

Routine immunization – the process of vaccinating with potent vaccines, given safely and efficiently in a timely manner before exposure to disease and using all vaccines in the national vaccination schedule – is a workhorse in need of greater investment.

A robust routine immunization program, functioning as an integral part of the health system, serves as the essential platform to achieve and sustain our ambitious global goals such as:



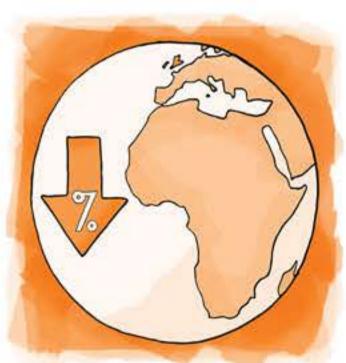
Uniformly high and equitable vaccination



Smooth introduction of more expensive new vaccines



Integration
of other
compatible
health services



Reduced disability, morbidity, and mortality



Eventual elimination and eradication of target diseases





