BACKGROUND NOTE: Each year WHO and UNICEF jointly review reports submitted by Member States regarding national immunization coverage, finalized survey reports as well as data from the published and grey literature. Based on these data, with due consideration to potential biases and the views of local experts, WHO and UNICEF attempt to distinguish between situations where the available empirical data accurately reflect immunization system performance and those where the data are likely to be compromised and present a misleading view of immunization coverage while jointly estimating the most likely coverage levels for each country.

WHO and UNICEF estimates are country-specific; that is to say, each country’s data are reviewed individually, and data are not borrowed from other countries in the absence of data. Estimates are not based on ad hoc adjustments to reported data; in some instances empirical data are available from a single source, usually the nationally reported coverage data. In cases where no data are available for a given country/vaccine/year combination, data are considered from earlier and later years and interpolated to estimate coverage for the missing year(s). In cases where data sources are mixed and show large variation, an attempt is made to identify the most likely estimate with consideration of the possible biases in available data. For methods see:

* Brown et al. 2013. An introduction to the grade of confidence used to characterize uncertainty around the WHO and UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage.

DATA SOURCES.

ADMINISTRATIVE coverage: Reported by national authorities and based on aggregated administrative reports from health service providers on the number of vaccinations administered during a given period (numerator data) and reported target population data (denominator data).

OFFICIAL coverage: Estimated coverage reported by national authorities that reflects their assessment of the most likely coverage based on any combination of administrative coverage, survey-based estimates or other data sources or approaches. Approaches to determine OFFICIAL coverage may differ across countries.

SURVEY coverage: Based on estimated coverage from population-based household surveys among children aged 12-23 months or 24-35 months following a review of survey methods and results. Information is based on the combination of vaccination history from documented evidence or caregiver recall. Survey results are considered for the appropriate birth cohort based on the period of data collection.

ABBREVIATIONS

BCG: percentage of births who received one dose of Bacillus Calmette Guerin vaccine.

DTP1 / DTP3: percentage of surviving infants who received the 1st / 3rd dose, respectively, of diphtheria and tetanus toxoid with pertussis containing vaccine.

Pol3: percentage of surviving infants who received the 3rd dose of polio containing vaccine. May be either oral or inactivated polio vaccine.

IPV1: percentage of surviving infants who received at least one dose of inactivated polio vaccine. In countries utilizing an immunization schedule recommending either (i) a primary series of three doses of oral polio vaccine (OPV) plus at least one dose of IPV where OPV is included in routine immunization and/or campaign or (ii) a sequential schedule of IPV followed by OPV, WHO and UNICEF estimates for IPV1 reflect coverage with at least one routine dose of IPV among infants <1 year of age among countries. For countries utilizing IPV containing vaccine use only, i.e., no recommended dose of OPV, the WHO and UNICEF estimate for IPV1 corresponds to coverage for the 1st dose of IPV.

Production of IPV coverage estimates, which begins in 2015, results in no change of the estimated coverage levels for the 3rd dose of polio (Pol3). For countries recommending routine immunization with a primary series of three doses of IPV alone, WHO and UNICEF estimated Pol3 coverage is equivalent to estimated coverage with three doses of IPV. For countries with a sequential schedule, estimated Pol3 coverage is based on that for the 3rd dose of polio vaccine regardless of vaccine type.

MCV1: percentage of surviving infants who received the 1st dose of measles containing vaccine.

MCV2: percentage of children who received the 2nd dose of measles containing vaccine according to the nationally recommended schedule.

RCV1: percentage of surviving infants who received the 1st dose of rubella containing vaccine.

Hib3: percentage of surviving infants who received the 3rd dose of Haemophilus influenzae type b containing vaccine.

RotaC: percentage of surviving infants who received the final recommended dose of rotavirus vaccine, which can be either the 2nd or the 3rd dose depending on the vaccine.

PcV3: percentage of surviving infants who received the 3rd dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine.

YFV: percentage of surviving infants who received one dose of yellow fever vaccine in countries where YFV is part of the national immunization schedule for children or is recommended in at risk areas; coverage estimates are annualized for the entire cohort of surviving infants.

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2019: Estimate based on extrapolation from data reported by national government. Reported data excluded because 102 percent greater than 100 percent. Programme reports four month vaccine stock-out. No appearance of an impact of supply disruption. GoC=R+ D+

2018: Estimate based on extrapolation from data reported by national government. Reported data excluded because 102 percent greater than 100 percent. GoC=R+ D+

2017: Estimate based on extrapolation from data reported by national government. Reported data excluded because 104 percent greater than 100 percent. GoC=R+ D+

2016: Estimate based on coverage reported by national government. Estimate challenged by: D-

2015: Estimate based on interpolation between data reported by national government. Reported data excluded because 119 percent greater than 100 percent. Reported data excluded due to an increase from 97 percent to 119 percent with decrease 100 percent. Estimate challenged by: D-

2014: Estimate based on coverage reported by national government. GoC=R+ D+

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Estimates for a dose of inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) begin in 2015 following the Global Polio Eradication Initiative’s Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan: 2013-2018 which recommended at least one full dose or two fractional doses of IPV into routine immunization schedules as a strategy to mitigate the potential consequences should any re-emergence of type 2 poliovirus occur following the planned withdrawal of Sabin type 2 strains from oral polio vaccine (OPV).

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2017: Estimate based on coverage reported by national government. GoC=R+ D+

2016: Estimate based on coverage reported by national government. Estimate is based on reported data following introduction. Estimate challenged by: D-

2015: Programme reports reaching 90 percent of children in 60 percent of the national birth cohort. Estimate based on coverage achieved in total national annual birth cohort. Inactivated polio vaccine during June 2015. Estimate challenged by: R-

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2018: Estimate based on extrapolation from data reported by national government. Reported data excluded because 101 percent greater than 100 percent. GoC=R+ D+

2017: Estimate based on extrapolation from data reported by national government. Reported data excluded because 101 percent greater than 100 percent. Estimate challenged by: D-

2016: Estimate based on coverage reported by national government. Programme reports less than one month vaccine supply disruption at national level. Estimate challenged by: D-

2015: Estimate based on interpolation between data reported by national government. Reported data excluded because 112 percent greater than 100 percent. Reported data excluded due to an increase from 101 percent to 112 percent with decrease 100 percent. GoC=R+ D+

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2018: Estimate based on extrapolation from data reported by national government. Reported data excluded because 141 percent greater than 100 percent. Estimate challenged by: D-

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