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Preface

Missed opportunities for vaccination (MOV) include any contact made with health services by a child (or adult) who is eligible for vaccination, but which does not result in the individual receiving all the vaccine doses for which he or she is eligible.

National immunization programmes across the globe continue to seek alternative strategies to explore the reasons for stagnating vaccination coverage and to design tailored strategies to address them. This suite of documents provides an additional strategy in the toolbox of a programme manager at the national or subnational level. Using a participatory mixed-methods approach, it provides step-by-step guidance on how to conduct a bottom-up root-cause analysis of bottle-necks in the immunization programme and to design relevant strategies to address them. When applied appropriately, the steps outlined in these guides have the potential to result to an increase in vaccination coverage and equity and an improvement in timeliness of vaccination.

The MOV strategy should not be viewed as a stand-alone or discreet "project"; rather as complementary to existing microplanning and programme improvement approaches such as RED ('Reaching Every District'). The MOV strategy is conceived as a health system-wide service improvement effort targeted at vaccination as well as other health services.

This document is one of a three-part document, designed to be used together.

For up-to-date information on the MOV strategy and the latest tools and materials, please visit: http://www.who.int/immunization/programmes_systems/policies_strategies/MOV/en/.

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Acronyms

AFR WHO African Region

AMR WHO Region of the Americas

cMYP comprehensive multi-year plan

cso civil society organization

DTP diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine dose 3

DHIS2 district health information system, version 2

DHS demographic and health survey

DVD-MT district vaccination data management tool

EPI Expanded Programme on Immunization

FBO faith-based organization

FGD focus group discussion

GPS Global Positioning System

GVAP Global Vaccine Action Plan

HMIS health management information system

HSIS health system and immunization strengthening

HF health facility

interagency coordinating committee

in-depth interview

IRB institutional review board

JRF joint reporting form

KAP knowledge, attitude and practices

MCV measles-containing vaccine

MICS multi-indicator cluster sampling survey

MOH Ministry of Health

MOV missed opportunity for vaccination

PII personally identifiable information

RED reaching every district (strategy)

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