

WUENIC Talking Points: Uganda 🇺🇬

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Uganda in the 'Africa' region



Overview

- A total of 13 childhood vaccines are tracked for Uganda; of these, 9 reached the 90% coverage target or higher in 2025.
- Coverage of the first dose of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-containing vaccine (DTP1) increased from 97% in 2024 to 98% in 2025, coverage of the third dose of DTP-containing vaccine (DTP3) increased from 94% in 2024 to 97% in 2025, and coverage of the first dose of the measles-containing vaccine (MCV1) was the same in 2025 as it was in 2024 (92%) in 2025.
- In 2025, the number of zero-dose children for DTP in Uganda (34,000) was approximately 25% lower than the annual number proposed to achieve the IA2030 target of halving zero-dose children for DTP by 2030 (45,000), based on a linear trajectory of decline.

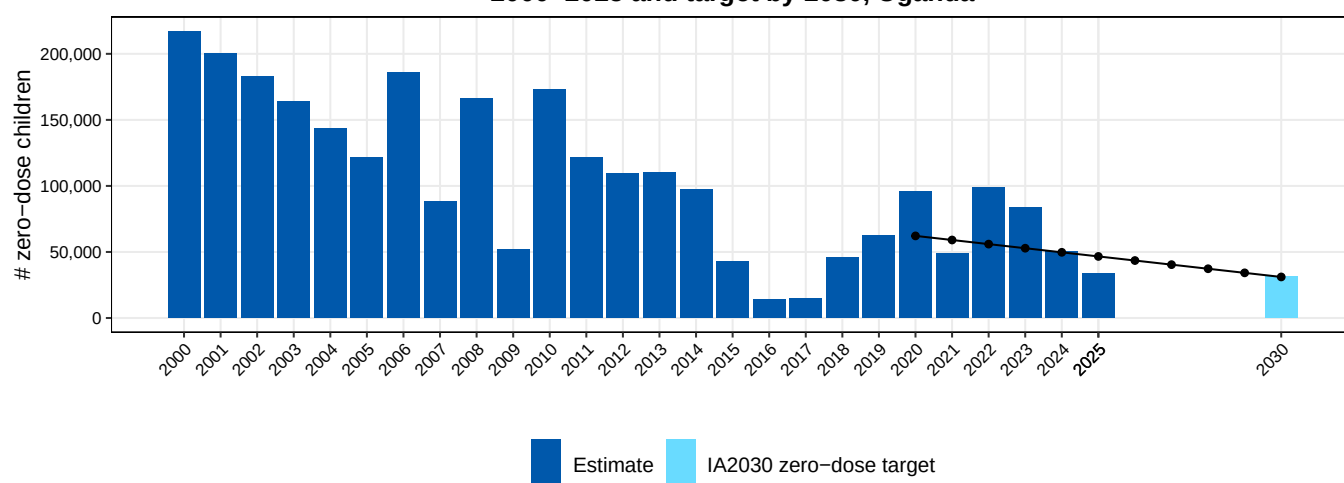
Vaccine coverage (%), Uganda, 2000–2025

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
BCG	82	83	85	87	88	90	83	87	86	90	86	97	95	93	91	95	94	89	88	88	91	97	93	92	95	98
DTP1	80	82	84	86	88	90	85	93	87	96	87	91	92	92	93	97	99	99	97	96	94	97	94	95	97	98
DTP3	52	55	57	59	62	64	64	73	71	79	80	82	83	84	85	89	93	94	93	93	89	91	89	91	94	97
Hib3			29	44	62	64	64	73	71	79	80	82	83	84	85	89	93	94	93	93	89	91	89	91	94	97
HepB3			29	44	62	64	64	73	71	79	80	82	83	84	85	89	93	94	93	93	89	91	89	91	94	97
PCVC															60	64	77	90	92	92	89	91	90	91	94	97
RotaC																			36	87	88	87	84	86	80	73
IPV1																	44	70	84	88	89	90	95	95	97	98
IPVC																							7	41	72	82
MCV1	57	59	62	64	66	68	75	75	70	77	73	75	80	83	85	79	79	83	86	87	89	90	91	91	92	92
RCV1																					89	90	91	91	92	92
MCV2																							49	21	50	66
YFV																							4	39	65	69
HPVc																	30	58	75	66	31	46	35	98	95	69



Source: WHO/UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage, 2025 revision.

Estimated number of zero-dose children, 2000–2025 and target by 2030, Uganda

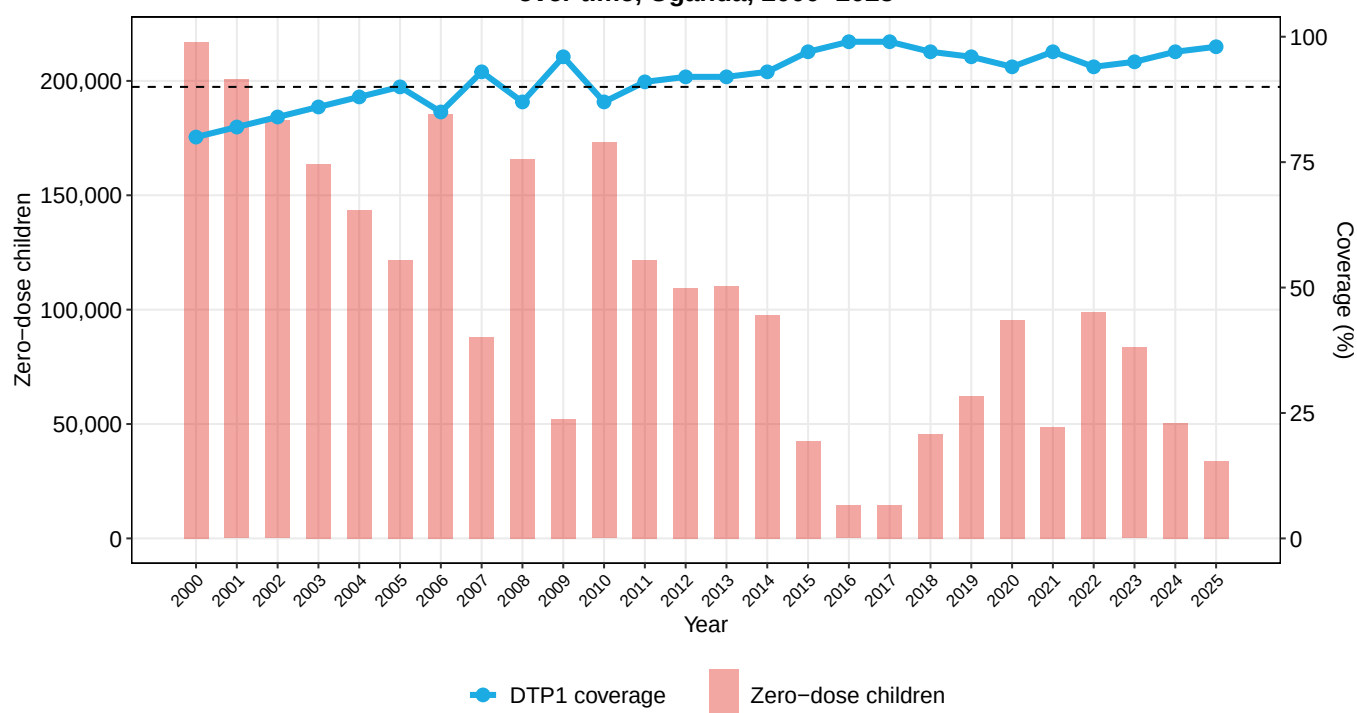


Source: WHO/UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage, 2025 revision.
 Note: The Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030) calls on all countries to reduce the number of zero-dose children in 2019 in half by 2030.
 Dark blue bars are the estimated number of zero-dose children in 2000–2025, light blue bar is the target number of zero-dose children by 2030.
 The line and points show the yearly progress and trajectory to meet the target by 2030, based on a linear decline.

DTP1: Reaching zero-dose children

- Coverage of DTP1 stood at 98% in 2025. This is higher than in 2019 (96%) and higher than in 2024 (97%).
- The percentage of zero-dose children was 25 percentage points lower than the IA2030 target in 2025. There were approximately 34,000 zero-dose children in 2025, fewer than the 62,000 in 2019 and fewer than the 50,000 in 2024.
- Coverage of DTP1 in Uganda (98%) was higher than the Eastern and Southern Africa regional average of 85% in 2025.
- DTP1-to-DTP3 dropout in 2025 was 1%, 2 percentage points lower than in 2019 (3%). Low DTP dropout rates imply good ability to provide a complete vaccine series early in life.

DTP1 coverage and zero-dose children over time, Uganda, 2000–2025

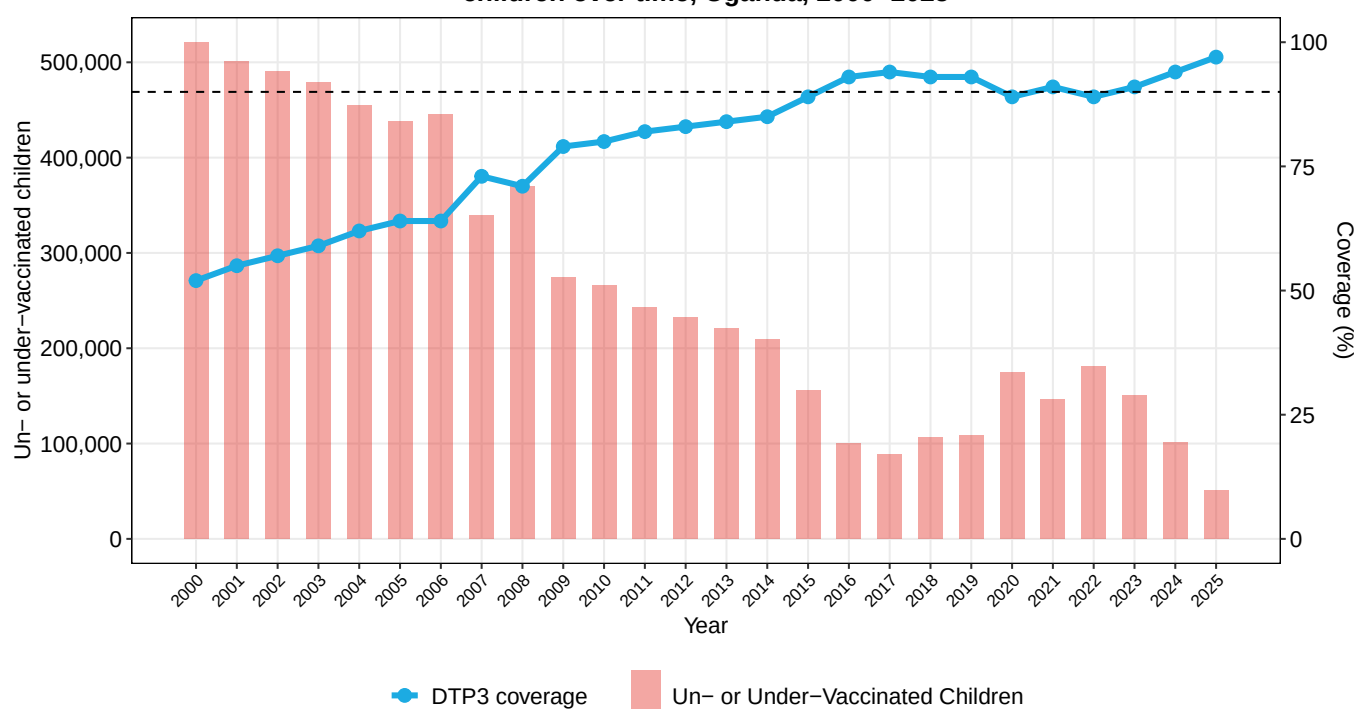


Dotted line shows the IA2030 target of 90% coverage
Source: WHO/UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage, 2025 revision.

DTP3: A marker of routine immunization service delivery to children

- Coverage of DTP3 stood at 97% in 2025. This is higher than in 2019 (93%) and higher than in 2024 (94%).
- The number of children vaccinated with DTP3 increased from 1.4 million in 2019 to 1.6 million in 2025.
- In 2025, there were 51,000 children un- or under-vaccinated in Uganda.
- In 2025, 1% of children who received DTP1 did not receive DTP3. This 1% dropout rate was 2 percentage points lower than in 2019 (3%) and 2 percentage points lower than the 2024 dropout rate (3%).
- Coverage of DTP3 in Uganda (97%) was higher than the Eastern and Southern Africa regional average of 80% in 2025.

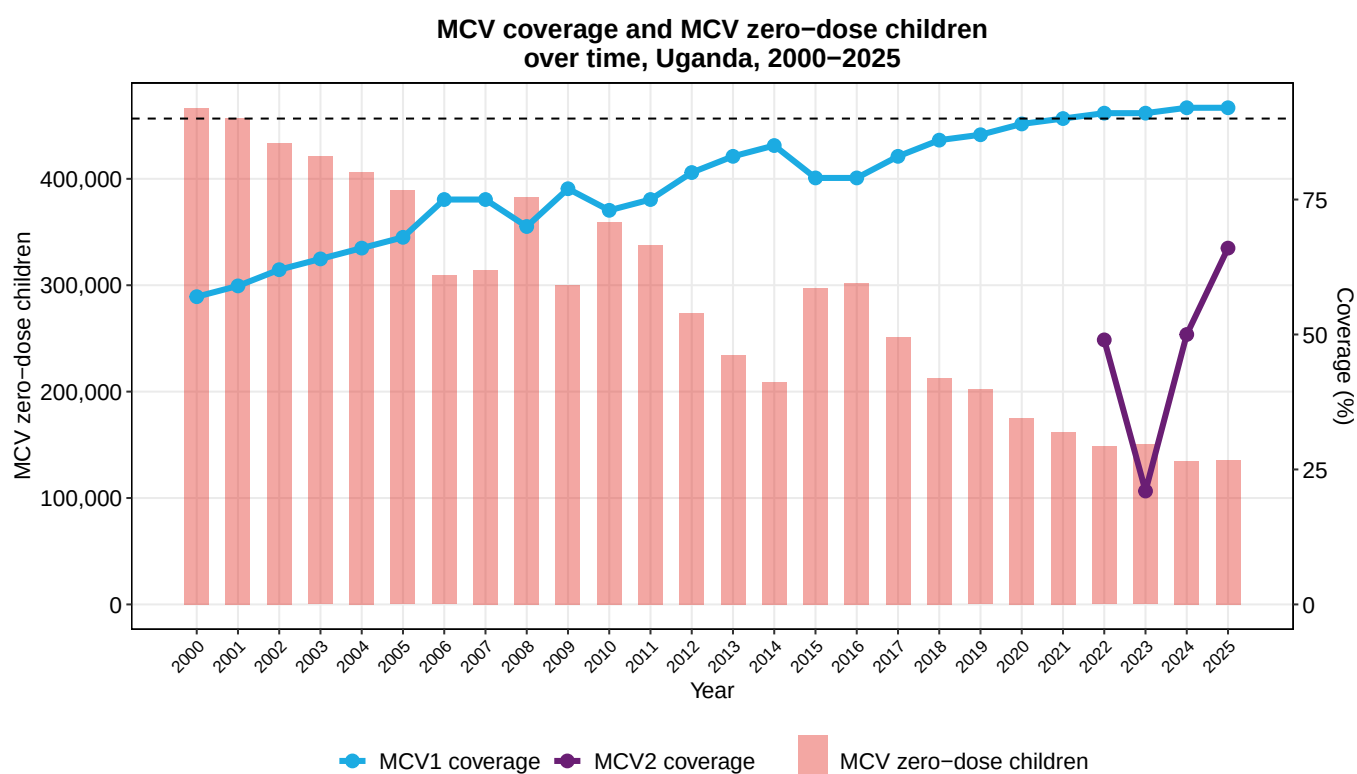
DTP3 coverage and un- or under-vaccinated children over time, Uganda, 2000–2025



Dotted line shows the IA2030 target of 90% coverage
Source: WHO/UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage, 2025 revision.

MCV: Canary in the coal mine

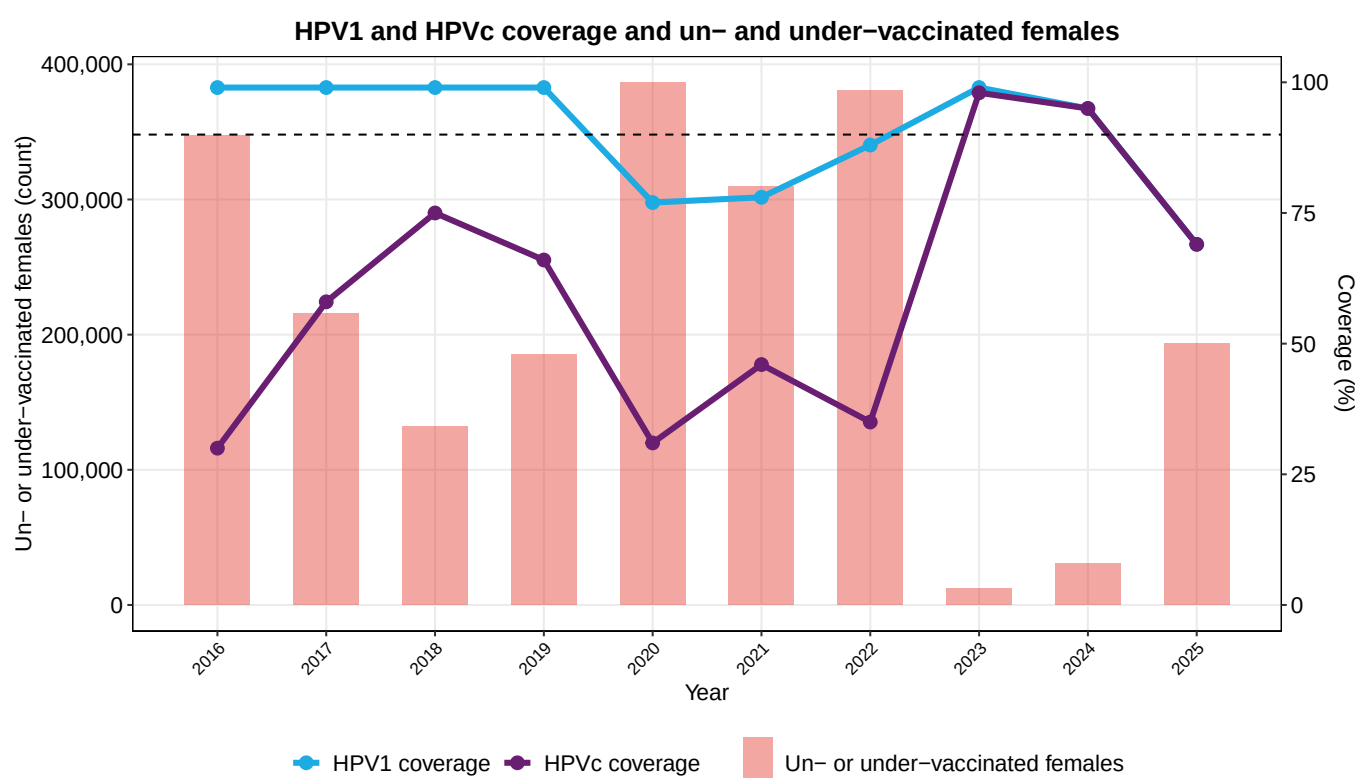
- Coverage of MCV1 stood at 92% in 2025. This is higher than in 2019 (87%) and the same as in 2024 (92%).
- Coverage of the second dose of the measles-containing vaccine (MCV2) NA. This still leaves 135,000 children without any protection against measles and another 421,000 with only partial protection.
- In 2025, 6% of children who received DTP1 did not receive MCV1. This 6% dropout rate was 3 percentage points lower than in 2019 (9%) but 1 percentage points higher than the 2024 dropout rate (5%).
- Uganda has achieved MCV1 coverage above 80% over all of the last 3 years.
- Coverage of MCV1 in Uganda (92%) was higher than the Eastern and Southern Africa regional average of 77% in 2025.



Dotted line shows the IA2030 target of 90% coverage
 Source: WHO/UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage, 2025 revision.

HPV

- Programme coverage of HPV1 among females decreased from 95% to 69% between 2024 and 2025, and coverage of the last dose (HPVc) also decreased from 95% to 69%.
- HPVc coverage remains well below the IA2030 target of 90%.
- In 2025, approximately 194,000 females in Uganda did not receive any HPV vaccination (unvaccinated).
- Among Eastern and Southern Africa region peers, Uganda ranked 9 out of 17 countries in HPVc coverage in 2025.



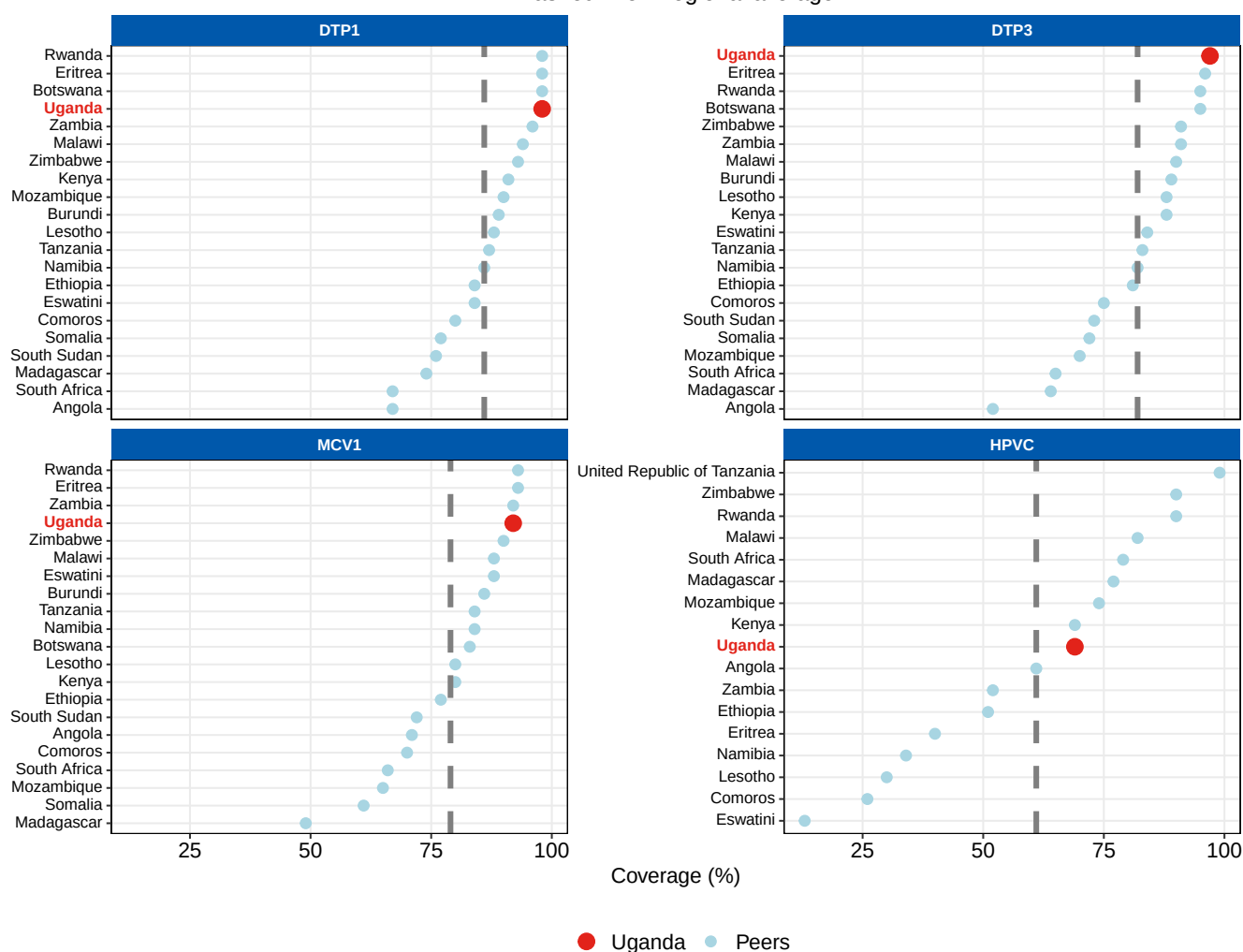
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Regional Comparison

The chart below shows how Uganda compares to other countries in the Eastern and Southern Africa region on DTP1, DTP3, MCV1, and HPVc coverage in 2025. The dashed line represents the regional average for each vaccine.

Coverage comparison: Uganda vs. ESAR peers, 2025

Dashed line = regional average



Source: WHO/UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage, 2025 revision.

Additional Vaccines

- Coverage of BCG stood at 98% in 2025. This is higher than in 2019 (88%) and higher than in 2024 (95%).
- Coverage of HepB3 stood at 97% in 2025. This is higher than in 2019 (93%) and higher than in 2024 (94%).
- Coverage of Hib3 stood at 97% in 2025. This is higher than in 2019 (93%) and higher than in 2024 (94%).
- Coverage of IPV1 stood at 98% in 2025. This is higher than in 2019 (88%) and higher than in 2024 (97%).
- Coverage of PCVC stood at 97% in 2025. This is higher than in 2019 (92%) and higher than in 2024 (94%).
- Coverage of RotaC stood at 73% in 2025. This is lower than in 2019 (87%) and lower than in 2024 (80%).

Additional vaccine coverage (%), Uganda, 2000–2025

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Appendix

WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage (WUENIC)

Each year, WHO and UNICEF review national immunization data from Member States, including administrative and official coverage, survey estimates and contextual information, and use rules-based data triangulation approach to assess coverage. Estimates are produced independently, without borrowing data from other countries, and are not based on ad hoc adjustments. In some cases, they rely on a single source, typically nationally reported coverage. When data for a specific country-vaccine-year are unavailable, values from adjacent years are interpolated or extrapolated, and conflicting sources are assessed to determine the most reliable estimate, considering potential biases and expert opinion.

Methods:

- [Burton et al. 2009. WHO and UNICEF estimates of national infant immunization coverage: methods and processes](#)
- [Burton et al. 2012. A formal representation of the WHO and UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage: a computational logic approach](#)
- [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](#)

These talking points present the latest WUENIC estimates (published 15 July 2026).

Definitions of immunization terms:

- Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG): vaccine against tuberculosis
- Hepatitis B birth dose, given within 24 hours after birth (HepBB)
- Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis vaccine, first dose (DTP1) and third dose (DTP3)
- Hepatitis B vaccine, third dose (HepB3)
- Haemophilus influenzae type B vaccine, third dose (Hib3)
- Inactivated polio vaccine, first dose (IPV1) and last dose (IPVC)
- Measles containing vaccine, first dose (MCV1) and second dose (MCV2)
- Rotavirus vaccine, last dose (RotaC)
- Pneumococcal vaccine, last dose (PCV)
- Yellow Fever vaccine (YFV)
- Meningococcal A vaccine (MengA)
- Human Papillomavirus vaccine, first dose (HPV1) and last dose (HPVc)

Additional resources: <https://data.unicef.org/resources/immunization/>