



Uzbekistan

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Coverage & Key Indicators

	HPV	Rota	PCV
Introduction Status	Introduced	Introduced	Introduced
If Yes, from which year	2019	2014	2015
For HPV:			
Target group: age and sex	Girls aged 9 years		
Delivery mode: Facility, School-based, Mixed	Health facility and school-based		

Key Challenges and Strategies

Achievements/Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of medical workers of the primary level on interpersonal communication. Strong communication campaign; Intensified health education on cervical cancer prevention. Annual statistical data on incidence of cervical cancer. Use of intersectoral approach (the Ministries, different structures including Oliy Majlis (the Parliament) and the Senate (upper house of the parliament) participated in the introduction. Memorandum with religious organizations and their capacity building. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training of PHC health workers on interpersonal communication and intensified health education among population on diarrheal disease prevention. Severe diarrheal diseases incidence reduction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training of PHC health workers on interpersonal communication and intensified health education among population on pneumonia prevention, etc. Pneumonia incidence reduction.
Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brain drain of health workers; Low motivation of health workers: absence of incentives, low salary (monthly salary - 100 US dollars) Health system reform associated reduction of pediatricians. Mistrust in pharmaceutical products: misinformation about drug administered at schools (antistrumin - for iodine deficiency prevention); series of poisonings after Dok-Max - cough syrup use, etc.) Hesitancy towards HPV and Rota vaccines 		
Partner Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical assistance from GAVI WHO-UNICEF. Donation of vaccines and syringes. Support in the development of communication strategy and its implementation including printing of informational materials, posters, booklets, preparation of vaccination promotion video clips. 		
Gaps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brain drain of health workers Low motivation of health workers 		
Possible Strategies	Motivation and encouragement by health institution management of health workers providing immunisation services.		