



***Comité consultatif pour la
vaccination au Sénégal (CCVS)***
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CCVS CREATION

Established on 28 August 2013 by ministerial decree

15 core members

appointed by the Minister of Health upon the Director of Prevention proposal:

multidisciplinary experts

(public health, paediatricians, health economists, microbiologists, epidemiologists, experts in vaccinology, ...)

Technical secretariat

hosted by the Direction of Prevention composed by a team of 3 people (national consultant, assistant and administrative secretary)

"Ex-officio" and liaison members

INCEPTION ACTIVITIES

(AMP&WAHO SUPPORT)

Capacity building

- Committee Members first **orientation workshop** (Sept 19, 2013)
- Participation of the Technical Secretariat in a **multi-country workshop** (Benin, Côte d'Ivoire) on the development of **evidence-based** recommendation notes (September 24-26, 2013)
- Core Members orientation on the **development of recommendations notes** (October 30, 2013)
- Participation in specific **workshop training** (critical analysis of articles and scientific communication) and in exchange visits

Working tools development

Internal **procedures manual**; management of **conflicts of interest**, work plan focusing on **national priorities** in consultation with the Direction of Prevention

Official launch of CCVS by the Minister of Health (MoH General Secretary) on 30th October, 2013

CCVS FUNCTIONING

Secretariat hosted by the MoH with a part-time consultant supported by an MoH staff (technical assistant)

Development of **annual work plan** based on the country priorities defined in consultation with the Direction of Prevention as well as topics added to the agenda by NITAG members

Ordinary meetings held **every 4 months**, agenda prepared 2 weeks in advance, update conflict of interest declaration forms, quorum required 50% of members plus 1

Extraordinary meetings called for subjects not included in the work plan or for the finalization of a specific topic

CCVS = TOOL TO STRENGTHEN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IN IMMUNIZATION

Official creation by ministerial decree

- CCVS is given a **legal written mandate** in immunisation issues
- Indication of **MoH commitment to consult national experts**
- Response to calls for funding applications **taking into account experts recommendations**

CCVS working methodology in developing recommendation notes (credibility)

- Analysis of **local factors** that may influence vaccination policy (acceptability, feasibility)
- Search for evidence to **customize SAGE recommendations** to the country situation (HepB birth dose)

CCVS PROCEDURES

- **Official request** from MoH
- Establishment of a **working group**
- WG assisted by the technical secretariat and external resource persons if needed; proposes elements of the **framework** that will guide the recommendation; prepares a technical dossier after **search, selection, assessment, analysis and discussion of evidence; proposes** recommendations
- **Review** of the proposed recommendation by CCVS core members and **deliberation**
- **Submission** of the full policy document to the MoH along with an executive summary and the adopted recommendations
- Follow-up of **feedback** from the MoH

RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED (1)

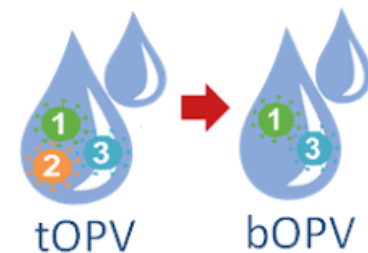
Immunization against Polio : Introduction of IPV in routine EPI (2013)

MoH decision

- Introduction of one dose of Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) as of 1 January 2015
- The withdrawal of the Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) in 2 steps
 - Withdrawal of the trivalent vaccine as of January 1, 2016 and replacement by Oral Polio Bivalent Vaccine (OPVb)
 - Withdrawal of bOPV as of 1 January 2018 and use of the injectable form (3 doses) combined with other antigens



The switch



RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED (2)

**Immunization against flu (2014, NITAG identified topic) :
immunization of at risk groups**

MoH decision

Strengthen surveillance and better identification of at-risk groups

Immunization against HepB (2015)

MoH decision : as per CCVS advice

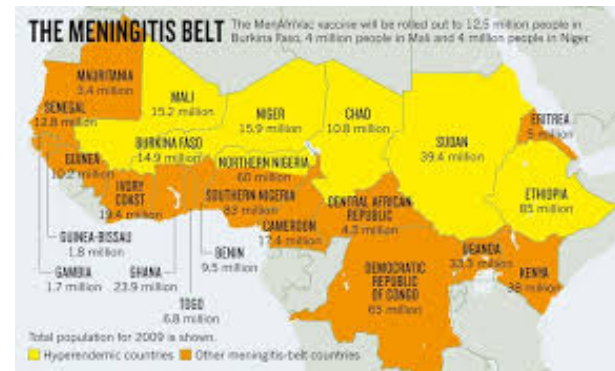
- Introduction of a monovalent HepB dose within 72 hours after birth. (quality indicator : coverage at 48h)
- Operational research (coverage, acceptability)

RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED (3)

Immunization against cerebrospinal meningitis (2017)

MoH decision : pending

- MenAfrivac : follow-up campaign for children under 5 years old and introduction in the routine EPI in Senegal of a single dose at 15 months
- Strengthen case base surveillance
- CCVS will submit an updated recommendation on the use of a quadrivalent vaccine



RECOMMENDATION UNDER PREPARATION

Recommendation note
towards achievements of
the Immunization National
Strategic Plan 2014-2020
Objectives (CCVS
identified topic)



OTHER ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

Capacity building

2 members in CNCV- **Benin** ordinary meeting (26 -28 February 2014)

One technical secretariat member in the training workshop on **literature research, critical reading and scientific communication in Tunis**
(13 -15 April 2015)

For experience sharing, of one technical secretariat member in the **Burkina NITAG** capacity building workshop (27 - 29 April 2015)

Study tour of 2 members to the **France GTCV** (24-26 September 2014)

2 members in the **West Africa NITAG annual meeting** in Abidjan
(13 -14 October 2015)

CCVS Chair in the **SAGE meeting** in Geneva (12-14 April 2016)

CCVS Chair in the **GNN meeting** (AMP / SIVAC) in Veyrier-du-Lac Annecy France
(11-12 May 2016)

Participation of 2 CCVS members in the **regional training of NITAGs** on economic evaluation in Abidjan organised by AMP (March 2016)

CHALLENGES

**Ability to use a standardized method of work
for a credible recommendation**

**New technical skills are required from members in
addition to scientific expertise
(vaccinology, review of evidence)**

**Need for competent technical secretariat with
reliable availability**

**Resources for sustainability : capacity building
including exchanges with peers, meetings
logistics, external resources to support secretariat**

FOR A GREATER NITAG'S IMPACT

Strengthen networking activities, peer-to-peer support and concerted action

- **Experience sharing** with Benin and Côte d'Ivoire on the introduction of IPV
- West Africa NITAG secretariat Meeting : **peer review** on the achievement of the immunization regional strategic plan objectives
- **Resources sharing and concerted action** on common issues such as immunization against meningitis in meningitis belt countries

Access to technical support

CCVS OFFICIAL LAUNCH (31/10/13)

