

Regional Progress Towards Hepatitis Elimination Western Pacific Region

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WHO in the Western Pacific Region

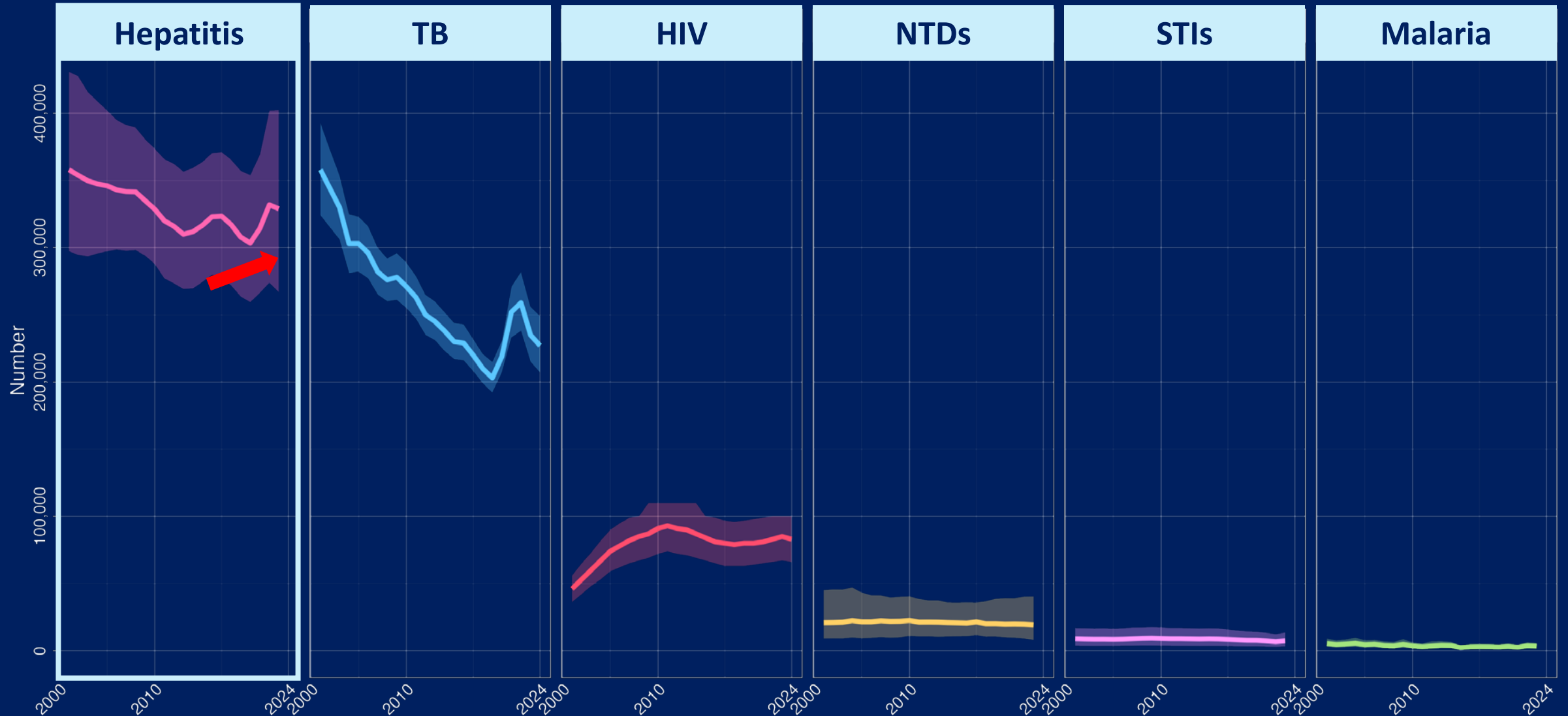


The Region:

- 38 countries and areas
- Nearly 1.9bn people, $\frac{1}{4}$ of the world's population
- Big and small countries

Hepatitis: the Region's Leading Communicable Disease Killer

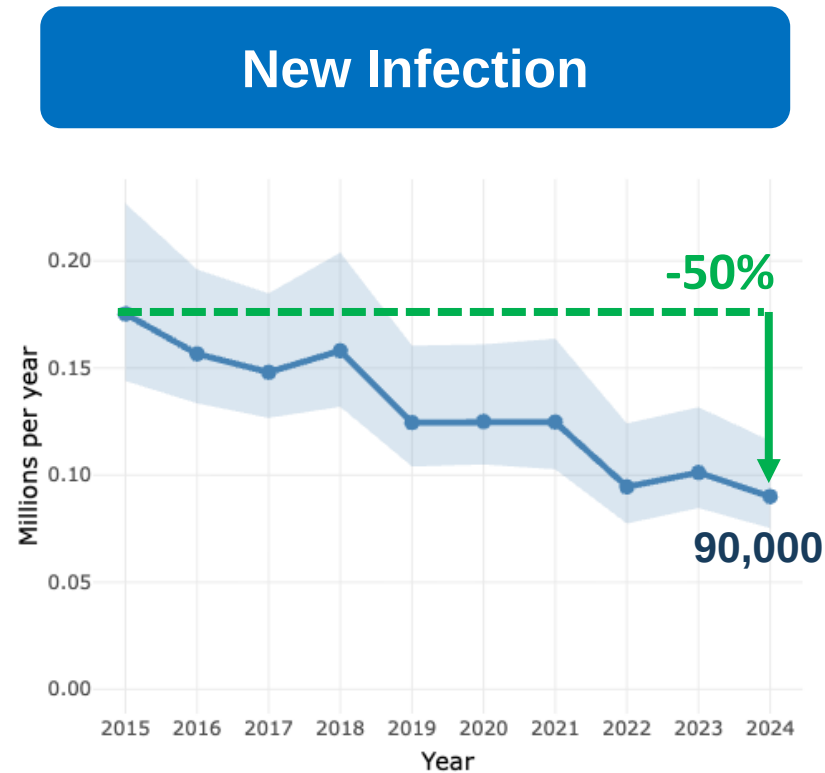
Estimated number of deaths due to major communicable diseases in WPR



Data sources: GBD/IHME for hepatitis and NTDs, UNAIDS for HIV, WHO for TB and Malaria

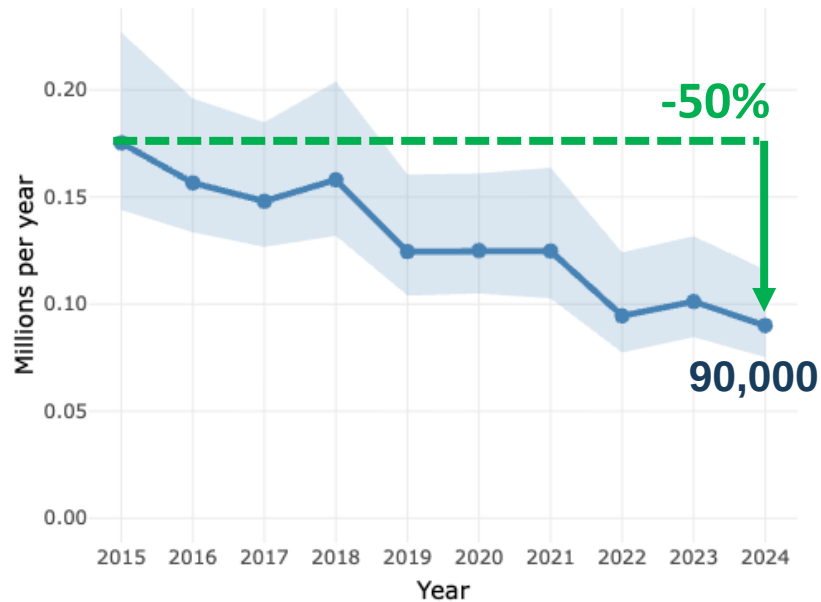
NTD: neglected tropical diseases
STIs: sexually transmitted infections

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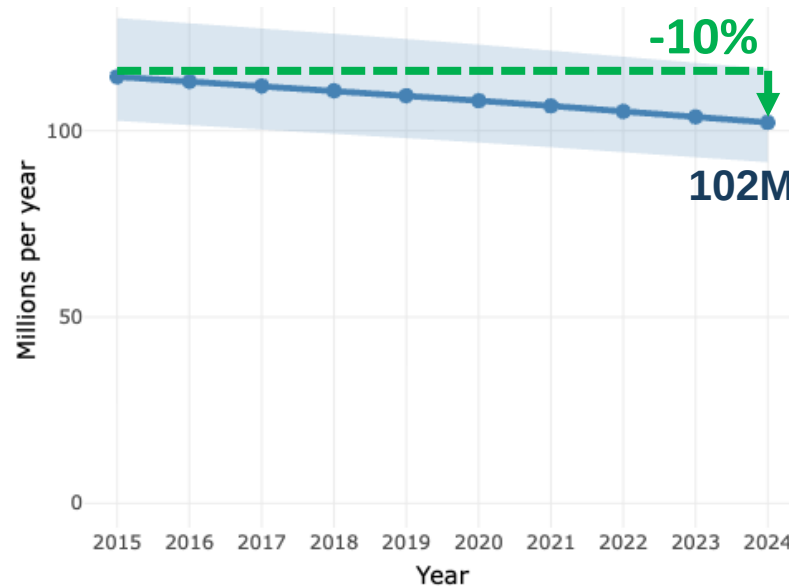


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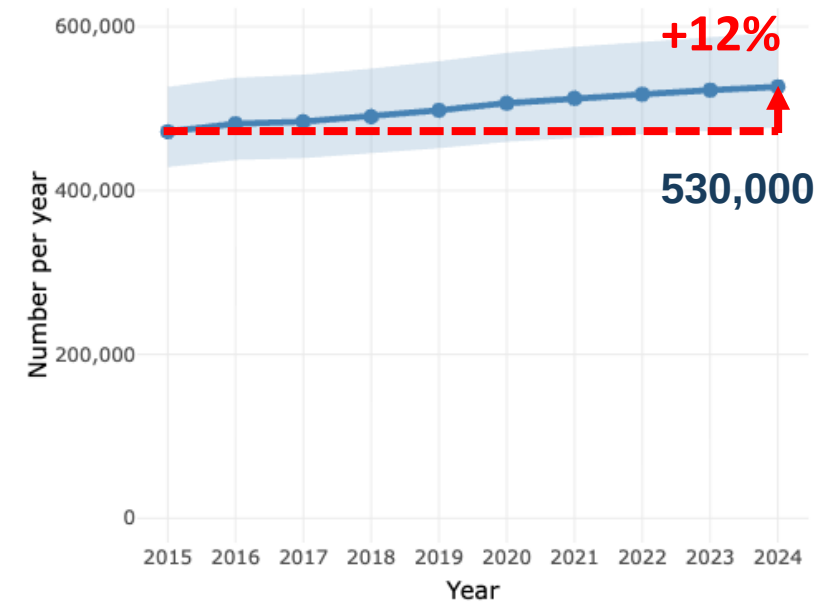


Total Infection



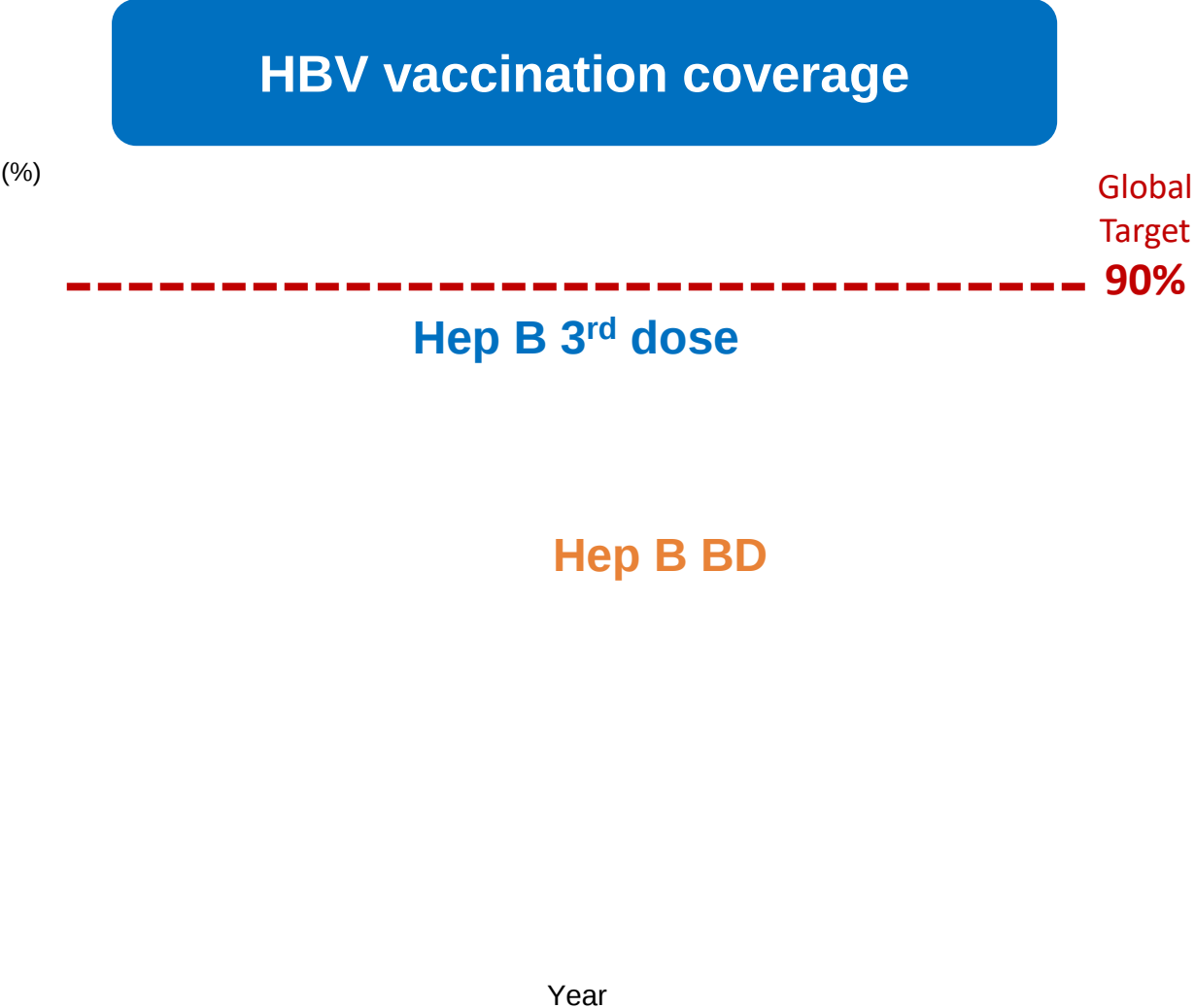
43% of global burden

Mortality



48% of global burden

Hepatitis B Prevention: High Coverage but Target Not Yet Met

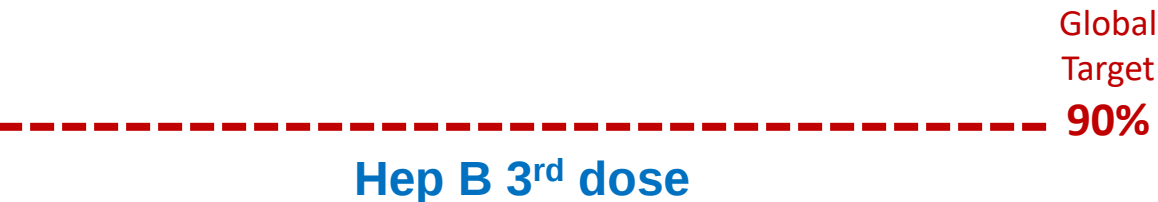


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HBV vaccination coverage

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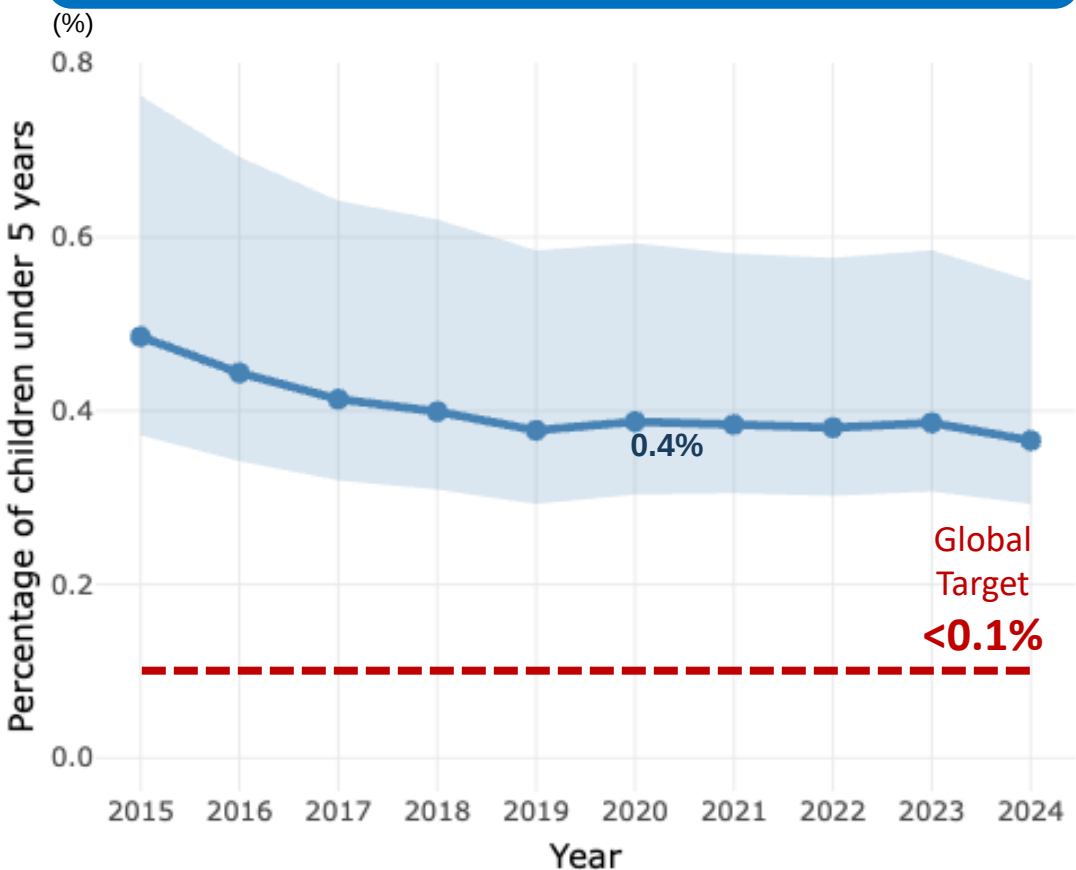


Hep B BD

Year

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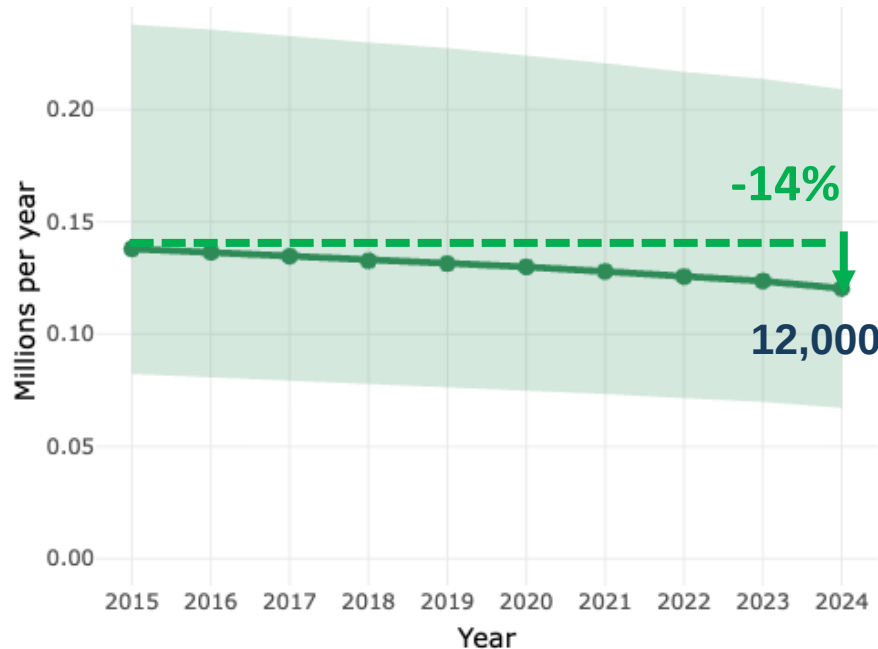
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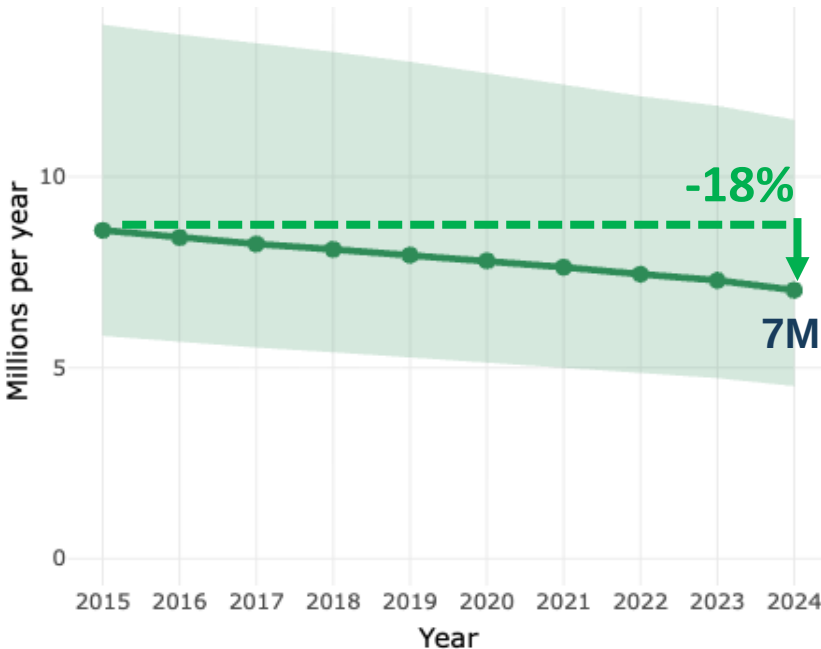
HBsAg prevalence among children under 5 years of age
Verified for <1.0%: 21 out of 38 countries*
Modeling indicating <0.1%: 13 out of 38 countries**

Hepatitis C: All Three Indicators Now Falling

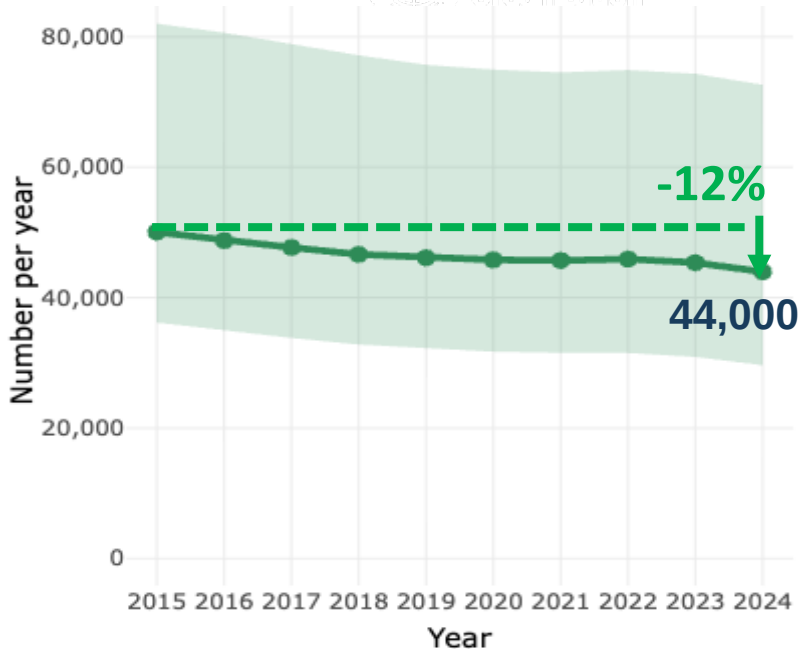
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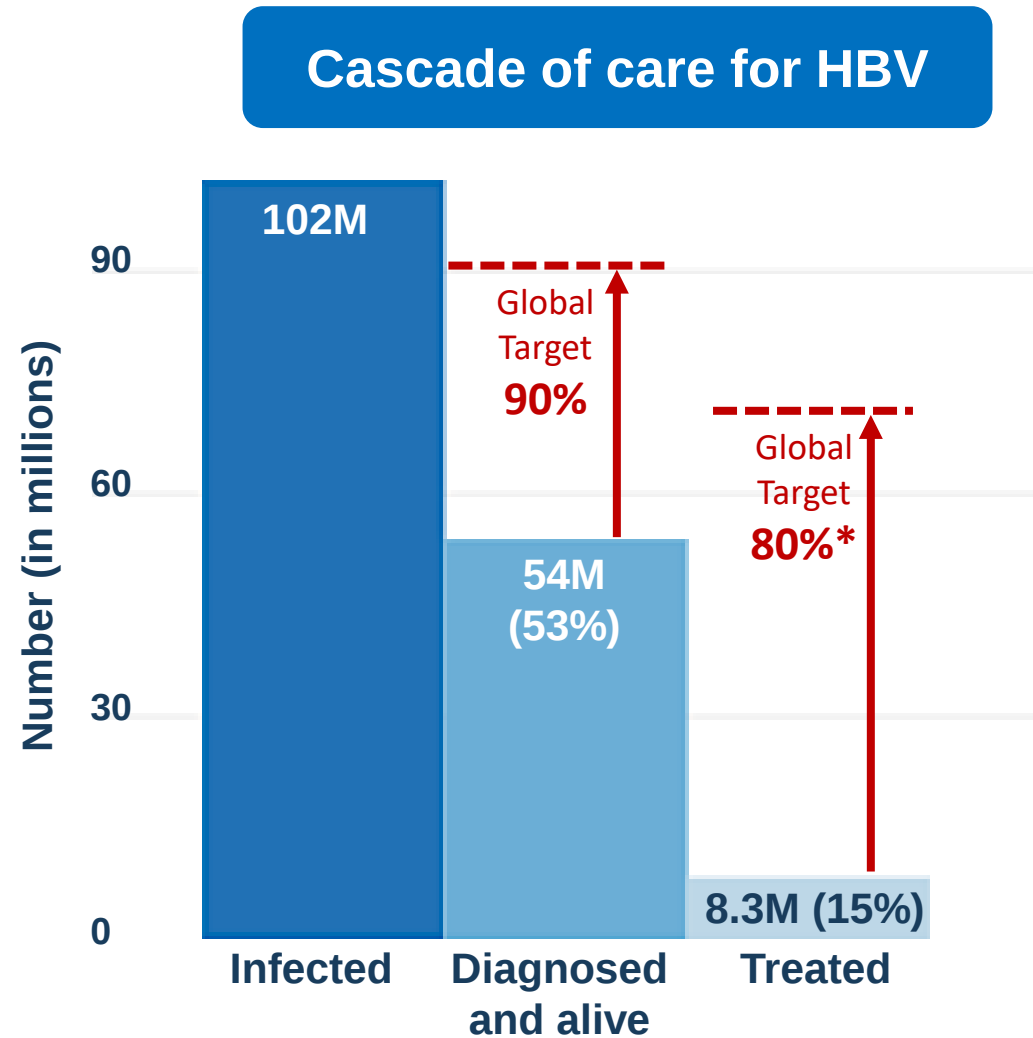
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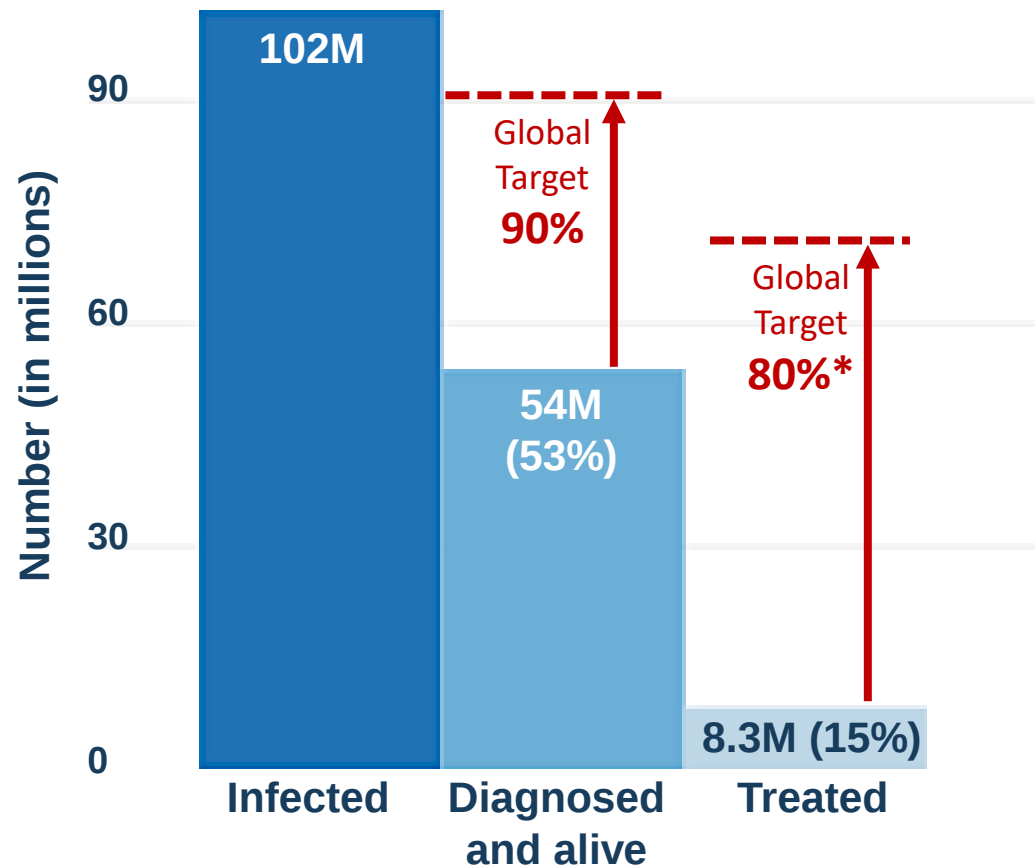
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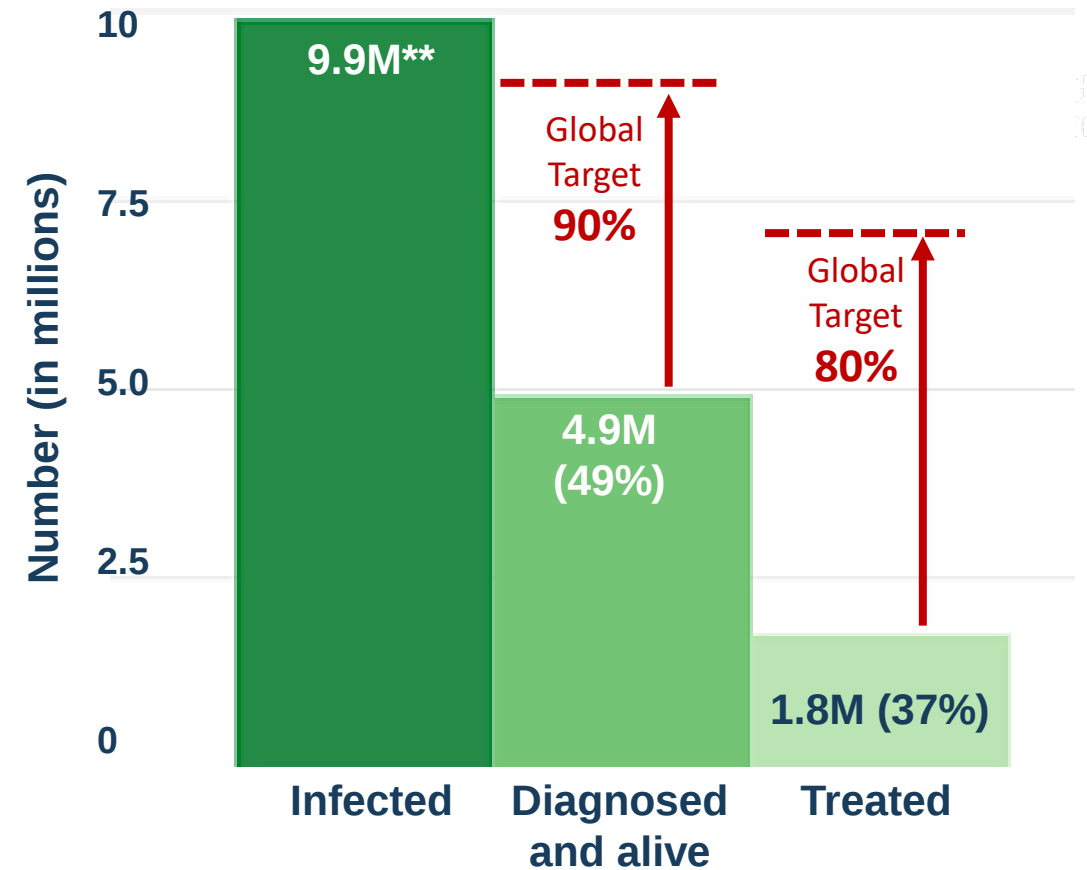
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Cascade of care for HBV



Cascade of care for HCV



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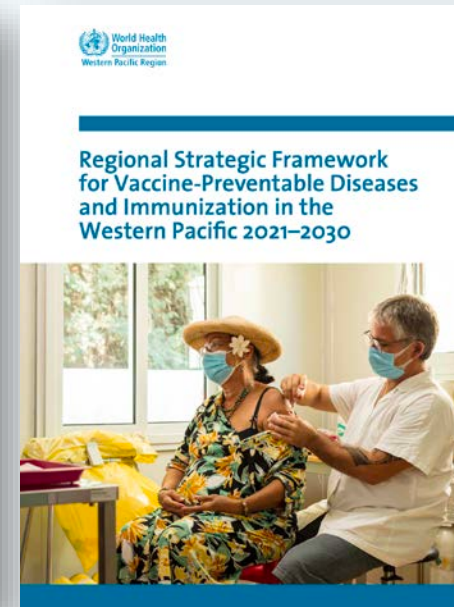
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Technical Frameworks for Hepatitis Elimination



Global Health Sector Strategy



Regional Frameworks



Regional Validation
Advisory Group



Member States

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Service delivery at PHC	Number of countries (N=19)**
HBV testing at PHC	18 (95%)
HBV treatment at PHC	11 (58%)
HCV testing at PHC	14 (74%)
HCV treatment at PHC	8 (32%)

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Priorities for the Closing the Gaps Toward Hepatitis Elimination



Bring services closer



Make medicines affordable



Advance EMTCT



Sustain financing

Thank you for your attention