# Understanding and Clearing Immunisation Backlogs in the Wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic

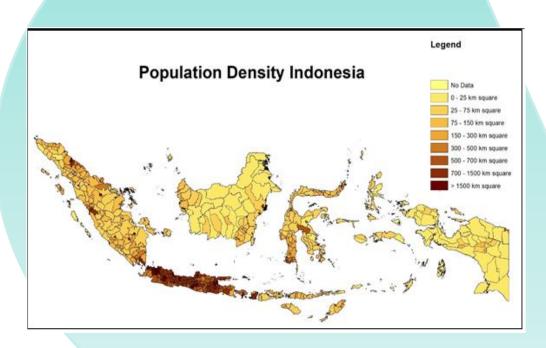
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## **Indonesia Context**



#### **Demographic**

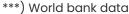
- ❖ 275.7 million inhabitant (57% of population urban area)\*
- ❖ 34 provinces, 514 districts and 17,504 islands
- ❖ 10,179 primary health facilities and 1.445 private hospital (Health Indonesia profile 2021).
- 2.3% fertility rate
- Birth cohort more than 4.3 million\*\*

#### **Income and social economics**\*\*\*

- GDP average annual growth rate 3.7% (2021)
- Life expectancy at birth from 62 years in 1990 to 72 years in 2020

#### Source:

- \*) Statistic Agency (BPS)
- \*\*) MoH Decree R.I No. 5675/2021 regarding data of the target population for the health development program





#### National Immunization Program (NIP)

**Routine immunization program** 

AGE	TYPE OF IMMUNIZATION		
<24 hours	Hepatitis B		
1	BCG, OPV1		
2	DPT-HepB-Hib1, OPV2, PCV1, RV1		
3	DPT-HepB-Hib2, OPV3, PCV2, RV2		
4	DPT-HepB-Hib3, OPV4, IPV. RV3		
9	MR1, IPV2		
10	JE* (endemic region)		
12	PCV3		
18	DPT-HepB-Hib4, MR2		

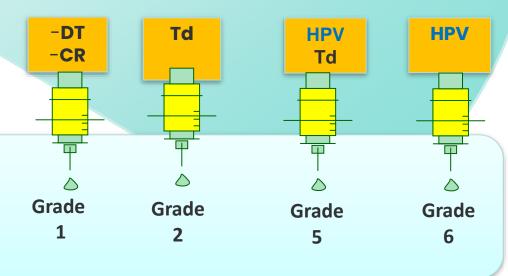
- 12 antigens
- Immunization system : Public and private health facilities and free of charge
- Vaccines and logistics (national level) and operational cost (sub national level)





#### **School Based Immunization**





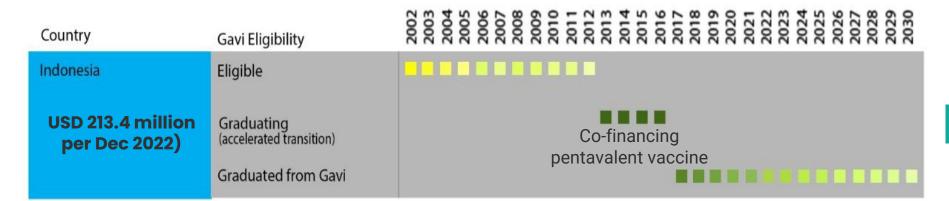
## Routine Immunization Program Target Groups

Indonesia has a large target groups for routine immunizations

71 million	
people	

No	Target Groups	Denominator (approx.)
1	Infants (0 – 11 months)	4.373.429
2	Under two years (18 – 24 months)	4.370.223
3	School – age groups	
	a. First grade	4.387.385
	b. Second grade	4.393.317
	c. Fifth grade	4.411.273
	d. Fifth grade (female)	2.160.105
	e. Sixth grade (female)	2.162.914
4	Child Bearing Age Woman (15 – 39 yo)	53.522.457

## **Gavi transition status**



#### GNI per capita increased

\$ 790 (2002)

\$3,730 (2013)

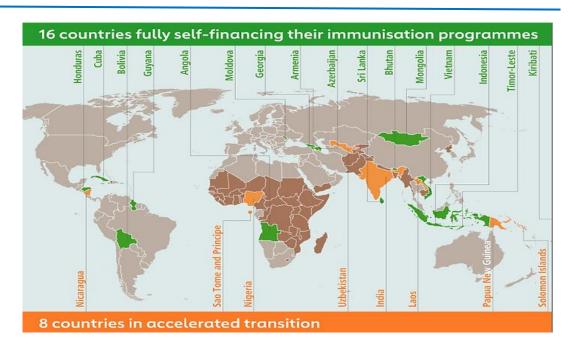
\$4,050 (2019)

\$3,870 (2020)

\$ 4,140 (2021)

- MICs, World Bank 2021-





#### Gavi support - eligible

- NVS IPV up to 2027
- AMC or vaccines procurement through UNICEF SD for 10 years
- MICs application (2023 -2025)

## Status of Routine Immunisation Coverage



## **Status of Coverage**

#### DPT-HB/DPT-HB-Hib Coverage 2012 - 2021



2013 and nationwide roll out in 2014

Pentavalent being introduced since

- Stagnant coverage pre-pandemic
- Coverage decline in 2020 2021

Source: JRF WHO - Unicef estimate 2012 - 2021 (official estimate)



## **Overview of Coverage**

#### National coverage:

Routine immunization coverage decline from 88% in 2019 to 76% in 2020 and 87.3% in 2021

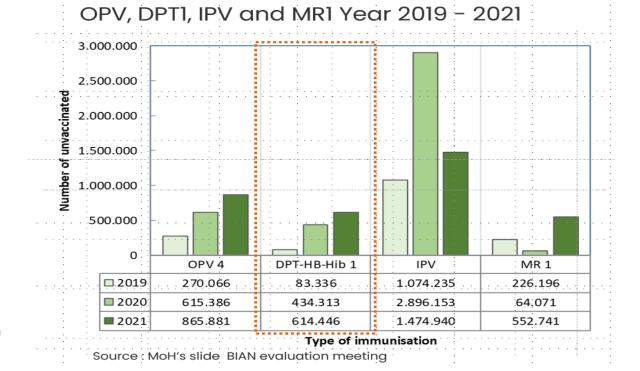
#### **Equity**

Decrease number of districts/city achieve complete routine immunization coverage in 2021 compared to 2019

> 20%

- DPT3 (398 to 267 districts/cities)
- MR1 (295 to 238 districts/cities)
- MR2 (88 to 32 districts/cities)

Source: JRF WHO - Unicef estimate 2019 - 2021 (official estimate)



Number of Unvaccinated

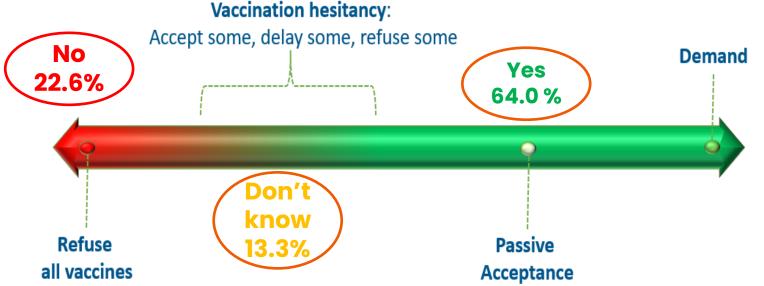


## Disruption & Mitigation Strategies



## **Understanding Disruptions**

Will you bring your child for immunization during the COVID-19 pandemic? followed more than 25,000 respondents



Source Rapid Survey: MoH and Unicef Indonesia. Routine Immunization for Children during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Indonesia: Perceptions of Parents and Caregivers. 2020. https://www.unicef.org/indonesia/media/6066/file/Routine

- 84% of all health facilities reported immunization service interruption at fixed and outreach sites.
- 68.5% afraid of contracting
   COVID-19 during vaccination and
   31.5% other reason
- 43% private clinics and hospitals have become the primary source for seeking childhood immunizations

**Roll out COVID-19 vaccination 2021** 



## Disproportionate Impact of Disruptions

	Urban	Rural
Immunization coverage (access)	-24.47%	-14.13%
Drop-out rate (utilization)	-9.24%	-24.95%
Ratio of administered dose per vaccinator (workload)	-4.17%	0.00%

Suwantika A.A.: Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic in Routine Immunization Programs; consultative work with CHAI under CDS grant

- Highest impact of lowering routine immunization program performance was in high urban population districts – possibility of private health facilities immunization access not being reported
- However, drop out rate was also lower in urban settings (high program utilization) - higher caregivers' education might lead to more likely completing their children's vaccination



## **Mitigating Disruptions**

What was done to mitigate disruptions to RI coverage during pandemic peaks?



#### What worked?

Develop of technical guideline for immunization services during COVID-19, immunization related refresher training, and develop of IEC, provided PPE, increase CCE capacity



#### what didn't, why?

Limited resources: HWs and budget reallocation to tackle to COVID-19 response



## Scale of Backlog



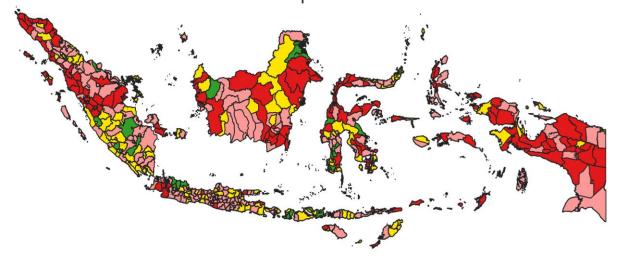
## Scale of Backlogs

Table of Percentage Zero Dose, Drop-Out, Missed Children

Year	Percentage of Zero Dose	Percentage of Drop Out (DTP1-DTP3)	Missed Children		
			OPV 4	IPV	MR 1
2019	1.8	3.5	5.8	23.0	4.9
2020	3.2	12.3	13.2	62.3	13.1
2021	6.8	19.9	19.8	33.8	12.7

Percentage of Zero Dose increase 1.8% in 2019 to 3.2% in 2020. Furthermore, in 2020 and 2021 increase 3 times to 6.8%. Drop-out for antigen DTP 1 and DTP 3, increase almost 6 times in 2021 compared in 2019

#### Analysis gap Immunization coverage Based on Drop Out and Zero Dose



Categorized	Risk	Number of Districts
0-1	-	36
1-2	Low	138
3-4	Medium	210
5-6	High	130

the map showing that 25% districts had wide gap immunization coverage.



### The key barriers to Immunisation

#### **Program management and financing**

Insufficient sub national budgeting for immunization

#### **Human Resources Management**

- Inadequate supply of health staff
- Miss opportunity wastage policy

#### Vaccine supply, quality and logistics

- Vaccine stock out
- Inadequate cold chain capacity
- long distance for vaccine distribution

#### **Service delivery**

- multiple injection
- long distance to health facilities
- marginalized population

#### **Coverage and monitoring**

- lack of defaulter tracking data (unimmunized children's data was not tracked)
- not integrating reporting and recording with private health facilities

#### Surveillance and AEFI monitoring

Reveals outbreak **VPDs** (e.g. polio, diphtheria, measles)

#### **Demand generation**

Vaccine hesitancy



## Addressing Backlogs..... (1)

The nationwide catch-up immunization campaign - National Childhood Immunization Month (BIAN) to address the country's backsliding in childhood vaccinations for children under the age of 15 y.o for one dose of MR (SIA) and addition of polio immunization for children under the age of 5 y.o (catch up)

#### Two phase catch-up immunization campaign (BIAN)

- Phase I (since May 2022) in 27 provinces
- Phase 2 (since August 2022) Java islands and Bali

National EPI lead the backlog clearing effort with PHO and DHO lead at subnational level.

- Develop tool for readiness assessment
- Develop of digital application ASIK
- Multisectoral approach to support BIAN
- Review meeting for phase 1 and preparation meeting for phase 2 especially for high risk areas



## Addressing Backlogs....(2)

- Advocacy meeting halal haram issue, multiple injection, vaccine safety and monitoring provinces/districts which has low coverages
- Routine monthly meeting took in place to assess catch up immunization campaign coverage
- Supervision has been conducted by MoH and supported by international partners.

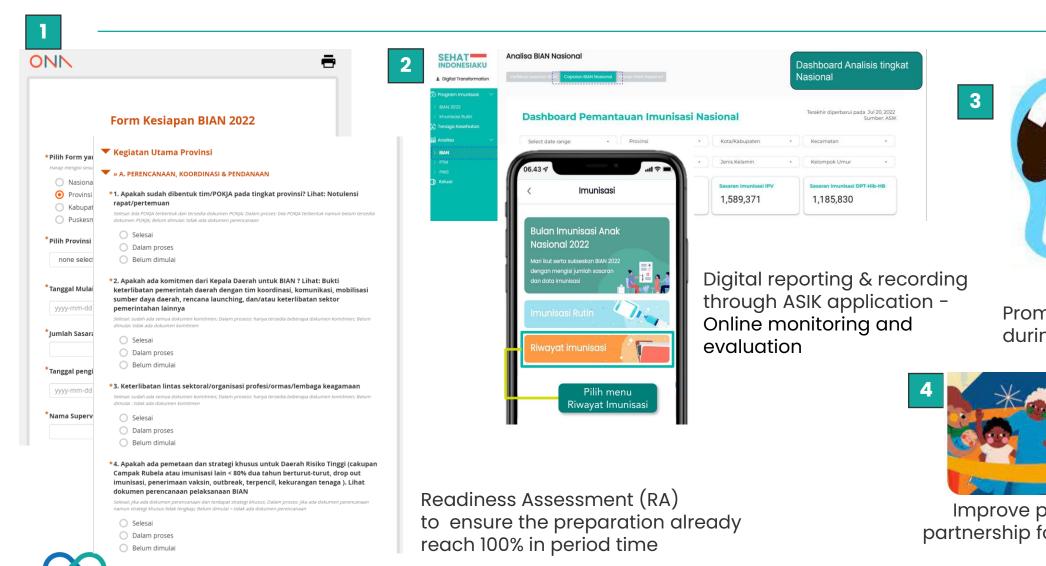
Roles of public, private and independent **sectors** to promote benefit of immunisation, provide immunisation services schedule reaching missed children especially at hard to reach areas, evaluate of the coverage -**RCA** 



Government allocated budget to provide vaccines and operational cost for BIAN activities excl. incentive



#### **Best Practices & Lessons Learned**





Promote multiple injection during COVID-19 pandemic



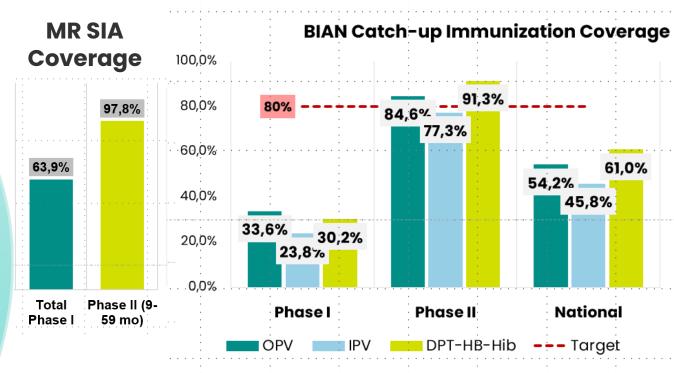
Improve public private partnership for immunization

## **Current Status of Backlogs**

**TARGET BIAN** 36.5 million children (27 million)

Phase 2 (9.4 million)





Source: BIAN report per 15 Nov 2022

BIAN is still on-going until end of Dec 2022



Phase 1

## THANK YOU TERIMA KASIH

