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## Vaccine Management



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Immunization programmes throughout the world are faced with many challenges. The global objectives of immunization programmes for the next years are:

- [Eradicate poliomyelitis, control measles and yellow fever, and eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus](#)
- **Improve the coverage and extend the immunization services to populations never or hard to reach**
- [Introduce new vaccines.](#)

However from the recent programme reviews and many other evaluations, logistics problems remain as an obstacle to achieving substantial progress in immunization. Vaccine management, one of the major components of logistics of immunization, plays a major role in the low performance observed in the immunization programmes.

One of the influences that led [GAVI \(Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization\)](#) to focus on infrastructure strengthening is the perception that cold chain and vaccine distribution mechanisms in countries are disintegrating. A real need for better vaccine management practices has also been seen in high levels of wastage in many countries (and recorded on GAVI fund application forms), lack of utilization of policies and equipment that would reduce vaccine wastage such as [MDVP \(Multi-dose vial policy\)](#) and [VVM \(Vaccine Vial Monitors\)](#), and adverse events due to at least partially to inappropriate vaccine distribution practices.

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