

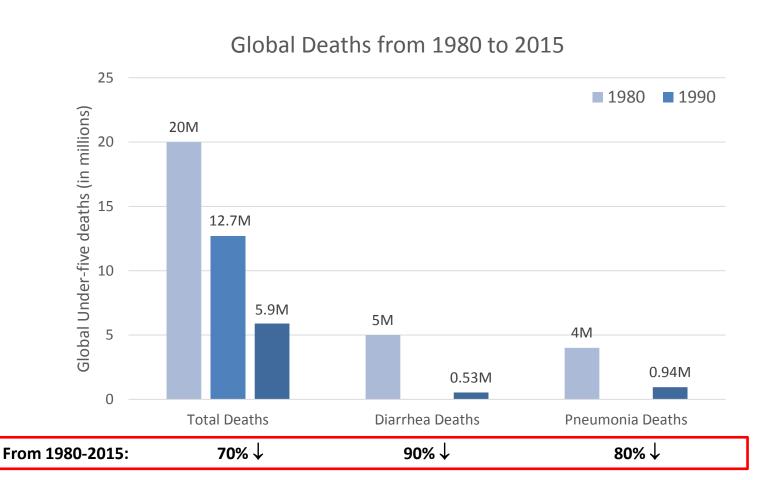
# Advocating for the prevention and control of childhood pneumonia and diarrhea

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# We have made significant progress in reducing under-5 deaths...



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#### ...but substantial burden remains

#### 5.9 million

Approximate number of deaths among children less than 5 years of age

→ 3.2 million deaths occur among children 1-59 months of age each year

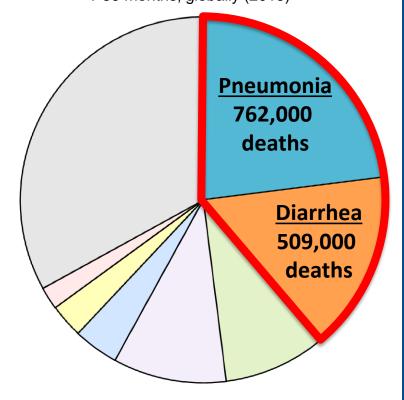
#### 8,800

Approximate number of deaths among children under 5 occurring each day

#### About 40%

Percent of deaths among children 1-59 months that are caused by pneumonia or diarrhea—nearly 1.3 million deaths each year

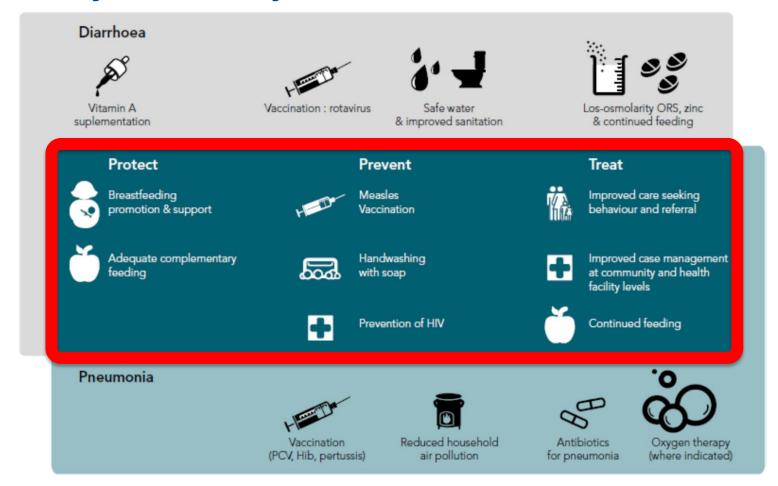
Leading causes of death for children aged 1-59 months, globally (2015)\*



<sup>\*</sup> Excludes neonatal deaths

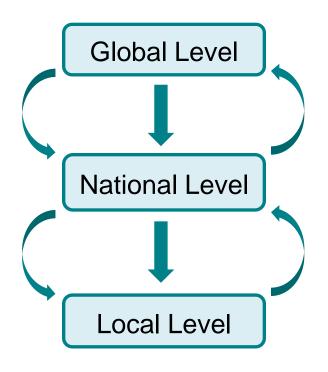


# We know the solutions for the leading causes of child mortality—and many are the same





#### Commitment and coordination across all levels is critical



- Clear WHO policy
- Clear strategies
- International funding and support
- Clear national policies
- Political commitment
- Appropriate funding
- Improved management
- Strong supply procurement
- Health worker training
- Monitoring and evaluation

Communication and feedback between global, national, and local levels is necessary to ensure support and ownership across all partners



## The importance of advocates

The power of advocacy is in its use as a tool for...

- accelerating decisions
- increasing funding
- building support
- improving program performance
- addressing barriers



Individuals and organizations can be effective and powerful advocates to achieve change



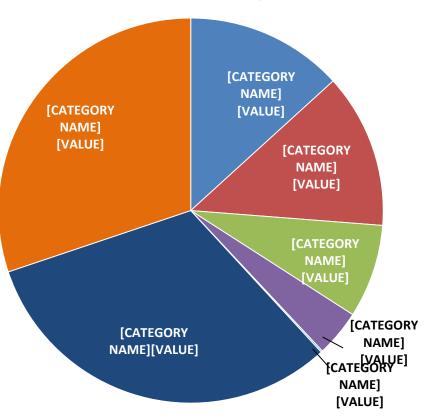
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# Spotlight on advocacy for immunization



## Many under-5 deaths are vaccine preventable





#### 1.5 million

Approximate number of deaths among children under 5 due to vaccine-preventable diseases occurring each year

#### 4,110

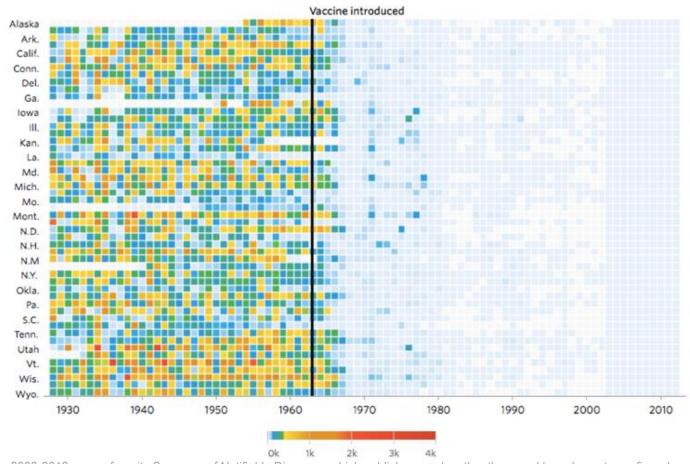
Approximate number of deaths among children under 5 due to vaccine-preventable diseases occurring each day

#### 29%

Percent of deaths among children 1-59 months of age that are vaccine preventable



## Impact of measles vaccine in the U.S.

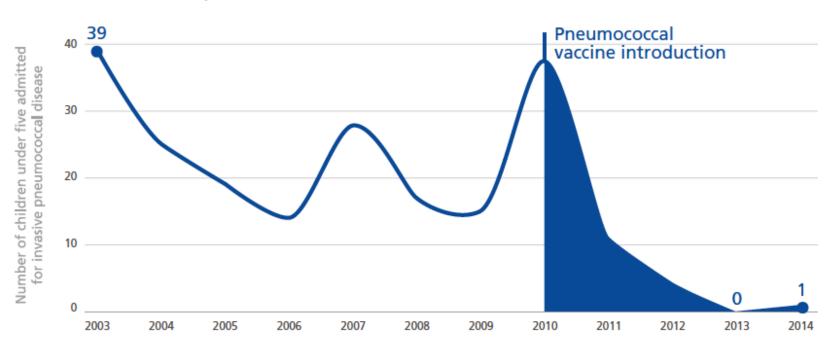


Note: CDC data from 2003-2012 comes from its Summary of Notifiable Diseases, which publishes yearly rather than weekly and counts confirmed cases as opposed to provisional ones.



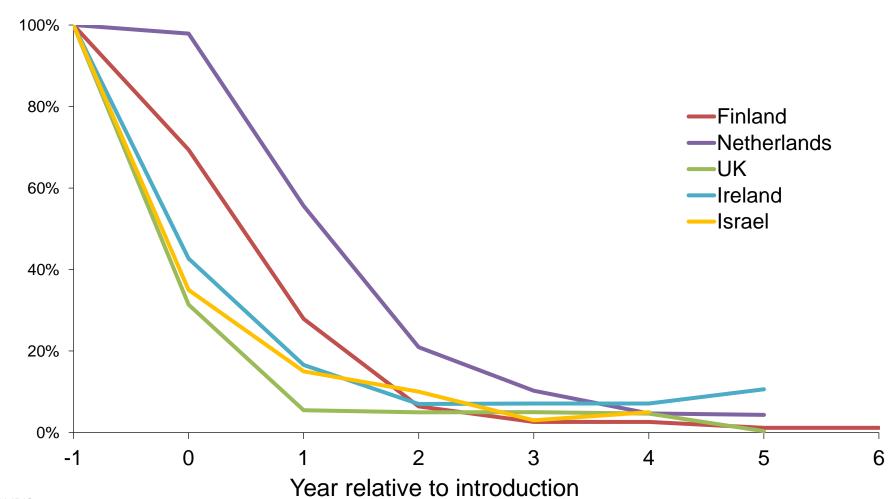
## Impact of PCV on IPD in Kilifi, Kenya

Admissions of children under five years with invasive pneumococcal disease, Kilifi District Hospital, 2003–2014



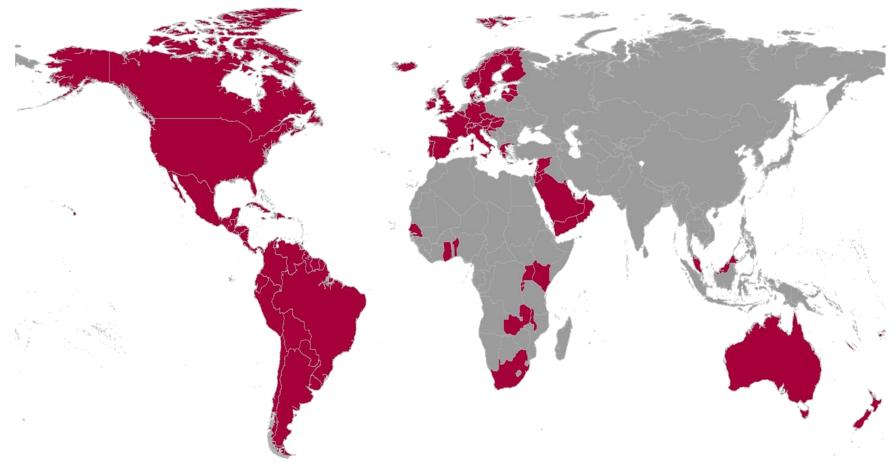
#### Hib vaccine: Decline in Hib disease post-introduction







# Countries using Hib vaccine in their national immunization program, 2005



#### Advocacy successes: Pneumonia and meningitis





Hib introduced into all GAVI countries by 2014

- Established need for quality surveillance, modeled estimates
- Added clarity to Asia disease burden estimates
- Hib impact evaluations

Strategic Communication

**Evidence-informed Decisions** 

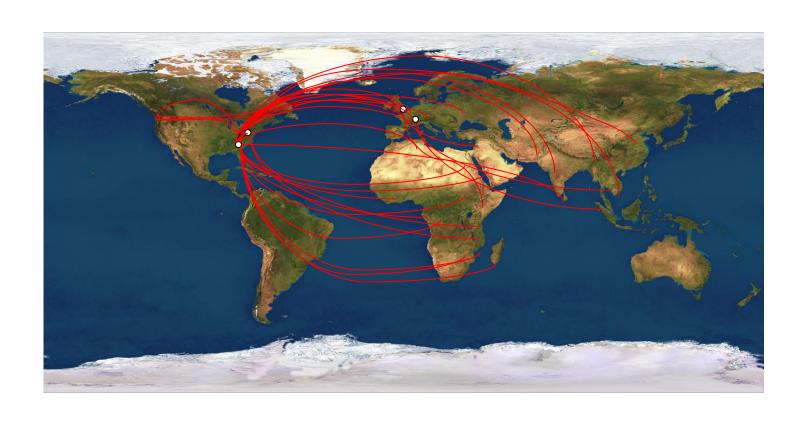
Strategic Research and Surveillance

Strategic Coordination

- Raised awareness of disease and cost of delay
- Trained & equipped advocates in Asia and Africa
- Supply vs. capacity analysis to support market shaping & decisions
- Introduction processes strengthened, lessons learned shared
- Support for strengthened WHO position paper

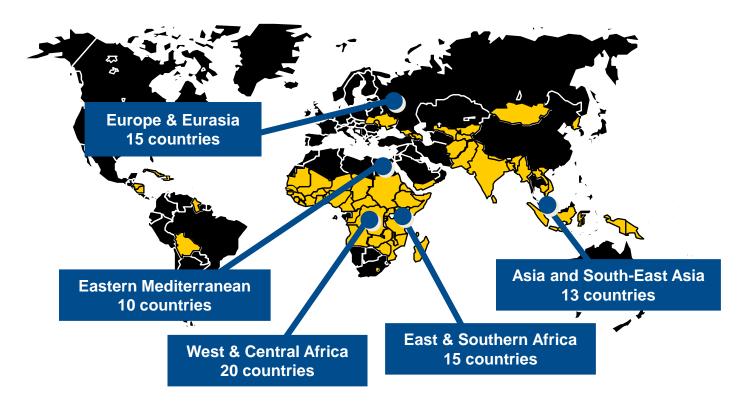
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# Importance of "face to face" communication





#### **Hib Initiative: Regional forums**



73 GAVI and non-GAVI countries participated in regional forums



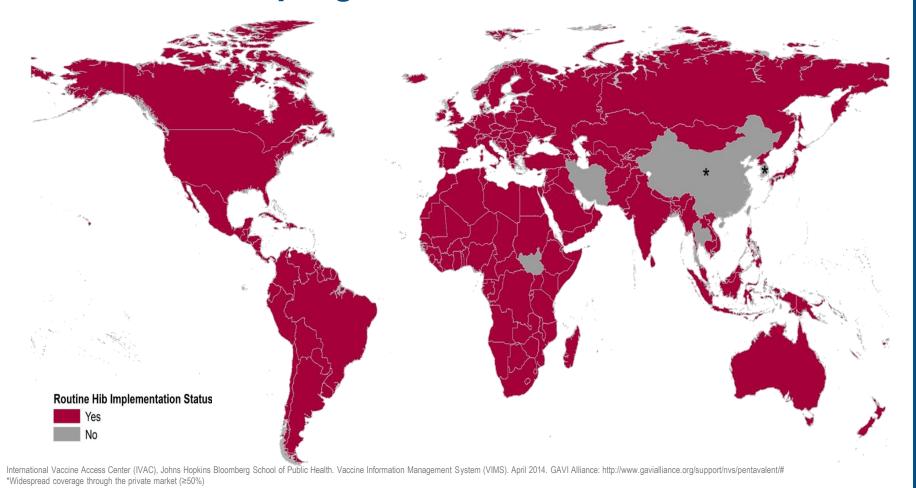
#### **Hib Initiative: Lessons learnt**



- Expect major opposition
- Understand the local hierarchy
- Identify champions
- Appropriate packaging of available data critical
- Need to get buy in from all stake holders scientific community, professional organizations, NGOs
- Need to get all stake holders around the table get agreement on key messages
- May be necessary to exert political pressure

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# Countries using Hib vaccine in their national immunization program, 2014





# Countries using Hib vaccine in their national immunization program, 2017

# 4 countries have not introduced Hib vaccines nationally as of December 2017

- Belarus, China, Russia, Thailand -





## Why did Hib vaccine advocacy work?

- ✓ Global commitment to introduction in low-income countries
- ✓ Shared vision and shared goals
- ✓ Presence of disease
- ✓ Focus on regional issues
- ✓ Unified voices
- ✓ Continued efforts



Global Serotype Project (GSP) to estimate regional distribution of pneumococcal serotypes AMC Communications
Support

Country Advocacy Trainings

Surveillance networks in >50 countries Jalue

GAVI

Business Case

Strategic Media

Global Disease Burden (GDB) estimates for pneumococcal and Hib disease

Target Product Profile (TPP) for the AMC

**AMC Investment Case** 

Strategic Demand Forecast (SDF)

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#### Reaching the right stakeholders with the right messages

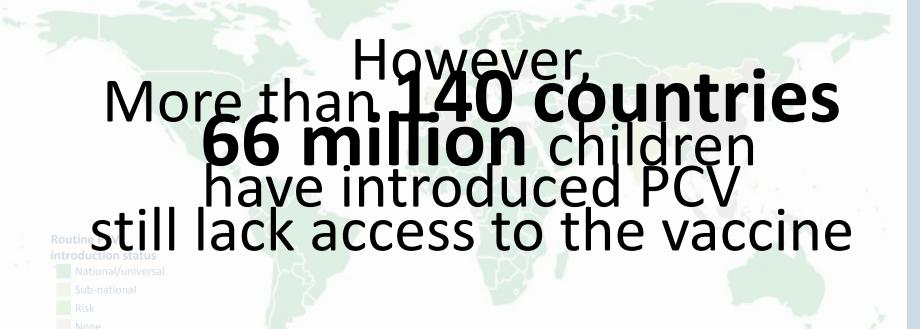
- Understanding needs and perceptions
- Improving awareness of disease burden
- Working with stakeholders to see the common vision, understand strategies to achieve a solution
- Building political will to prioritize prevention and vaccine introduction, identifying and training champions
- Communicating a clear policy from WHO and partners













"You will have much opposition to encounter but great works do not prosper without great opposition."

- Florence Nightingale, 1864



## Shifting the environment for immunization in India



WHO plugs for Hib vaccine in India, critics say it is expensive and unnecessary September 2007



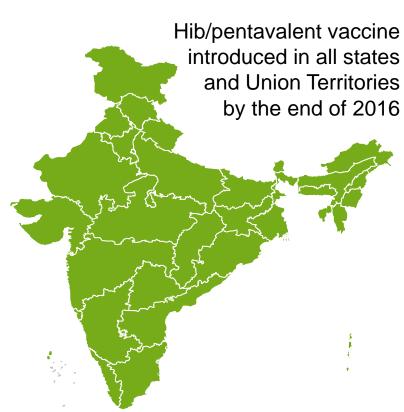
Vaccines: Policy for public good or private profit? January 2008

# Hib/pentavalent vaccine introduction and scale-up in India, 2011-2016



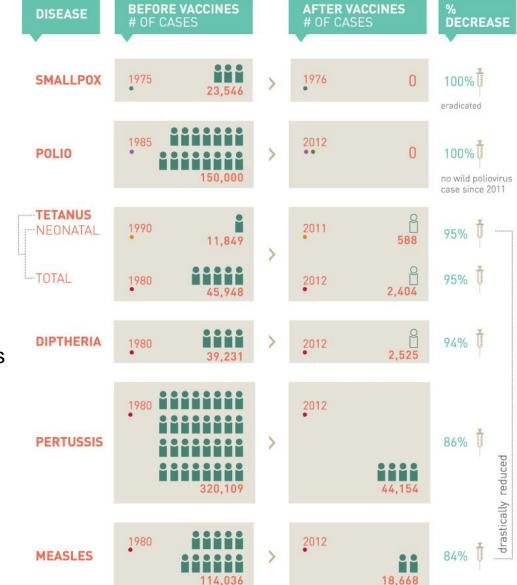


Health Minister of India - Mr. Nadda



Since 2012, India has...

- been certified as polio-free (2014)
- launched Mission Indradhanush (2014) and Intensified Mission Indradhanush (2017)
- eliminated maternal-neonatal tetanus (2015)
- introduced new vaccines, including:
  - Hib/pentavalent vaccine (2011)
  - IPV (2015)
  - rotavirus vaccine (2016)
  - PCV (2017)
  - measles-rubella vaccine (2017)





#### Communicating the broad value of interventions

Interventions for pneumonia and diarrhea have broad, cross-cutting impacts—communicating these can help make the case for investment

# Vaccination carries important benefits across the lifespan and for individuals, societies, and communities





- ✓ Saves lives and prevents disease
- ✓ Reduces antibiotic resistance
- ✓ Improves child health, growth and development





- ✓ Improves education, quality of life
- ✓ Cost effective, high return on investment
- ✓ Improves equity

#### **Summary**





#### THE PROBLEM

Child mortality has fallen substantially, thanks to improvements in breastfeeding, vaccination, WASH, appropriate antibiotic use, ORS, and case management...

...but millions of children continue to die before reaching their 5th birthday, with pneumonia and diarrhea the leading infectious causes



#### THE SOLUTION

We know how to prevent deaths and illnesses from pneumonia and diarrhea, and need to increase access to interventions in the places they are needed most



#### RAISING OUR VOICES

Critical role of advocates – raise awareness of barriers/opportunities, support evidence-based decisions to prevent and control pneumonia and diarrhea

Communicate about the broader impacts of interventions for pneumonia and diarrhea prevention and control



# Thank you