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Actions taken to maintain immunization following the COVID-19 Pandemic

• As the limitation of community mobilization and the role of keeping safety to protected mother and parents from the covid-19 infection/transition, Ministry of health, WHO and UNICEF have develop a guide to guide the health care workers on how to keep the protection among the community and health care workers.

• The routine Immunization activities are continuing to implement during this situation at all facility level. In addition with support from GAVI-HSS the extension of outreach and mobile clinics in continuing to reach children in very remote areas

• The immunization service delivery in Timor-Leste remains functional during the COVID-19 pandemic. Central Pharmacy (SAMES IP) has the roles to procure, distribute and store the medical supplies including vaccine and immunization supplies.
  • The Ministry of Health including SAMES and UNICEF Country Office to continue follow up with UNICEF Supply Division to accelerate the routine vaccine procurement to Timor-Leste.
  • Regularly update the Visibility for Vaccine platform and used it as the advocacy tools for vaccine mobilization and vaccine monitoring.

• Action could be considered and taken is sweeping or home visits. This strategy can be of beneficial to track directly any of under-5 children who missed routine vaccinations and can be also directly provide the vaccine a child who missed or not yet received any of (VPD) routine vaccinations.
To achieve and maintain high population immunity with over 95% routine immunization coverage including two doses of MRCVs in all districts, Covid 19 outbreak has to be controlled at earliest by achieving high Covid-19 vaccination coverage.

Continue to monitor immunization numbers and coverage monthly at CHC, Municipal and National level and take early action to rectify the situation whenever reduction observed.

Monitor and Ensure vaccine and other supply supplies are delivered and supply chain is well managed as international air restrictions are continuing and regular UN Humanitarian flights has stopped to Timor Leste.
Actions taken to maintain VPD surveillance performance following the COVID-19 Pandemic

• Improve capacity and refreshing training VPD surveillance for health workers
• Awareness and training about VPD surveillance and IPC for health staff
• Maintain and strengthen the young doctors assigned to each referral and national hospital
• Sustaining high quality of laboratory performance and a sensitive surveillance system for measles and rubella at the national and sub-national levels
• Monitoring activity on VPD surveillance
• Supportive supervision and on job training VPD and AEFI surveillance
• Obtain MoH or partner support to appoint dedicated trained VPD surveillance focal points to each CHC, as it did for the Regional Referral Hospitals to strengthen VPD surveillance.
Thank you!