

## One injection, ten years' protection (Part 2)

(Television journalist)

The yellow fever vaccination campaign actually started five days ago in the coastal region, although it was officially launched today.

(Prof. Charles Kondi Agba, Minister for Health)

Thanks to the enormous help we have had, vaccination is totally free of charge. It is free and affords protection for at least 10 years. We were taken by surprise. This is always the case with epidemics. We all know that yellow fever is so infectious that even if there is only one case, the whole country is considered to be in the grip of an epidemic. We were therefore obliged to approach our partners and, with their cooperation, we were able to do what was necessary.

(Dr. Kadri Tanikari, WHO Resident Representative)

The WHO was a major player before and during the campaign and will continue in this role even when it is over. Before the campaign started, we had helped the Ministry for Health set up the disease surveillance system, which enabled the detection of the original three cases in the north of the country, and we have since been active in supporting the Ministry for Health with drafting the various technical and financial reports.

(Eugène Kpizinguy, UNICEF Health Program Administrator)

Vaccination is one of UNICEF's traditional activities and as such we are providing financial and technical support to the organisation of this campaign. UNICEF is present at every stage of the vaccination campaign. We provide the vaccination equipment, notably the self-blocking syringes used in this campaign.

(Dr. Kadri Tanikari, WHO Resident Representative)

This is the first campaign to have been carried out by WHO and UNICEF with GAVI support, since the GAVI vaccination initiative was adopted in 2005. We see these as important factors.

(Sahadatou Bawa Touré, Yellow Fever Vaccination Campaign Observer)

The Global Alliance for Vaccination and Immunisation, or "GAVI", was founded with the aim of improving vaccination coverage for children worldwide and brings

together the main players in the field of vaccination, governments of developing countries and donor countries, WHO, UNICEF, the World Bank, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, vaccine manufacturers and technical and research institutes as well as NGOs.

(Dr. Danladi Ibrahim Nassoury, Epidemiology Division Head)

The success of this campaign has been aided by previous experience, particularly concerning the organisation of the previous vaccination campaigns against polio and measles. We currently have many district chief medical officers who have been trained in vaccinology and management, principally through the EPIVAC course, which helps strengthen health workers' expertise in vaccinology. Such support is an important factor in the success of a large-scale campaign.

(Sahadatou Bawa Touré, Yellow Fever Vaccination Campaign Observer)

Every year, in Ouidah, Benin, around 50 African doctors are trained in vaccinology on the EPIVAC course.

(Dr. Alfred Da Silva, AMP Executive Director)

EPIVAC provides certified training in practical vaccinology and health program management. Introduced in 2002, EPIVAC is a sanofi pasteur contribution to the GAVI world alliance. It mainly targets district chief medical officers in French-speaking countries south of the Sahara. EPIVAC is developed with the assistance of two awarding universities, Paris Dauphine and Cocody Abidjan, under the direction of the French Preventive Medicine Agency, the AMP. It aims to maximise the management skills of these district chief medical officers and increase their technical competence with respect to implementing vaccination programs, now that GAVI has provided vaccination programs in Africa with various kinds of help.

(Dr. Aristide Aplogan, AMP Africa Program Director)

Today, one thing is certain: it is no longer lack of money that is holding up back, because thanks to GAVI, the money is there. The real obstacle to successful vaccination is the need to strengthen the capacities of staff involved. The EPIVAC program facilitates successful immunisation

(Sahadatou Bawa Touré, Yellow Fever Vaccination Campaign Observer)

This yellow fever vaccination campaign has demonstrated that we in Togo have the ability to manage a nationwide operation.

We made the public aware of the situation and mobilised and trained health workers.

Nevertheless, as is often the case in African countries, material and financial resources are limited, which is why it is absolutely essential that we know how to make the most of what we have.

In this context, the training of supervisory staff assumes even greater importance. Of course, in a country like mine, we still have a long way to go as far as vaccination is concerned and unfortunately coverage rates are still not good enough compared with countries who have made the most progress in this area. Nevertheless, thanks to the concrete initiatives implemented by local health authorities in collaboration with our international partners, I am able to report very positive progress and we now have real hope for the future.

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