VACCINATION SAVES LIVES
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Risk communication and community engagement

- Qualitative research conducted to understand vaccine hesitancy factors and inform interventions and activities to promote uptake of COVID-19 vaccination.
- 25 billboards set up across the country promoting vaccination among 60+-year-old people.
- 4 videos on myths and facts related to COVID-19 vaccination developed.
- Over 2000 teachers and school nurses trained in ~ 1500 schools as part of the Safe Schooling campaign on the role of vaccines as a key tool to prevent and reduce the impact of communicable diseases, vaccine safety and effectiveness.
- Social media campaign featured various influencers and well-known doctors in 5 videos.

- The Vaccination is Care campaign reached over 8 mil people with vaccine-promoting messages on social media channels, TV broadcasts, published articles, and door-to-door activities.
- 9500 flyers and 1500 posters distributed in high footfall areas on COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccination.

Strengthening vaccine cold-chain storage, transportation, and administration system

- 30 medical refrigerators, 4 freezers, and 1 refrigerated truck provided to support distribution from national vaccine warehouses to regional centres and health-care facilities.
- 1000 anaphylaxis kits delivered to health-care workers to manage adverse reactions.

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