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## Acronyms

AEFI	adverse events following immunization
AFP	acute flaccid paralysis
AI	appreciative inquiry
ATAP	access to affordable pricing
CTC	controlled temperature chain
CYD-TDV	chimeric dengue vaccine, tetravalent
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
GAP	Global Action Plan
GHSS	Global Health Sector Strategy
GPEI	Global Polio Eradication Initiative
GRISP	global routine immunization strategies and practices
GVAP	Global Vaccine Action Plan
HBR	home-based records
IEC	information, education and communication
IPV	inactivated polio virus
ITAG	Immunization Technical Advisory Group
JRF	joint reporting form
LB	live births
MNCH	maternal, newborn and child health
MNTE	maternal and neonatal tetanus elimination
MOV	missed opportunities for vaccination

MCV1	first dose measles containing vaccine
MCV2	second dose measles containing vaccine
NITAG	National Immunization Technical Advisory Group
NRA	National Regulatory Authority
NT	neonatal tetanus
NUVI	new and underutilized vaccines
PCV	pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
PQ	pre-qualified
RCCPE	Regional Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication
RI	routine immunization
RVAP	Regional Vaccine Action Plan
RVC	South-East Asia Regional Verification Commission for Measles Elimination and Rubella/CRS Control
SAGE	Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SEAR	South-East Asia Region
SFI	sustainable immunization financing
SIA	supplementary immunization activity
SOP	standard operating procedures
VAP	Vaccine Action Plan
VDPV	vaccine derived polio virus
VPD	vaccine-preventable disease
WPV	wild polio virus

## 1. Introduction

The Seventh Meeting of the World Health Organization's South-East Asia Regional Immunization Technical Advisory Group (SEAR-ITAG) was held from 7 to 10 June 2016 in New Delhi, India.

The SEAR-ITAG is a regional technical expert group, established by the Regional Director of the WHO South-East Asia Region, for providing advice on all aspects of prevention, control, elimination and eradication of vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs). It comprises experts from disciplines such as programme management, communicable disease/vaccine-preventable disease control, virology, epidemiology and immunization.

It meets annually with the participation of national expanded programme on immunization (EPI) managers, and national surveillance focal points and partners, to review progress on increasing and sustaining immunization coverage, surveillance performance, programme issues, and matters related to vaccine quality and safety. It provides guidance to Member States on ways to improve and sustain overall high-quality performance in implementing immunization programmes.

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