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## **ACRONYMS**

**AEFI** adverse events following immunization

**APOA** Annual Plan of Action

**CDC** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**CHD** Child Health Days

**cMYP** comprehensive multi-year plan

**DoV** Decade of Vaccine

**DQS** data quality self-assessments

**DTP** diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine

**DTP3c** third dose of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis containing vaccine

EVM Expanded Programme of Immunization

EVM Effective Vaccine Management assessment

Gavi Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization

**GRISP** Global Routine Immunization Strategies and Practices

**GVAP** Global Vaccine Action Plan

**HBR** home-based records

HIV Human Immunodeficiency Virus

ICC Interagency Coordinating Committee

IIP Immunization in Practice

IPAC Immunization Practices Advisory Committee

**IVIRAC** Immunization and Vaccines related Implementation Research Advisory Committee

**KAP** knowledge, attitude and practices

**M&E** monitoring & evaluation

MLM mid-level management trainingMNT maternal and neonatal tetanus

MNTE Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus Elimination
 NITAG National Immunization Technical Advisory Group
 PATH Program for Appropriate Technology in Health

**PIE** post-introduction evaluation

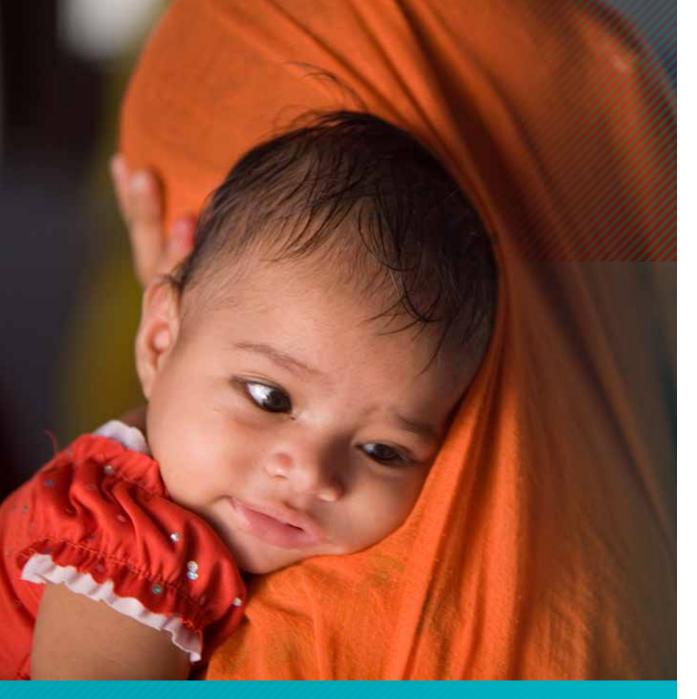
**PIRI** Periodic Intensification of Routine Immunization

**PQS** Performance, Quality and Safety

**PSPQ** Programmatic Suitability for Prequalification **RITAG** Regional Immunization Technical Advisory Group

**SAGE** Strategic Advisory Group of Experts **SIA** Supplementary Immunization Activity

UNICEF United Nations Children's FundVPD vaccine-preventable diseaseWHO World Health Organization



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Immunizations are among the most successful and cost-effective health interventions ever devised. They have reduced child deaths and disease prevalence radically. They have enabled the eradication of smallpox, lowered the global incidence of polio by more than 99% and neonatal tetanus by 94%, and achieved dramatic reductions in illness, disability and death from common childhood diseases. However, global mobility and interdependence have increased the vulnerability of people everywhere to the uncontrolled spread of diseases through epidemics.

To realize the full benefits of immunization, the Global Vaccine Action Plan 2011–2020 (GVAP), endorsed by the World Health Assembly in May 2012, sets the direction for a "Decade of Vaccines" through delivery of universal access to immunization. However, routine immunization, which is integral to achieving this vision, is in need of a cohesive delivery and advocacy platform globally. There is also an absence of a commonly agreed upon routine immunization mission statement within disease-specific initiatives, leading to the global immunization financing architecture being very unbalanced, focusing primarily on disease control projects and vaccine introductions, and less so on the required systems strengthening and extension of the reach of sustainable, equitable routine immunization.

The term "routine immunization" is understood in two distinct ways that relate to the foundation of the health system and activities to improve equitable coverage, as described in the table below. It is important to distinguish between these perspectives, as many activities to sustainably strengthen routine immunization systems may not result in short-term or rapid improvements in immunization

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