

# **Principles for adding a vaccine to a national immunization system while strengthening the immunization and health systems**

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# Development and Review of Principles

- From the review of available data, the Ad-hoc Working Group developed the 5 principles
- In January 2012, the 5 principles were shared with global immunization partners for their review, comments, and endorsement:
  - WHO HQ EPI and HSS, WHO Regional Advisors for Immunization, UNICEF, BMGF, PATH, US CDC
  - SAGE Chair
  - Decade of Vaccines Secretariat
- Partners endorsed the principles and provided comments that helped further refine them

# Principles for Adding a Vaccine

1. A strong decision-making, planning, and prioritization process with accountable governance that is coordinated and integrated within the health system.
2. A well-performing or improving immunization program to obtain full benefit from existing vaccines, including:
  - A well-trained and motivated health workforce
  - Functional cold storage, logistics and vaccine management systems
  - Safe immunization practices and monitoring of adverse events
  - High-quality disease surveillance and immunization coverage monitoring
  - Resource and performance accountability

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3. Maximizing opportunities to deliver vaccines as integral components of comprehensive health promotion and disease prevention and control efforts so that vaccines are delivered as part of a package of effective, feasible, and affordable interventions based on national contexts.
4. Sufficient allocation of human and financial resources to introduce the new vaccine and sustain its use without diverting from other programmes and services.
5. A guaranteed appropriate and sufficient vaccine supply.