

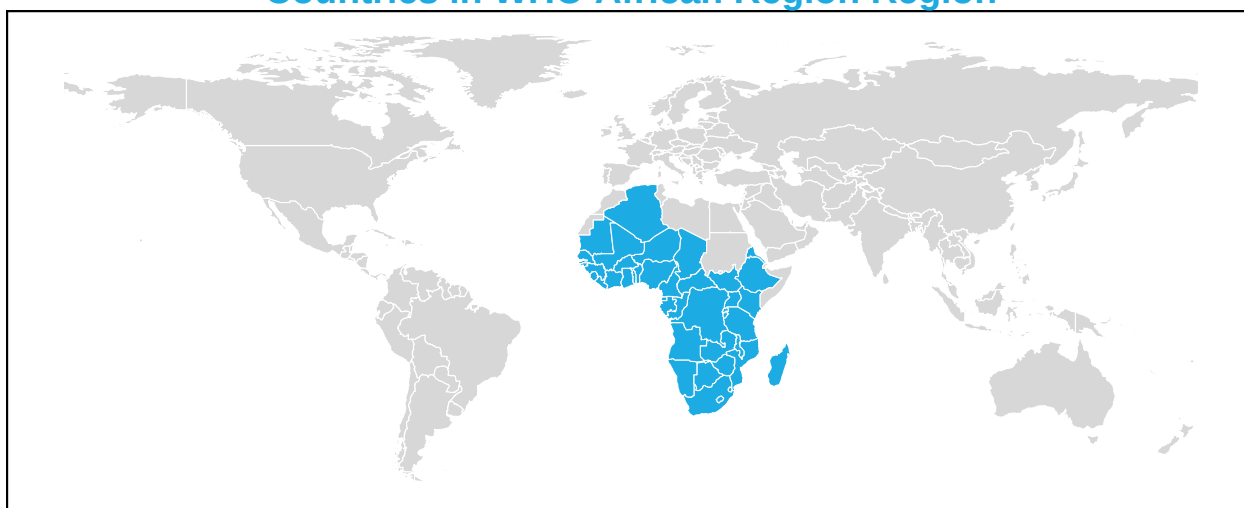
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Countries in WHO African Region Region



- The WHO African Region region includes the following 47 countries: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, DRC, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Overview

- While noting variations across countries and vaccines, none of the 15 childhood vaccines achieved an average coverage of 90% or higher within the WHO African Region region in 2025.
- Coverage of the first dose of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-containing vaccine (DTP1) was the same in 2025 as it was in 2024 (83%), and coverage of the third dose of DTP-containing vaccine (DTP3) increased from 75% in 2024 to 76% in 2025. Coverage of the first dose of the measles-containing vaccine (MCV1) was the same in 2025 as it was in 2024 (71%).
- A total of 30 out of 47 countries reached target coverage (90%) for all 15 antigens, representing 64% of the region.
- There were 17 countries that did not meet the target coverage across all antigens: Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Comoros, DRC, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Lesotho, Madagascar, Nigeria, South Africa, South Sudan, Sao Tome and Principe, and Tanzania.
- In 2025, the number of zero-dose children (6.6 million) was approximately 45% higher than the annual number proposed to achieve the Immunization Agenda 2030 target of reducing the number of zero-dose children by half by 2030 in WHO African Region region (4.6 million), based on a linear trajectory of decline.

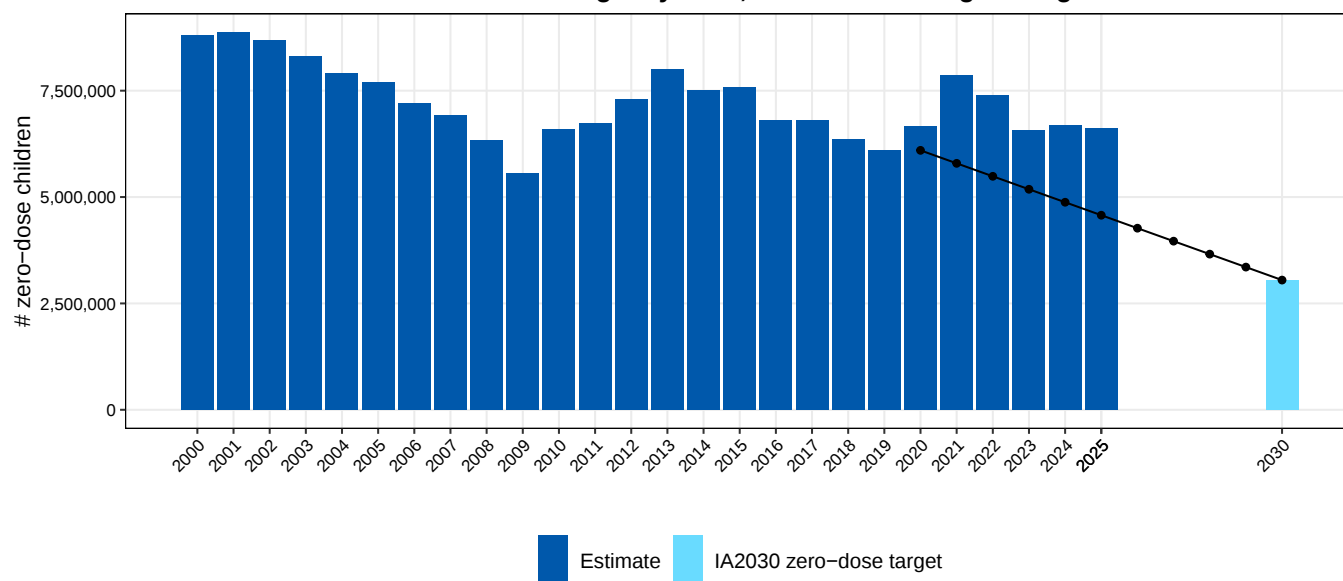
Vaccine coverage (%), AFR Region, 2000–2025

	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	67	68	68	69	72	74	76	78	81	84	81	78	79	77	78	77	80	82	82	83	82	78	81	83	82	82
HepBB	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	5	6	7	7	7	8	9	10	10	11	11	11
DTP1	66	66	68	70	72	73	76	77	79	82	80	80	78	77	78	78	81	81	82	83	82	79	81	83	83	83
DTP3	51	52	53	56	59	62	65	66	70	73	71	71	70	69	71	70	73	74	76	77	74	71	72	75	75	76
Hib3	3	3	12	13	16	18	21	30	37	59	60	60	63	65	70	70	73	74	76	77	74	71	72	75	75	76
HepB3	5	5	24	28	34	41	45	62	66	72	70	70	69	68	70	70	73	74	76	77	74	71	72	75	75	76
PCVC									0	0	3	11	22	34	47	60	67	70	73	74	71	66	68	71	71	73
RotaC							0	0	0	1	2	2	5	12	29	38	42	44	47	50	52	54	54	61	65	65
IPV1																20	40	45	62	75	75	72	73	76	76	77
IPVC																						6	18	32	47	60
MCV1	50	53	54	57	59	61	64	65	68	72	71	70	70	69	69	68	68	70	71	72	71	67	67	70	71	71
RCV1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	11	12	25	32	33	36	35	35	36	37	41
MCV2	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	6	7	10	17	22	24	25	33	36	38	43	49	55	58
YFV	9	10	12	15	26	33	36	39	39	43	40	35	35	37	40	41	40	43	47	47	46	43	43	47	50	50
MengA																	0	7	11	17	25	23	25	26	28	27
HPVc											0	0	1	1	4	4	5	6	7	10	12	15	15	33	45	53



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

Estimated number of zero-dose children, 2000–2025 and target by 2030, WHO African Region Region



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

- The number of children vaccinated with DTP1 increased 8.2% from 30.6 million in 2019 to 33.1 million in 2025.
- DTP1 coverage in 2025 was 83%, the same as in 2019 and 2024.
- In 2025, the number of zero-dose children (6.6 million) was approximately 45% higher than the annual number proposed to achieve the Immunization Agenda 2030 target in AFR region (4.6 million), based on a linear trajectory of decline.
- In 2025, Nigeria and DRC represented approximately 33% and 12% of all zero-dose children in AFR (n = 6.6 million), respectively. Nigeria had the highest number of zero-dose children at 2.2 million, and DRC had the second highest at 788,000.
- In 2025, the lowest DTP1 coverage was observed in Central African Republic at 59%, followed by Gabon at 65%.
- There were 24 (51%) out of 47 countries in the region that achieved DTP1 coverage of 90% or higher in 2025.

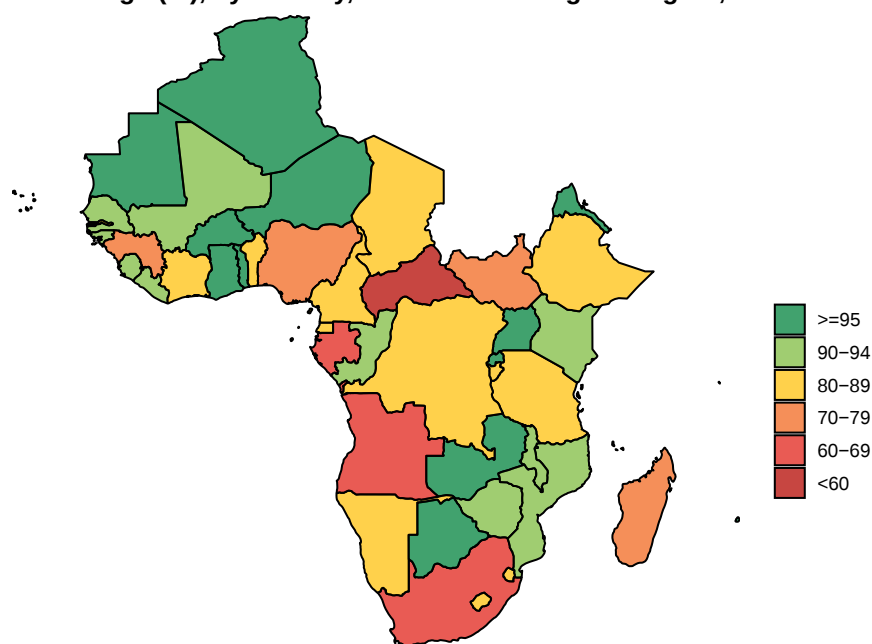
**DTP1 coverage (%), by country,
WHO African Region Region, 2000–2025**

	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
Algeria	95	92	93	93	93	94	98	98	97	98	99	99	99	99	99	99	96	95	96	95	94	92	91	98	98	99
Ghana	88	81	84	87	88	88	87	96	96	96	96	94	92	94	99	97	94	99	97	97	94	99	99	99	99	99
Seychelles	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	98	99	99	99	98	98	99	99	99	99	99	98	98	99
Botswana	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98
Eritrea	88	91	94	97	99	99	98	98	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	98	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	98
Rwanda	93	77	95	97	94	95	99	99	97	98	98	98	99	99	99	99	99	99	98	99	94	94	98	94	99	98
Uganda	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
Mauritius	88	92	96	99	98	99	99	97	99	99	99	99	99	99	97	98	97	96	98	97	96	95	96	97	97	97
Zambia	94	94	94	93	93	92	92	93	95	96	92	87	86	86	96	97	96	95	94	94	88	94	98	94	94	96
Burkina Faso	85	87	89	90	90	91	91	92	93	93	93	93	94	94	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95
Mauritania	73	76	96	91	83	85	85	92	88	79	82	91	95	95	95	87	87	86	86	88	92	87	96	96	95	95
Niger	46	48	51	53	56	58	64	69	76	81	83	86	87	89	95	93	92	95	91	92	93	94	96	94	95	95
Togo	80	63	75	83	83	91	91	94	92	93	97	94	94	94	89	88	89	89	90	93	92	94	95	95	95	95
Malawi	98	99	94	99	99	99	99	96	97	97	97	98	99	96	97	93	89	93	96	97	95	95	89	95	94	94
Senegal	79	79	70	81	95	97	99	97	94	94	96	97	96	96	94	94	96	97	96	93	89	91	93	92	96	94
Cabo Verde	94	94	95	95	96	97	98	99	99	99	99	99	98	93	99	97	96	97	99	96	93	93	93	93	93	93
Congo	45	44	50	62	67	73	81	80	93	92	90	90	90	90	95	85	76	75	79	82	77	81	82	82	90	93
Zimbabwe	84	83	81	79	77	80	83	86	89	87	95	99	99	98	98	94	94	94	94	94	93	93	93	93	93	93
Sierra Leone	64	58	89	90	82	80	79	77	84	94	95	97	98	98	88	95	97	98	97	95	93	94	92	92	92	92
Kenya	83	84	90	89	87	85	90	89	90	92	93	98	98	95	97	96	89	82	93	96	97	99	99	97	93	91
Liberia	80	76	73	69	65	75	75	80	85	90	80	86	91	91	74	77	83	89	91	86	82	81	93	91	91	91
Guinea-Bissau	73	75	77	79	81	83	86	89	91	94	93	92	94	93	92	91	90	91	95	91	94	91	93	95	89	90
Mali	61	78	87	91	94	96	91	89	85	82	81	80	75	69	73	78	82	82	82	82	75	81	84	85	91	90
Mozambique	84	86	88	89	88	87	86	85	87	89	91	91	91	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	83	76	81	90	90	90
Burundi	88	90	91	93	95	96	99	99	98	99	99	99	98	98	98	97	97	94	94	97	98	96	93	89	89	89
Lesotho	87	83	89	95	95	95	96	96	96	96	97	97	98	98	94	89	92	93	93	92	93	95	94	90	86	88
Sao Tome and Principe	89	97	94	98	99	99	99	99	99	99	98	98	98	99	98	98	97	96	97	97	97	97	92	87	87	87
Tanzania	92	95	95	99	99	95	94	89	88	90	98	96	99	99	99	97	95	93	91	95	95	90	91	87	87	87
Cameroon	66	70	75	79	80	85	87	90	93	88	92	88	85	81	81	81	84	80	74	72	74	76	76	81	82	86
Chad	45	44	45	45	35	46	58	50	47	45	55	55	57	58	63	59	55	55	63	69	74	79	82	84	83	86
Namibia	90	88	86	87	88	93	91	88	88	87	87	88	89	94	92	98	90	94	94	92	93	94	90	88	79	86
Cote d'Ivoire	85	81	76	71	73	83	95	93	89	95	87	74	93	83	92	96	98	93	96	94	87	85	83	82	81	84
Equatorial Guinea	64	64	63	63	62	62	61	61	60	60	59	64	68	73	77	64	77	77	77	77	76	76	76	80	75	84
Eswatini	94	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	96	95	95	98	97	99	99	96	96	96	96	96	87	86	99	89	91	84
Ethiopia	47	50	52	55	58	61	64	67	71	74	77	80	74	67	73	74	75	76	76	75	75	74	76	79	79	84
Gambia	97	97	96	97	96	95	98	98	96	98	99	99	99	99	98	99	99	93	94	93	88	82	85	84	82	84
AFR	66	66	68	70	72	73	76	77	79	82	80	80	78	77	78	78	81	81	82	83	82	79	81	83	83	83
Benin	89	88	87	86	85	84	89	94	91	89	87	85	89	86	86	82	84	83	82	81	80	80	79	79	81	82
DRC	49	49	47	53	66	68	71	73	76	78	68	78	78	78	81	81	81	82	82	84	83	81	81	80	82	82
Comoros	85	85	96	82	85	77	78	79	85	89	81	92	91	85	83	81	83	84	80	81	78	80	85	80	80	80
Guinea	61	64	68	71	75	75	75	76	64	76	86	76	70	64	58	64	62	64	65	67	68	70	71	73	77	78
South Sudan												79	76	67	62	55	51	59	67	68	71	73	76	76	76	76
Madagascar	74	75	76	79	82	88	93	92	84	80	78	80	79	76	77	71	74	71	77	77	77	64	66	74	70	74
Nigeria	44	43	43	45	46	48	49	52	63	73	60	56	51	49	48	49	62	65	69	72	70	57	63	71	71	70
Angola	44	56	64	66	73	59	63	66	66	66	67	67	67	67	69	67	72	68	75	70	67	65	63	79	70	67
South Africa	85	82	80	77	80	83	94	95	93	81	80	80	72	81	88	91	88	85	84	87	88	91	87	81	76	67
Gabon	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	81	85	81	82	82	86	80	77	87	83	81	78	77	69	76	65	73	62	65
Central African Republic	60	65	65	65	64	64	64	65	65	65	67	69	66	35	60	57	54	54	52	50	48	46	44	49	52	59



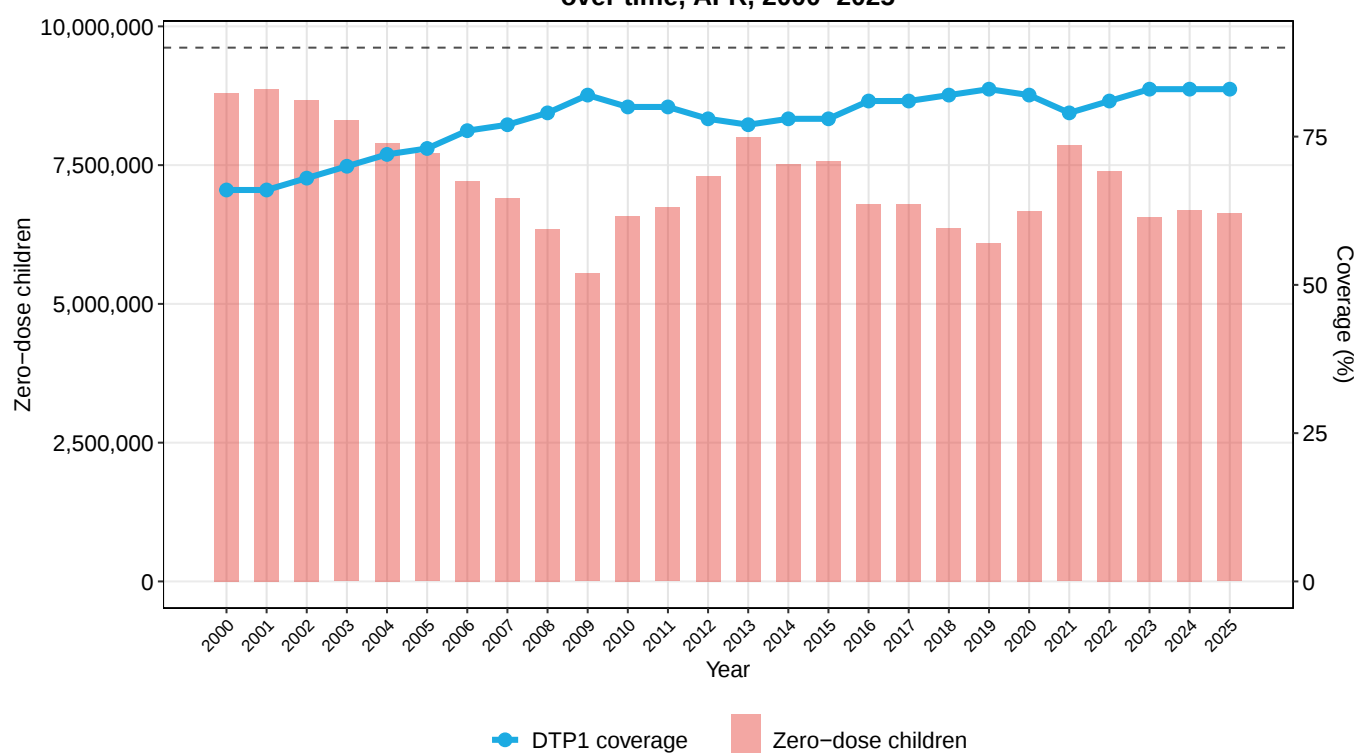
Source: WHO/UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage, 2025 revision.
Note: Countries ordered based on descending DTP1 coverage in 2025.

DTP1 coverage (%), by country, WHO African Region Region, 2025



Source: WHO/UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage, 2025 revision.
 Note: This map is stylized and based on an approximate scale.
 This map does not reflect a position by UNICEF or WHO on the legal status of any country or territory or the delimitation of any frontiers.

DTP1 coverage and zero-dose children over time, AFR, 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

- The number of children vaccinated with DTP3 increased 6.4% from 28.2 million in 2019 to 30 million in 2025. Due to population growth of approximately 8% between 2019 and 2025, DTP3 coverage in 2025 (76%) was lower than in 2019 (77%).
- DTP3 coverage in 2025 was 76%, lower than in 2019 (77%) but higher than in 2024 (75%).
- In 2025, 9% of children who received DTP1 did not receive DTP3, which was 1 percentage point higher than in 2019 (8%); medium dropout rates imply moderate ability to provide a complete series of vaccines early in life.
- In 2025, DTP3 coverage ranged from 46% in Central African Republic to 99% in Ghana.
- In 2025, Nigeria had DTP3 coverage of 62% and the highest absolute number of un- and undervaccinated children in the region (2.8 million), followed by DRC with 65% coverage and 1.5 million un- and undervaccinated children.

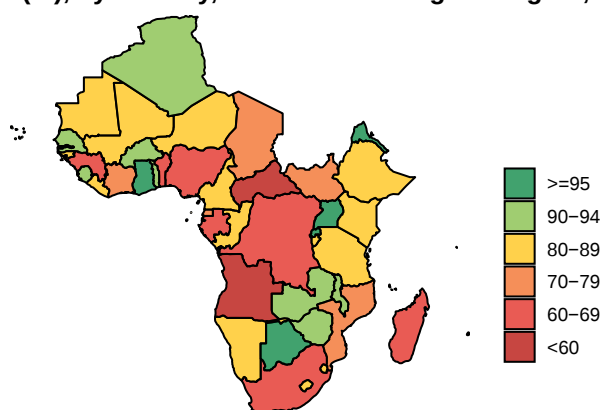
**DTP3 coverage (%), by country,
WHO African Region Region, 2000–2025**

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Ghana	88	79	78	80	80	84	84	94	93	94	94	91	92	90	98	89	93	99	97	97	94	98	99	95	95	99
Seychelles	98	96	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	98	98	99	97	96	97	99	99	97	94	97	97	93	98
Uganda	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
Eritrea	81	86	90	93	98	96	94	95	95	95	95	94	94	94	94	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	96
Mauritius	88	92	88	99	98	97	97	97	99	99	99	98	98	98	97	97	96	94	97	96	95	95	95	96	93	96
Botswana	97	97	97	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	86	95	95	95
Rwanda	90	77	88	96	89	95	99	97	97	97	97	97	98	98	98	98	98	98	97	98	91	88	98	94	98	95
Algeria	86	89	86	87	86	88	95	95	93	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	91	91	91	88	84	81	77	92	92	94
Cabo Verde	90	90	91	92	93	95	96	98	99	99	99	90	94	93	95	93	96	96	98	96	93	93	93	93	93	93
Burkina Faso	45	62	69	79	79	82	86	89	93	92	91	91	90	88	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91
Senegal	52	52	60	73	87	84	89	94	88	86	89	92	91	92	89	89	93	93	92	91	83	85	93	92	91	91
Sierra Leone	44	38	53	73	65	65	64	64	77	84	86	89	91	92	83	86	84	90	93	95	91	92	91	91	91	91
Zambia	85	85	84	83	83	82	81	80	87	94	83	81	78	79	86	90	95	94	90	88	84	91	88	86	87	91
Zimbabwe	78	75	71	68	65	68	70	73	75	73	89	93	95	95	91	87	90	89	89	90	86	88	90	90	91	91
Malawi	75	90	64	84	89	93	99	87	91	93	93	97	96	89	91	88	84	88	92	95	94	93	86	91	91	90
Togo	64	50	59	72	71	82	84	82	81	78	83	85	84	84	84	82	82	84	84	88	87	90	90	90	90	90
Burundi	80	81	81	82	83	87	92	99	92	94	96	96	96	96	95	94	94	91	90	93	93	94	91	89	89	89
Kenya	82	80	84	73	73	76	80	81	88	88	90	96	94	87	92	89	88	81	91	93	93	95	94	93	91	88
Lesotho	84	79	85	90	90	89	89	88	88	91	93	96	95	93	88	83	87	89	90	92	93	95	92	90	86	88
Niger	34	36	39	41	43	45	52	58	67	71	70	75	73	75	82	84	80	85	79	81	81	82	84	85	86	87
Sao Tome and Principe	82	92	92	94	96	97	97	97	99	98	98	96	96	97	95	96	96	95	95	95	96	97	92	87	87	87
Mauritania	51	75	89	76	70	71	68	75	74	64	64	75	80	80	81	73	74	76	77	80	81	77	85	90	86	86
Congo	33	31	41	50	67	63	74	73	80	80	76	83	85	85	90	80	71	69	75	79	73	77	78	78	83	85
Eswatini	84	84	85	85	86	86	87	87	88	88	89	91	95	98	98	90	90	90	90	90	83	77	97	85	84	84
Guinea-Bissau	49	53	57	60	64	68	71	74	77	80	83	86	87	87	86	86	85	79	85	84	82	78	88	91	85	84
Mali	43	49	61	63	69	77	78	74	74	73	73	66	65	64	66	70	76	77	76	76	70	75	76	76	83	84
Cameroon	62	63	66	73	73	80	81	82	84	80	84	81	79	76	76	76	78	74	68	67	68	71	71	75	77	83
Liberia	48	44	39	35	31	60	60	65	75	81	70	77	80	80	63	65	73	80	81	71	66	67	79	83	83	83
Tanzania	79	87	89	95	95	90	90	83	86	85	91	90	92	91	97	96	92	90	89	91	91	86	87	83	83	83
Gambia	80	87	87	87	87	95	95	95	96	98	97	96	98	97	96	97	95	92	93	88	85	82	79	84	80	82
Namibia	79	78	77	79	81	86	86	86	83	83	83	82	84	89	88	92	85	88	89	87	93	94	84	83	74	82
Ethiopia	30	32	35	37	39	43	46	50	54	58	61	65	61	59	61	62	64	65	68	70	71	69	71	75	75	81
Equatorial Guinea	35	37	39	41	43	44	46	48	50	52	54	54	54	53	53	40	53	56	59	62	64	67	70	74	68	78
AFR	51	52	53	56	59	62	65	66	70	73	71	71	70	69	71	70	73	74	76	77	74	71	72	75	75	76
Comoros	70	70	89	80	76	68	69	75	81	83	74	83	86	83	80	80	75	79	77	78	74	72	78	75	75	75
South Sudan												61	63	53	50	46	45	52	59	61	67	69	73	73	73	73
Chad	38	26	25	23	22	26	41	29	19	26	40	33	40	39	36	42	41	41	47	53	55	62	66	67	68	71
Cote d'Ivoire	65	66	65	62	68	77	77	76	74	81	78	61	82	75	73	79	87	83	84	79	73	71	69	72	68	70
Mozambique	70	73	76	85	83	80	78	75	74	74	77	80	82	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	71	56	55	70	70	70
Benin	78	76	75	73	72	70	74	82	75	79	76	75	80	77	74	74	78	76	74	72	70	70	69	69	69	69
DRC	30	30	38	42	54	61	62	65	68	71	60	70	71	71	73	70	70	71	71	73	70	65	65	60	65	65
Guinea	46	50	53	57	60	59	57	63	60	57	64	63	57	50	44	48	47	49	51	53	54	56	58	60	63	65
South Africa	73	71	70	69	74	81	84	85	82	81	77	75	71	81	85	85	85	84	82	85	84	86	85	79	74	65
Madagascar	57	60	62	66	78	85	85	84	77	77	70	73	68	70	68	62	68	65	74	69	67	55	57	65	60	64
Gabon	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	81	82	76	67	75	82	79	70	80	75	75	70	70	63	75	60	70	61	62
Nigeria	29	27	25	29	33	36	40	42	53	63	56	49	42	43	43	42	53	55	61	66	62	50	55	63	63	62
Angola	31	42	47	46	47	47	44	43	45	47	49	50	52	54	55	56	57	55	64	61	55	50	48	60	58	52
Central African Republic	37	40	44	47	51	54	51	48	45	42	45	47	47	23	45	43	42	42	40	38	37	35	33	40	42	46



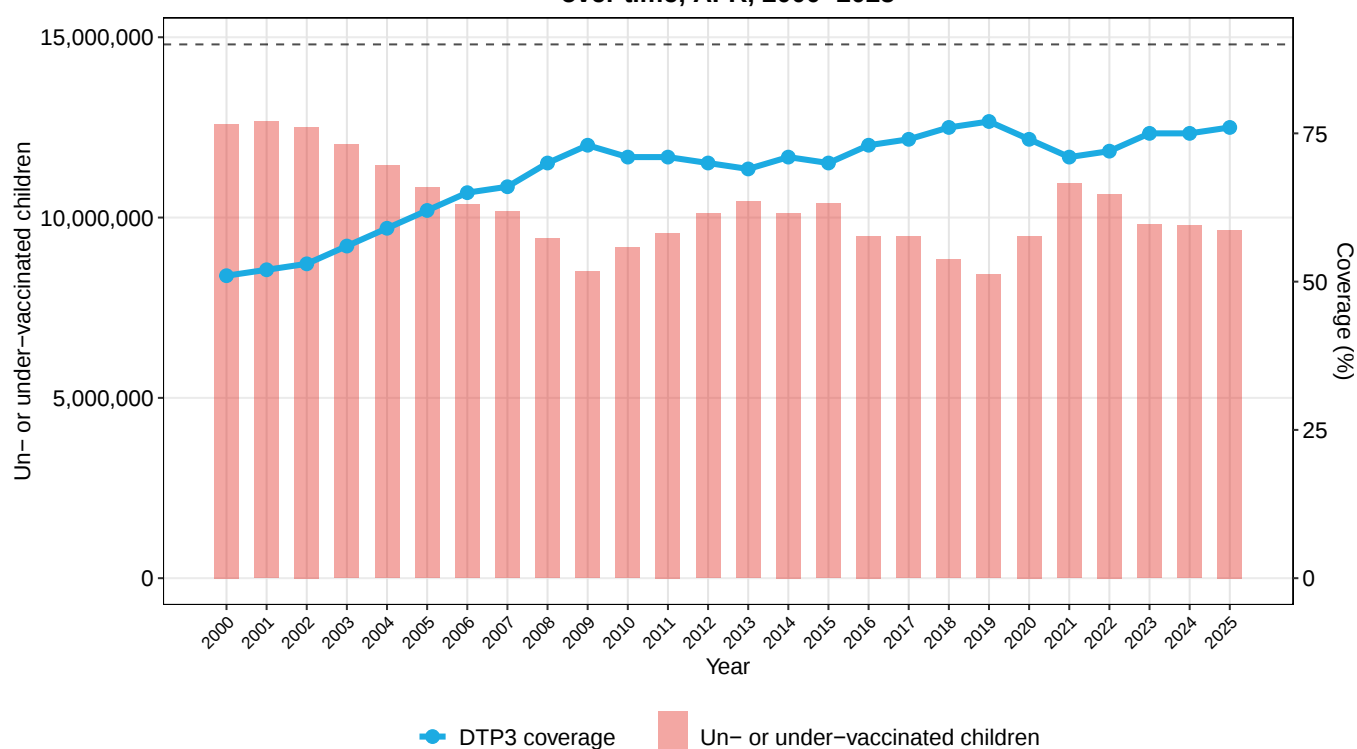
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Note: Countries ordered based on descending DTP3 coverage in 2025.

DTP3 coverage (%), by country, WHO African Region Region, 2025



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DTP3 coverage and un- or under-vaccinated children over time, AFR, 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

- MCV1 coverage in 2025 was 71%, the same as in 2019 and 2024.
- Coverage of the second dose of the measles-containing vaccine (MCV2) in 2025 was 58%, higher than in both 2019 (33%) and 2024 (55%). This still leaves 11.5 million children without any protection and another 4.2 million with only partial protection against the measles virus.
- In 2025, 15% of children who received DTP1 did not receive MCV1. This 15% dropout rate was 1 percentage point higher than in 2019 (14%) and the same as the 2024 dropout rate.
- High DTP-MCV dropout rates imply poor retention in immunization programmes.
- 17 countries (Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, DRC, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guinea, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, and South Sudan) had MCV1 coverage below 80% for all of the last 3 years.
- In 2025, Nigeria had the highest number of children who did not receive the measles vaccine (3.2 million), representing approximately 28% of all children unprotected against measles in AFR (11.5 million).

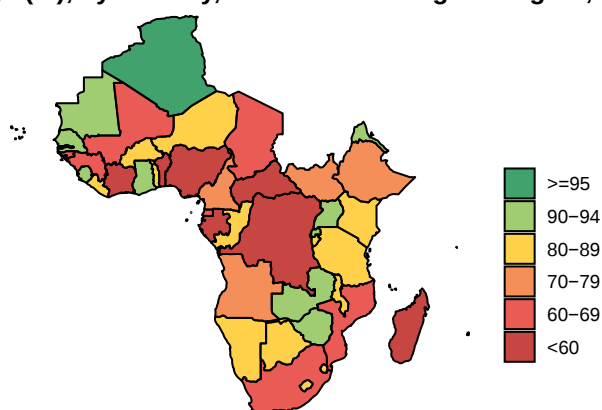
MCV1 coverage (%), by country,
WHO African Region Region, 2000–2025

	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
Seychelles	97	95	98	99	99	99	99	99	99	97	99	99	98	97	99	98	97	99	96	99	97	94	98	93	97	98
Mauritius	84	90	84	91	98	98	99	98	98	99	99	99	99	99	98	99	92	89	99	99	98	97	98	96	98	97
Algeria	80	83	81	84	81	83	91	92	88	92	95	95	95	95	95	95	94	88	80	80	80	79	79	99	94	96
Cabo Verde	86	88	89	90	91	93	94	96	97	97	97	96	91	91	93	92	93	96	99	98	95	95	95	95	95	95
Eritrea	76	84	83	92	96	95	94	92	91	93	95	96	98	94	90	97	95	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	93
Ghana	90	78	78	80	83	83	85	95	86	93	93	91	89	89	92	89	89	95	92	92	88	94	95	88	95	93
Mauritania	46	58	87	84	73	65	62	67	65	59	67	67	75	80	75	70	73	75	78	75	82	75	84	92	93	93
Rwanda	74	69	69	90	84	89	95	94	92	95	95	95	97	95	97	96	95	97	99	96	94	87	99	96	97	93
Senegal	48	48	54	60	57	74	80	84	77	79	81	84	83	84	80	80	93	90	86	86	82	88	87	87	87	92
Uganda	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
Zambia	85	84	84	84	85	85	85	93	87	90	96	83	82	80	85	90	97	96	94	93	96	90	88	86	91	92
Sierra Leone	37	50	62	73	76	71	65	60	73	80	82	84	86	85	80	78	85	80	87	93	87	87	90	90	90	90
Zimbabwe	75	73	70	68	66	67	68	69	70	76	90	92	97	93	92	86	95	90	88	85	85	88	90	90	90	90
Burkina Faso	48	63	64	76	78	84	88	94	94	94	92	89	87	82	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88
Eswatini	92	93	93	93	93	93	93	94	94	94	94	87	88	97	97	89	89	89	85	81	76	80	83	85	85	88
Malawi	73	81	69	77	80	82	85	83	88	92	93	96	90	88	85	87	81	83	87	92	90	90	82	87	89	88
Sao Tome and Principe	69	75	85	87	91	88	85	86	93	90	92	91	92	91	92	93	93	90	95	95	86	77	82	87	87	87
Burundi	72	73	75	76	78	87	92	88	84	91	92	93	93	98	94	93	93	90	88	92	90	90	89	86	86	86
Congo	34	35	37	50	65	54	61	59	69	63	75	83	80	80	80	80	67	70	75	73	68	68	65	65	78	85
Namibia	69	58	68	70	70	73	63	69	73	76	75	74	76	82	83	85	75	80	82	80	90	91	89	86	79	84
Tanzania	78	86	89	97	94	91	93	90	88	91	92	93	97	99	97	95	83	90	88	89	87	80	84	84	84	84
Botswana	91	91	92	92	93	93	94	95	95	96	96	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	87	97	90	97	97	83
Liberia	63	58	52	47	41	62	63	71	76	83	65	71	80	74	58	64	70	75	74	68	61	58	79	82	82	82
Niger	37	39	41	43	45	47	53	60	66	69	67	69	75	80	80	85	76	82	77	79	79	80	65	80	81	82
Togo	58	40	48	68	70	70	78	71	63	66	68	72	72	72	77	75	73	79	75	81	76	80	82	79	81	81
Kenya	78	77	78	72	73	69	77	80	90	88	86	87	93	94	95	96	93	84	92	92	89	88	85	85	82	80
Lesotho	74	70	78	85	84	83	82	81	80	84	88	92	91	90	92	93	90	89	89	90	90	90	84	76	90	80
Gambia	89	89	90	90	92	91	89	88	92	96	92	91	95	96	96	97	97	90	91	85	82	79	74	80	83	78
Ethiopia	28	29	32	33	35	40	44	49	54	59	64	68	62	55	54	56	57	59	62	65	67	65	67	71	72	77
Cameroon	49	51	53	61	64	68	73	74	80	74	79	76	74	71	71	71	72	67	61	61	63	65	68	71	71	75
South Sudan												62	59	57	54	52	51	56	61	65	69	74	72	72	72	72
AFR	50	53	54	57	59	61	64	65	68	72	71	70	70	69	69	68	68	70	71	72	71	67	67	70	71	71
Angola	41	72	74	62	64	45	48	58	58	59	59	59	59	56	52	49	47	56	59	54	48	50	63	53	71	
Comoros	70	70	71	67	76	67	66	65	76	79	72	79	85	82	80	81	77	75	74	76	75	68	71	70	70	70
Guinea-Bissau	71	72	73	74	75	76	74	73	71	69	76	83	81	81	81	80	80	66	81	83	78	70	84	83	76	69
Chad	28	26	25	23	16	27	39	31	27	36	46	54	63	57	45	46	37	37	41	40	45	53	54	63	68	68
Mali	49	54	56	57	63	73	68	66	71	73	78	72	67	62	61	65	70	70	70	71	62	71	69	68	72	68
South Africa	72	69	65	62	63	64	69	68	73	77	72	77	79	78	84	86	84	81	81	83	84	87	86	80	76	66
Mozambique	71	74	77	80	79	78	76	75	77	80	82	82	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	73	62	63	65	65	65
Equatorial Guinea	50	50	49	48	48	47	47	46	45	45	44	46	49	51	53	50	53	54	55	57	58	59	60	61	53	62
Guinea	42	44	46	48	50	51	57	55	53	58	62	58	54	50	47	48	48	49	50	50	51	51	52	60	62	
Cote d'Ivoire	68	71	71	70	78	84	73	67	63	67	64	49	74	70	59	67	73	70	73	72	63	62	56	63	65	58
Gabon	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	62	67	63	62	72	71	70	61	68	64	63	59	62	53	64	52	66	57	56
Nigeria	33	32	30	34	37	41	44	41	53	64	56	49	42	43	44	42	48	54	56	58	60	48	51	54	57	56
DRC	26	34	41	48	57	61	63	64	64	65	66	66	69	68	69	65	63	65	64	65	62	55	56	52	55	55
Benin	70	68	66	65	63	61	66	70	66	71	68	70	74	68	65	67	68	65	61	58	54	53	52	52	51	49
Madagascar	57	59	61	65	79	74	71	81	70	63	66	62	63	64	66	60	62	55	68	60	55	43	44	51	46	49
Central African Republic	36	35	42	49	55	62	61	59	58	56	53	49	48	25	47	46	45	41	39	37	36	34	32	39	41	44



Source: WHO/UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage, 2025 revision.
Note: Countries ordered based on descending MCV1 coverage in 2025.

MCV1 coverage (%), by country, WHO African Region Region, 2025

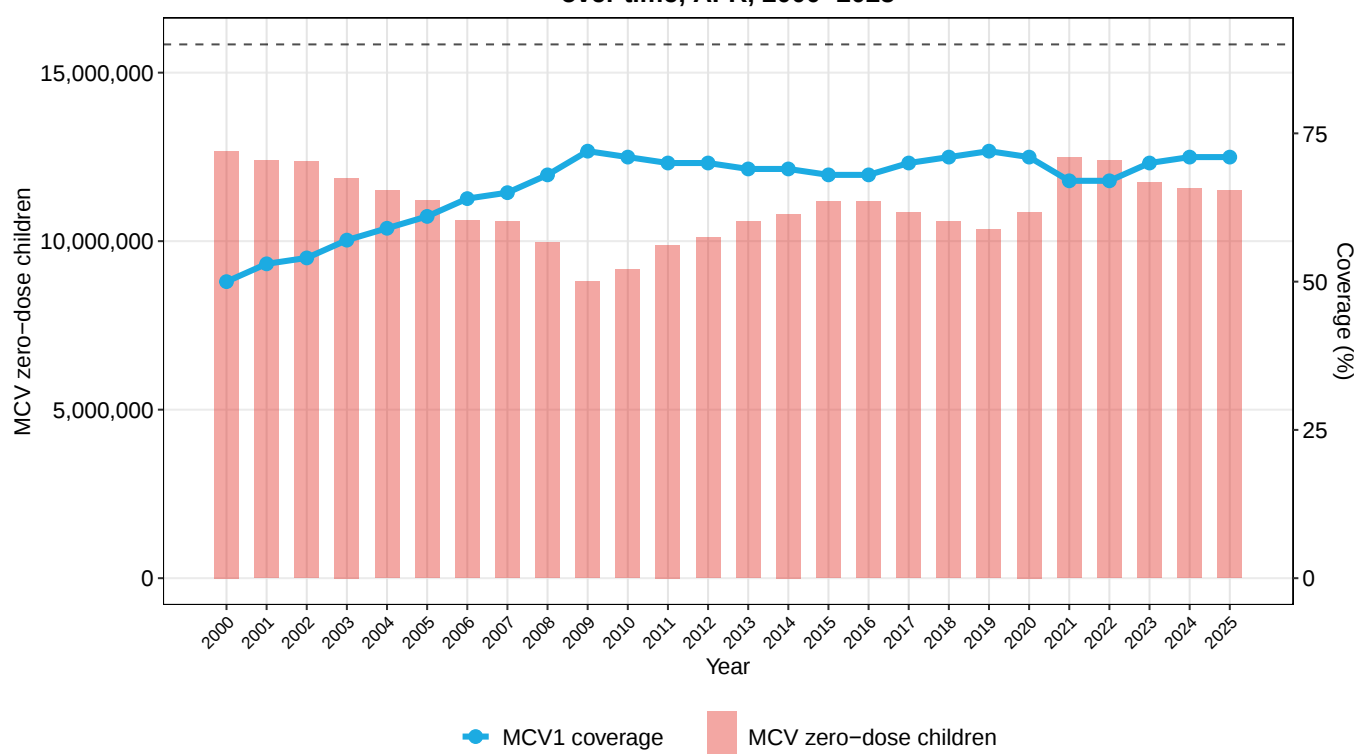


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MCV coverage and MCV zero-dose children over time, AFR, 2000-2025

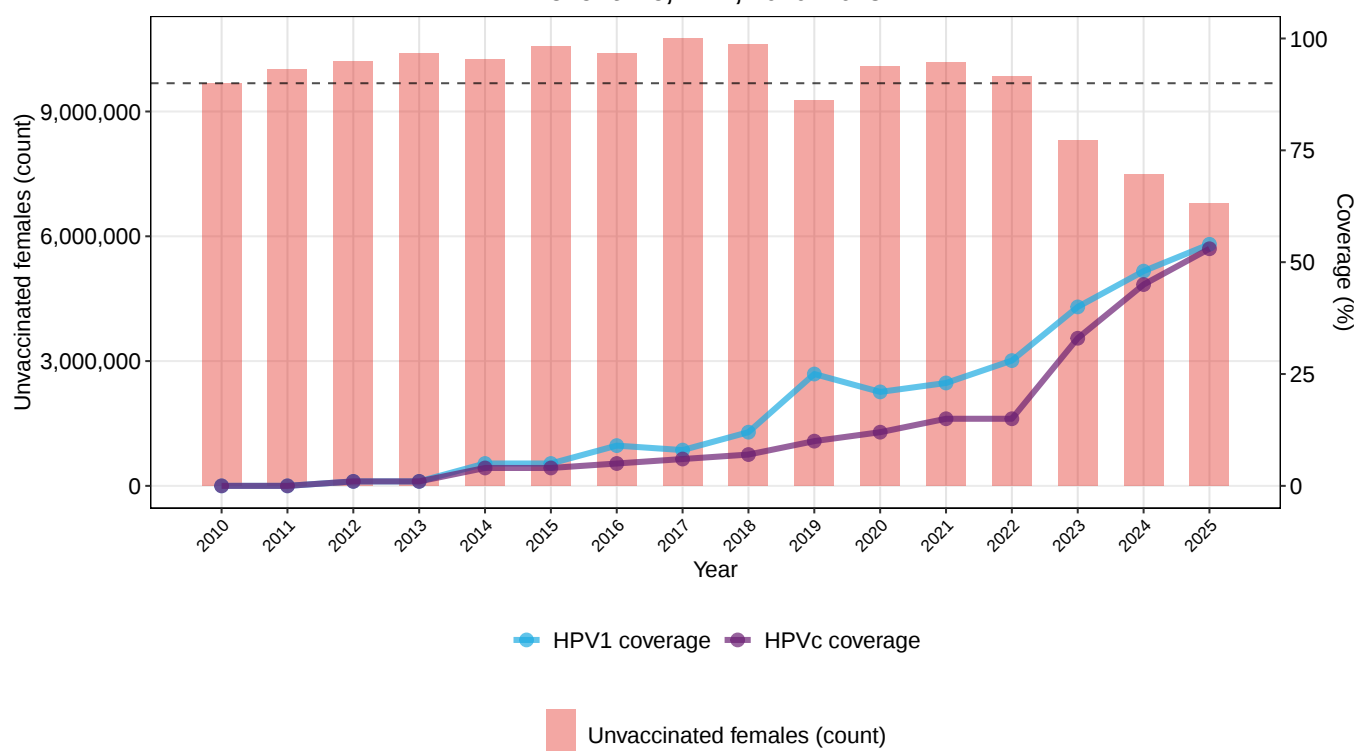


Dotted line shows the IA2030 target of 90% coverage
Source: WHO/UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage, 2025 revision.

HPV

- Programme coverage of the first dose of HPV vaccine (HPV1) among girls stood at 54% in 2025, which was higher than the coverage of 48% in 2024.
- Coverage of the last dose (HPVc) stood at 53% in 2025, which was higher than the coverage of 45% in 2024.
- HPVc coverage remains well below the IA2030 target of 90%, though it is trending upward.
- In 2025, there were 6.8 million girls who did not receive any HPV vaccination.
- In AFR, 35 out of 47 countries (74%) had introduced HPV vaccination by 2025.
 - WUENIC HPV coverage estimates are available for 34 of these countries in 2025.
 - The country that has introduced HPV vaccination but does not yet have WUENIC coverage data available for 2025 is Botswana.
- The 12 countries that had not introduced HPV vaccination are Algeria, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, DRC, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Niger, and South Sudan.

HPV1 and HPVc coverage and unvaccinated females over time, AFR, 2010–2025



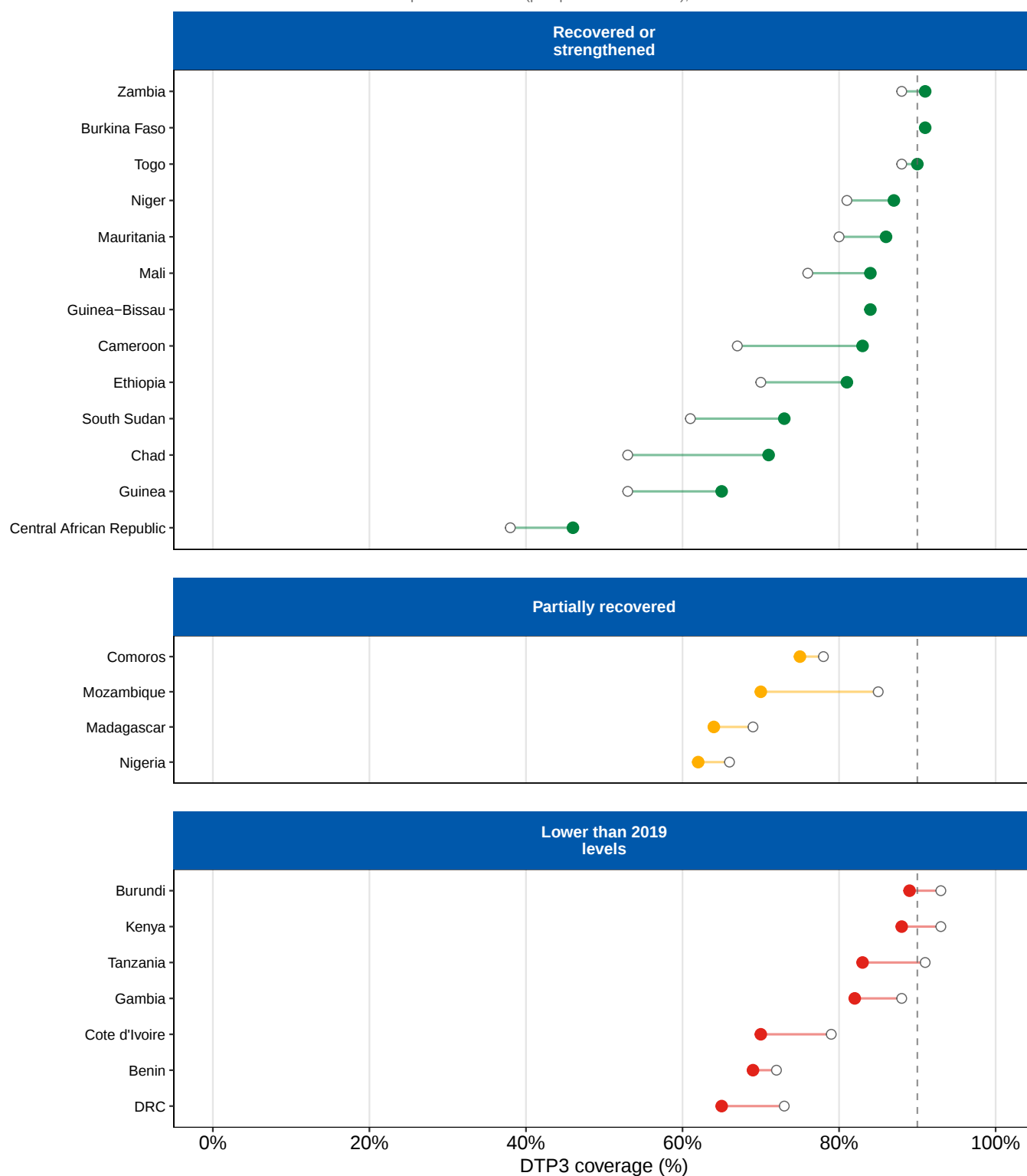
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Priority countries supported to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic

- Of the 35 countries that were globally supported for the Big Catch-up, 24 are in AFR.
 - Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, South Sudan, Chad, Togo, and Zambia fully recovered to or exceeded their 2019 DTP3 levels.
 - 4 countries (Comoros, Madagascar, Mozambique, and Nigeria) are on the path to recovery to 2019 DTP3 levels.
 - 7 countries (Burundi, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, DRC, Gambia, Kenya, and Tanzania) have not yet recovered, with stagnation or decline from 2019 DTP3 levels.
 - 6 countries (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Guinea, Niger, South Sudan, and Chad) did not experience a decline in DTP3 levels compared to 2019.

DTP3 coverage recovery from COVID-19 pandemic, AFR

Open circle = 2019 (pre-pandemic baseline); filled circle = 2025



Dotted line shows the IA2030 target of 90% coverage.
 Countries shown are Big Catch-Up priority countries in AFR.
 Source: WHO/UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage, 2025 revision.

Recovery Methodology

This analysis tracks DTP3 coverage trends from 2019 to 2025 to assess post-pandemic recovery. Countries are categorized based on their progress toward 2019 baseline levels:

- **Recovered or strengthened:** 2025 coverage is equal to or higher than 2019 levels.
- **Partially recovered:** Coverage in 2025 is still below 2019 levels but has improved by at least 3 percentage points from its lowest point in 2020 or 2021.
- **Lower than 2019 levels:** Coverage in 2025 remains below 2019 levels and has shown less than 3 percentage points of improvement from its lowest point in 2020 or 2021.

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/>