

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

Optimal new vaccine introduction that strengthens health systems benefits from:

- 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
- 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.