

Introduction to Session

Integration of immunization and child health services

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Background

- Request for this session proposed at SAGE breakfast meeting April 2, 2013.
- Several SAGE members concerned that insufficient coordination and integration of vaccine initiatives and other critical health programmes.
- Energetic discussion at SAGE breakfast showed wide diversity of views/ideas.
- From this starting point, today's session has been prepared.

*** Topic for DISCUSSION – NOT DECISION ***

Reminder – SAGE Recommendation

April 2012

"Opportunities for improving integration of delivery of services, commodities, and messages with other parts of the health system should be actively sought with the recognition that integration is a bi-directional process."

- *Outcome of SAGE WG on the "Impact of new vaccine introductions on immunization and health systems"*
WER, no. 21, 25 May 2012

Purpose of Session

1. Review - current initiatives to improve coordination and integration of vaccination with other critical child health services.
2. Assess - what additional measures in this context may be needed to strengthen synergies.
3. Discuss - how and to what extent – can immunization be integrated with other child health services at the global, regional, national, district and service delivery levels?

Overall Approach

- Key background documents in Yellow Book (making the assumption you have read them!)
- Aim is to be practical/pragmatic.
- Using WHO (2008) working definition of integration:

"The management and delivery of health services so that clients receive a continuum of preventive and curative services, according to their needs over time and across different levels of the health system."

- Presentations designed to span the spectrum from global to local.
 - I. Orientation to the global context for integration (Zulfi)
 - II. Share programmatic efforts at integration (Tracey/Samira)
 - III. Country experience integrated delivery at the community-level (Dr. Teodros, Ethiopia)