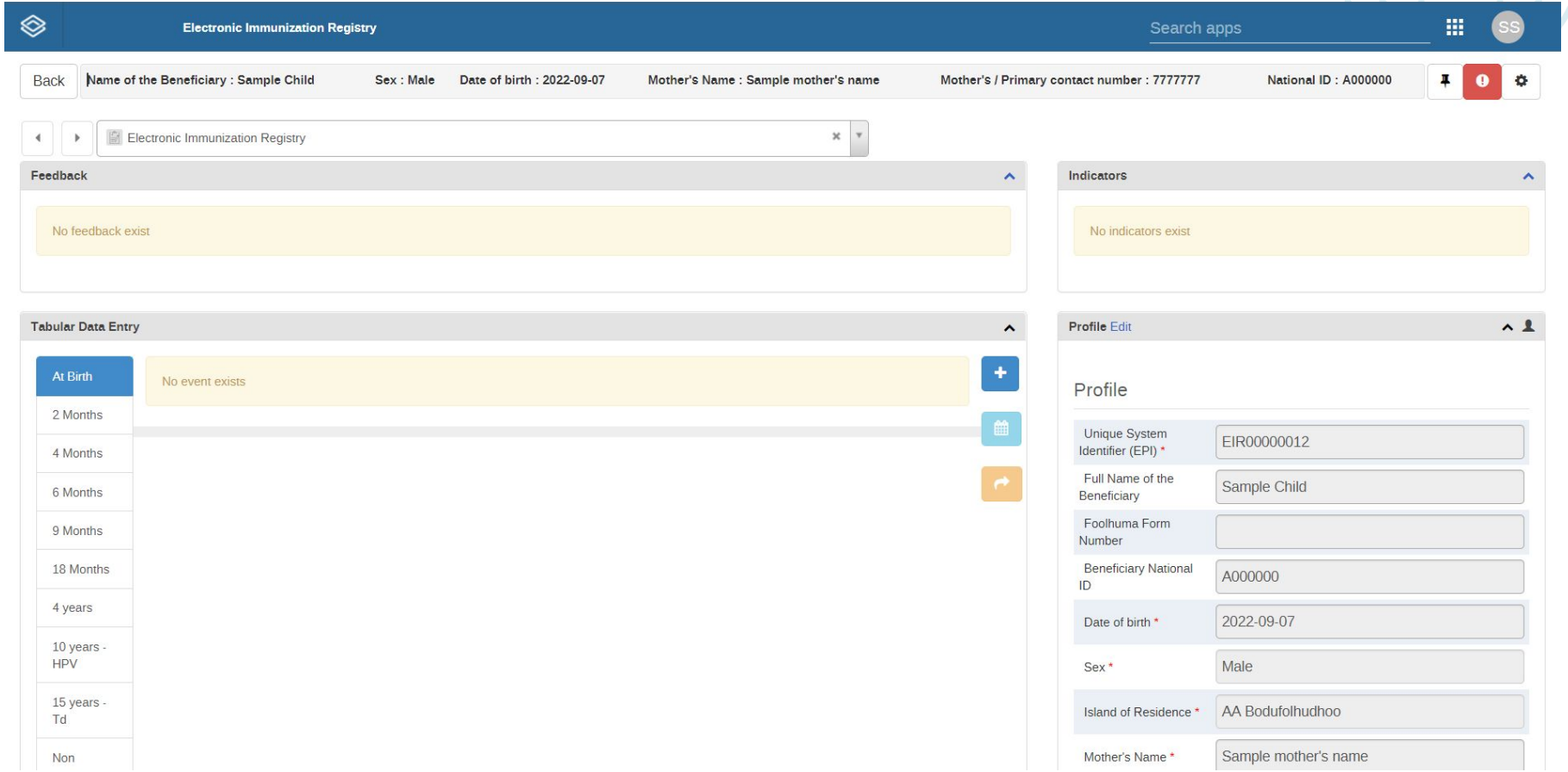
Electronic Immunization Registry

Collect & Store Individual Level Vaccination Data

Analyze Data and Generate Reports

Digital Vaccination Record through Beneficiary Portal

Tracked Entity Dashboard



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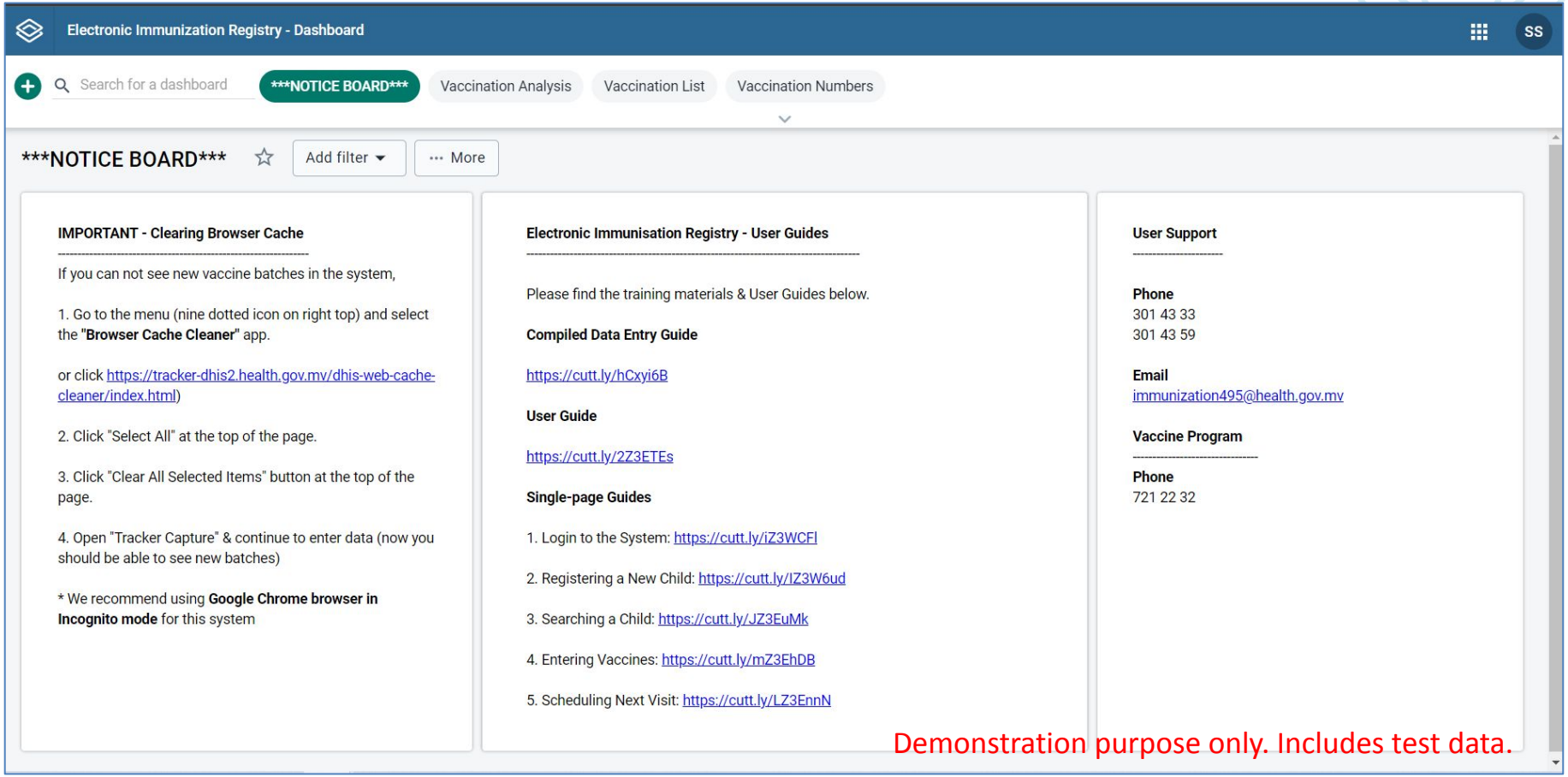

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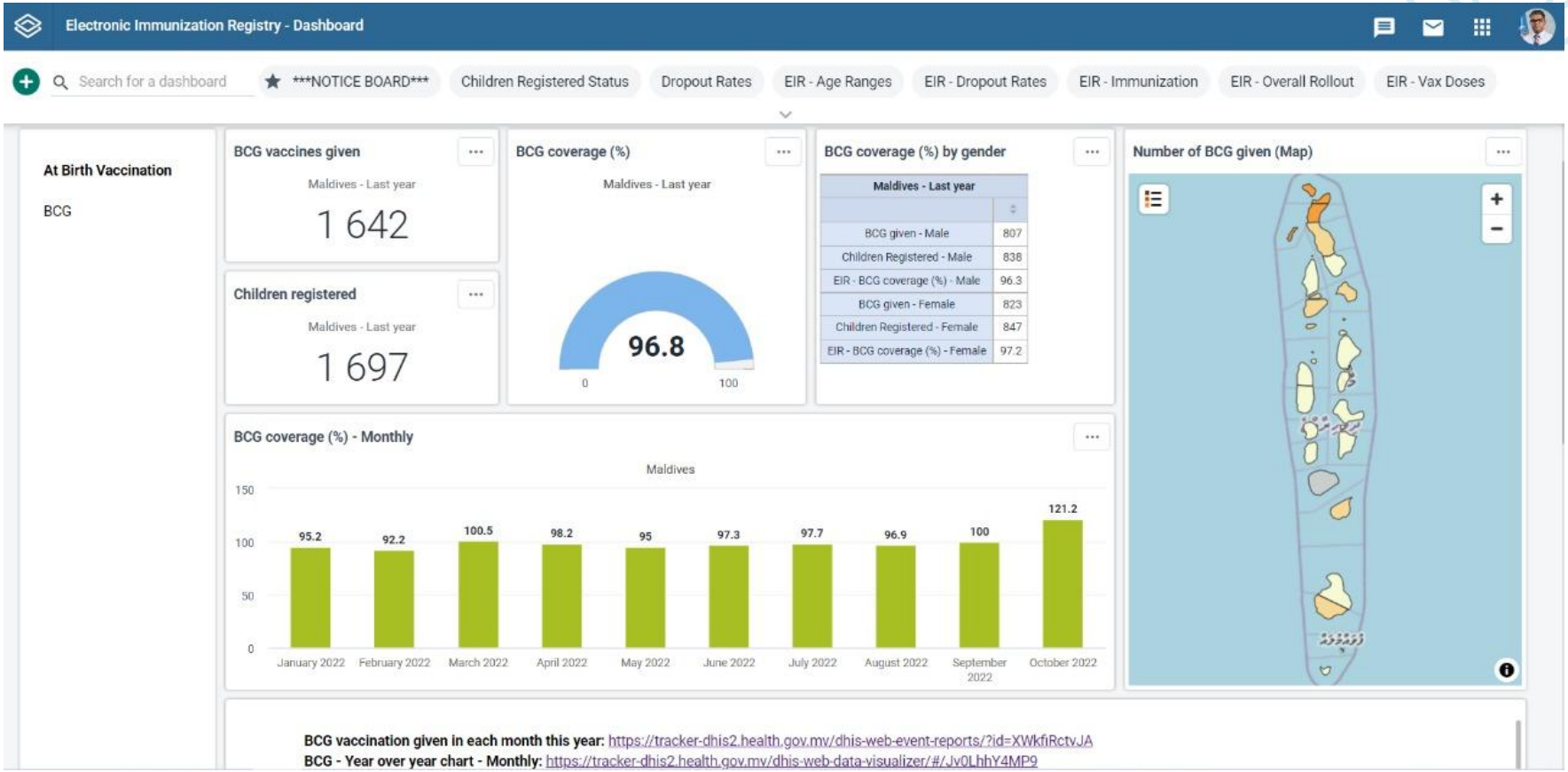

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Compiled User Guide

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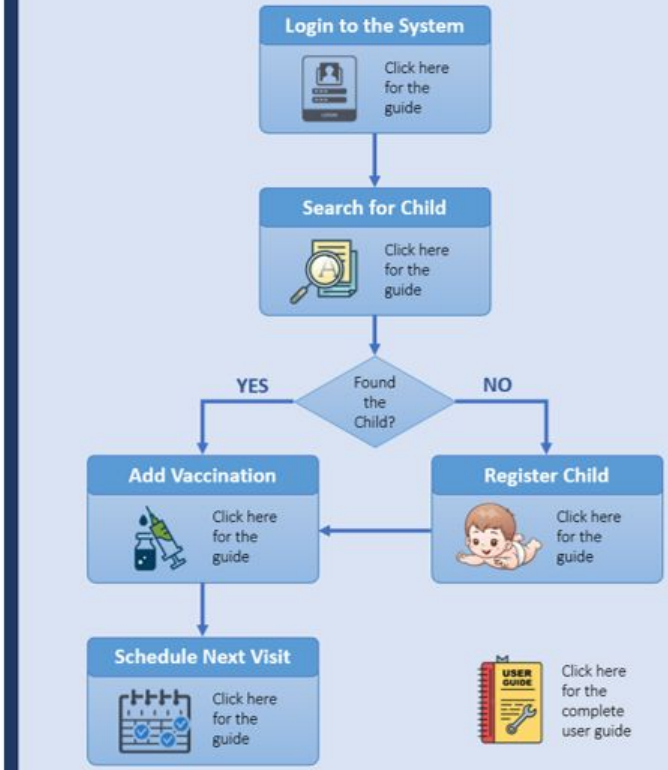
Data Entry Guide



Principal Stakeholders

Ministry of Health
Republic of Maldives

Health Protection Agency

World Health Organization
Maldives

unicef
for every child

Status

- EIR fully customized, piloted and implemented at national level
- 35% of birth cohort registered & followed up in the system – 2 months of implementation
- AEFI & VPD Surveillance customized
- Beneficiary portal developed & ready to piloted

Learnings

- Use of dhis2 EIR metadata package
- Proper use of customization, custom developments & integration
- Country context & stakeholders
- Building in-country capacity
- Scaling, support & maintenance

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An Introduction to DHIS2 Tracker & Bangladesh Use Case

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Background Situation

- 1.Bangladesh achieved fully vaccination coverage 82%, however the coverage remain static from 80% - 85% for years
- 2.Significant coverage gaps between urban vs rural and geographical areas
- 3.Gaps between valid and crude coverage
- 4.Big difference between administrative and survey coverage
- 5.Invalid doses, dropout and left out are main reason for low coverage
- 6.Fixing correct denominator is a big challenge
- 7.Unable to identify the zero dose children

Objective to introduce immunization E-tracker

- To increase valid Fully Vaccination Coverage to 95% from 82% which is stagnant for years
- Establish online registration system to monitor unvaccinated, partially vaccinated and fully vaccinated children
- Reduce invalid doses, left out and drop out through SMS to mothers and workers
- Reduce gaps between a) rural, urban and slums b) HTR and non HTR c) geographical areas

Requirements from Immunization E-tracker

- Both android and web base
- Registration of children as per current manual registration element
- Vaccination record entry as per current EPI schedule
- SMS to mother/guardians for registration, due dose, dropout dose and completion of vaccination.
- Pop up messages to vaccinator for invalid dose
- SMS to supervisor/managers for invalid dose
- List of due doses and overdue doses
- Offline data entry
- Country capacity, adaptability and sustainability

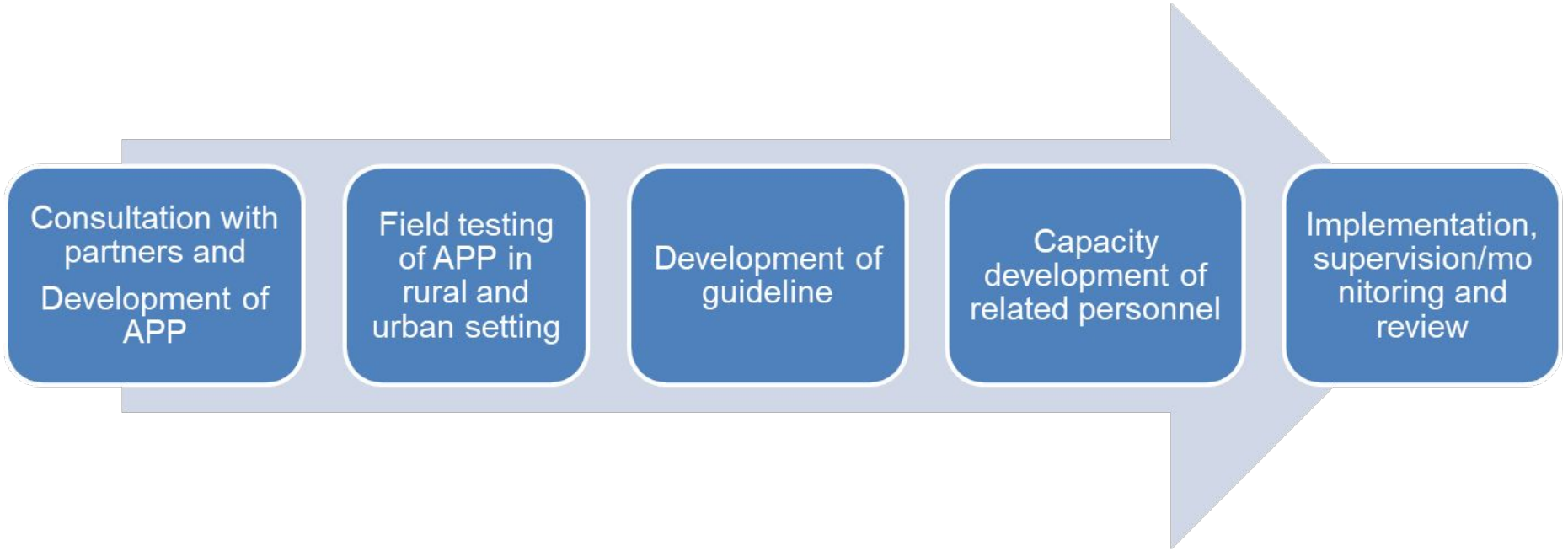
Why we selected DHIS2 tracker

- 2010 - Bangladesh is using DHIS2 to collect facility and community level aggregate data
- 2015 - All health managers and field level users were oriented on DHIS2
- 2015 - Community level maternal and child health tracking from 2015 through 14,000 community clinic
- 2016 - EPI program using DHIS2 aggregate datasets to collect vaccination, vaccine and logistics information
- 2016 – Introduce cold chain equipment inventory through DHIS2 tracker
- Technical expertise on DHIS2 is available and is opensource, free to use and have strong community support
- 2019 – Introduction of Immunization E-Tracker

How was the platform applied to the context to solve the problem?

- Using DHIS2 tracker module to register every child
- Flexible customization mechanism to design as per country immunization schedule
- Built-in SMS module to send reminder & defaulter to beneficiary & Health worker
- Built-in indicator & notification function facilitate to reduce invalid doses
- Flexible & advance analytics to reduce the zero dose
- GIS functionality to identify the service gap
- Reports generated to identify invalid dose, left out and drop out

Implementation timelines and steps



EPI E-tracker implementation

Moulvibazar District

7 Upazila
3 Municipality
67 Unions
1584 Outreach sites

Rural

Cox's bazar District

8 Upazila
1 Municipality
72 Unions
1746 Outreach sites

Rural

Dhaka South City Corporation

1 Zone
15 Wards
122 Vaccination sites

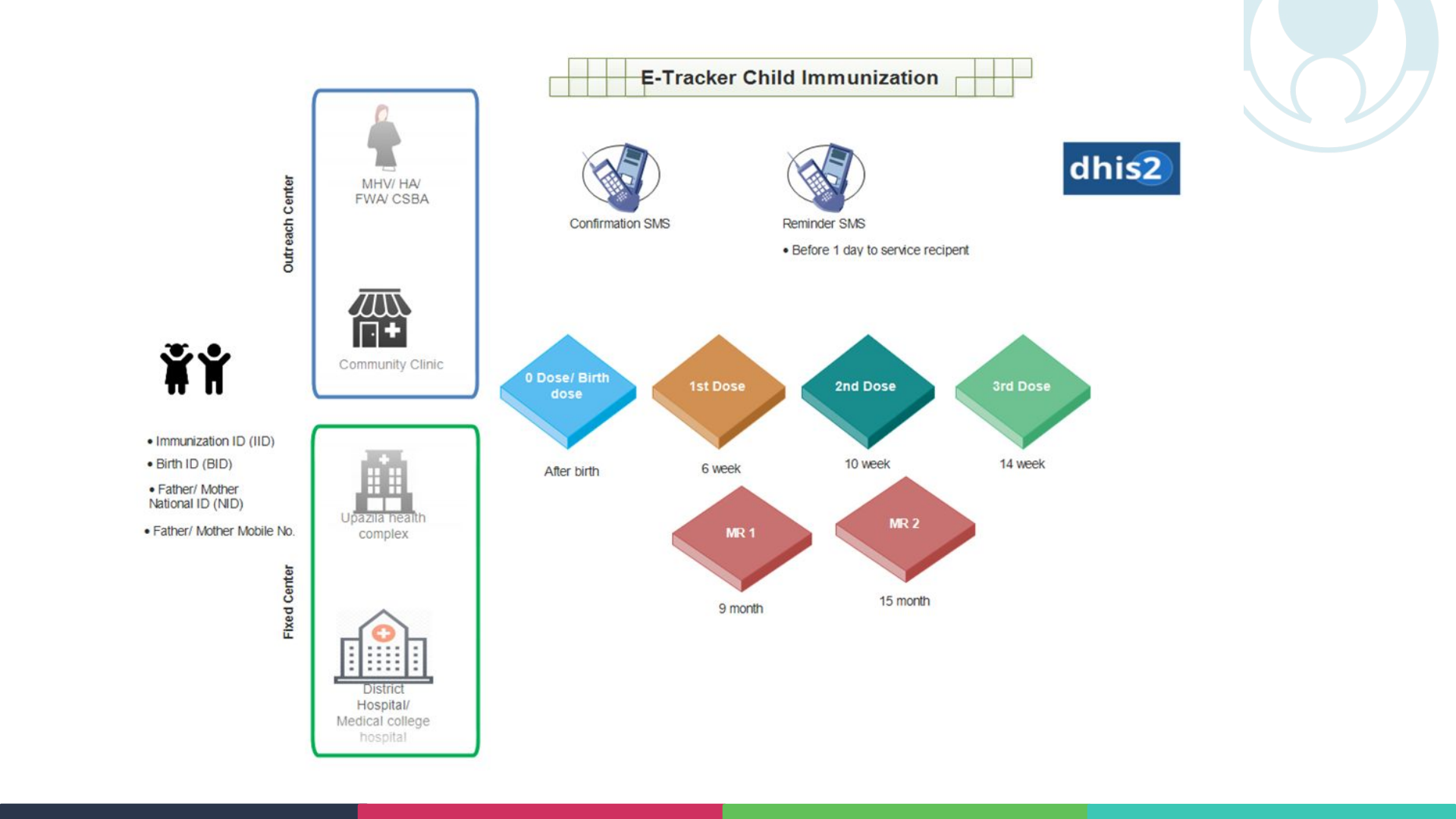
Urban

Rohingya refugee/Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (FDMN)

32 Camps
56 Outreach

Humanitarian response

E-Tracker Child Immunization



Benefit and impact

Conducted Implementation research for E-tracker implementation in June to August 2021

Effectiveness mentioned in IR:

- *Overall, 50 (13.6%) caregiver received SMS notifications prior to the vaccination dates. All of them agreed it acted as a reminder about the vaccination date for them.*
- *The e-Tracker system aided in easy tracking of the dropout children using the digital platform (calling via mobile and sending out SMSs).*
- *Using e-Tracker help vaccinator to avoid giving invalid dose*
- *As monitoring of immunization activities became easier following the e-Tracker system, timely measures could be taken to minimize problems.*
- *The program aiding in notifying beneficiaries via short message services (SMS) to ensure a valid and effective vaccination process*

Conclusion of IR:

The e-Tracker intervention worked almost smoothly during the pilot phase because of the active involvement of the relevant stakeholders, namely EPI, MIS, and UNICEF. However, the IR study identified some significant challenges related to the service delivery for the project. A heavy technology-dependent intervention requires skilled workforces.

Contracting options and cost categories

Contracting options (DHIS2 is Opensource and free)

- Local vendor/HiSP
- UiO

Cost categories

- Server and infrastructure
- Cloud service
- Devices and accessories
- SMS
- Training
- Monitoring and supervision
- Annual maintenance

Pros

- Truly open-source software for customization & implementation
- Strong community support
- Flexible customization mechanism to design data entry form
- Version update in regular interval
- No vendor lock
- Followed international standard for security and privacy

Cons

- System performance could be affected based on server capacity & tracker design
- Global search configuration is tricky
- Vaccine card report printing required special skill
- Server configuration & maintenance need special skill
- System error log is difficult to interpret