Management and safe disposal of vaccination waste at health facility level
(applicable for non-live vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines)

At vaccination sites

**DEDICATED SAFETY BOX FOR SHARPS**
Deposit all used syringes and needles in a dedicated safety box immediately after use.

**LEAKPROOF BOX/BAG FOR VIALS**
Collect and dispose of vaccine vials separately from sharps and other waste.
Separately count and record the empty vials, vials with residual vaccine, and closed vaccine vials.

**LEAKPROOF YELLOW BAG**
Deposit used personal protective equipment (PPE), cotton swabs, or other waste, in a separate bin lined with leakproof yellow bag.

**LEAKPROOF BLACK BAG**
Dispose of packaging materials and other general non-hazardous waste in a separate bin lined with a leakproof black bag.

At temporary waste storage

Store general waste separately from vaccination/sharps waste.

- Store in clean, designated, and restricted utility area.
- Protect from exposure to elements and animals.
- Ensure regular collection and transportation.
- Wear appropriate protective equipment.

Transport for final treatment and disposal

Collect and dispose of vaccine vials separately from sharps and other waste.

- Collect on a regular schedule.
- Always wash hands with soap and running water.

- Lable all containers and boxes.
- Do not overfill.
- Store in secure/locked space.
- Ensure vehicles have proper protection from bad weather conditions.
- Wear appropriate protective equipment.

- Ensure that the vehicle is of a suitable size and design to hold the load secured during transport.
- Ensure that the transport of collected waste takes place during less busy times whenever possible.
- Comply with national regulations for transport and labelling documentation.