



# Philippines

## Learning Forum: Middle-income Countries New Vaccine Introduction Experiences Geneva, Switzerland, 23-25 April 2024

### Coverage & Key Indicators

	HPV	Rota	PCV
<b>Introduction Status</b>	Pilot	Not introduced	Nationwide
<b>If Yes, from which year</b>	2015		2014
<b>If No, or pilot, from which year introduction or nationwide scale-up is planned</b>	2026	Under discussion	
<b>For HPV:</b>			
<b>Target group: age and sex</b>	9-14-year-old girls		
<b>Delivery mode: Facility, School-based, Mixed</b>	Mixed		
<b>Dose schedule: current and year if one-dose switch is planned</b>	2 dose; 1 dose in 2024		

### Key Challenges and Strategies

<b>Achievements/Strengths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Readiness and preparedness</li> <li>• Establishment of a functioning NITAG to provide expert recommendations on the implementation of HPV vaccination</li> <li>• HPV: Adoption of a 1-dose series to increase acceptance; high impact demand generation and communication plan</li> <li>• RV: Launch of an effective and tailor-fit SBCC and communication plan prior to introduction</li> </ul>
<b>Challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The low coverage for routine vaccines</li> <li>• Vaccine acceptance (HPV)</li> <li>• Financing: low perceived importance of lawmakers on the procurement of 100% requirement of vaccines</li> <li>• Health worker capacity: limited health workers in the local government unit to cover schools and also limited health staff into schools to assist in vaccination activities</li> </ul>
<b>Partner Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical assistance in the conduct of a readiness assessment for Rota and HPV (Gavi, WHO)</li> <li>• Technical support in strengthening routine immunization including PCV (WHO and UNICEF)</li> <li>• Development of a Demand generation and communication plan for cervical cancer elimination and HPV vaccination; Funding support for the establishment of a NITAG (Jhpiego)</li> </ul>
<b>Gaps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing the immunization coverage for routine childhood immunizations</li> <li>• Human Resource. There was gap in human resource at the central and regional level in 2023. In 2024, there are new HRH added to NIP, however the team is focused in other more emergent situation such as outbreak response</li> </ul>
<b>Possible Strategies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition of human resource</li> <li>• Resolve stock-out issues and cold chain gaps</li> <li>• Address health worker knowledge gaps on operations and data management</li> <li>• Strengthen vaccine confidence Increase access to service delivery</li> <li>• Enhance program management</li> <li>• Strengthen evidence-based decision making</li> </ul>