The International Association of Immunization Managers (IAIM)
What is the immunization context that IAIM finds itself in today?
Have health systems reached their capacity?

Immunization Vaccines and Biologicals, (IVB), World Health Organization.
194 WHO Member States. Date of slide: 21 July 2015.
18.7 million infants not immunized (DTP3), 2014

Immunity Profile, OPV Status of NP AFP Cases, AFR

Source WHO/UNICEF AFP data base, 2014
Purpose of this presentation

- Introduce DCVM members to IAIM
- Start a discussion with our:
  - Vaccine manufacturers,
  - Other private sector companies (in the health space)

On we can partner for mutual benefit and work with IAIM for supporting immunization managers in their objectives to protect more people against VPD and reduce disease burden.
Introduction to IAIM

- IAIM is the first international professional association for immunization managers.

- IAIM’s goal is to help drive increased access to vaccines for populations around the world through improved management of country immunization programs.

- We do that by building the managerial and leadership capacity of immunization managers and other immunization workers.
Why an international professional association for immunization managers?

- The keys to reaching the remaining 20% and reducing morbidity/mortality due to VPD’s, including their possible elimination/eradication, is better management supported by more investments into immunization programs and primary care health structures.

- The people with the power to make this happen are immunization managers and their governments.

- Most immunization managers are physicians or some other technical specialty - and most have never been trained in management.
Our members

- Immunization managers working with ministries of health (who manage all the components of an immunization program, at the national or sub-national level)
- Other health care personnel working for immunization programs in ministries of health
- Physicians, nurses, and other health professionals who work in field of immunizations in health facilities or have interest in the field (both public and private sector),
- Individuals who work in multi-laterals, bi-laterals agencies, non-profit organizations, and universities
Our members

Our members represent themselves as professionals in the field of vaccine and immunization and not their employer or any other particular interest
IAIM’s 233 members around the world

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IAIM’s members represent more than 107 countries
What the Association does

IAIM supports immunization managers and other immunization workers to strengthen their managerial and leadership capacity
How we do it

- Peer-to-Peer Exchange Program
- Training Scholarship Program
- Management training course (to be offered in 2017-18)
- Global Conferences and Joint Regional Meetings
- IAIM website and its informational products, including:
  - Latest news and information in the field of vaccines and immunization
  - Discussion Forums network with peers to solve problems and share solutions
  - Membership Directory, where immunization managers can and connect one on one
  - Member Experts, IAIM members with specialized experience
  - Vaccine and Disease Databases with information on pre-qualified vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases
Examples of how IAIM has contributed to stronger management of immunization efforts

- Organizing a China/Brazil P2P exchange visit manager to learn about **evidence-based introduction of vaccines**
- South Africa/Afghanistan/USA P2P where managers will inform themselves on **how to address vaccine hesitancy in their countries**
- Providing a Training Scholarship for manager from Mauritania, for taking an course on **epidemiology, statistics, and informatics** at Université Libre de Bruxelles
- Providing Training Scholarships for the managers from Saudi Arabia and the Gambia, for taking an **advanced vaccinology** course (ADVAC, Fondation Merieux)
Why partner with IAIM?

- The EPI has over 38 years of building structures and establishing processes to deliver vaccines and control outbreaks of VPD’s
- The structures, process and the health services that support the EPI have served governments well, but:
  - We have new vaccines and more to come – dengue – malaria – rsv – ebola and therapeutic ones
  - Immunization programs are undergoing a metamorphosis from a immunize your child to immunize your family program
  - Health infrastructure has deteriorated and population growth and shifts are taxing the capacities of the immunization delivery systems
  - Today’s health workers have evolved; they are more tech savvy and have a thirst for digital technology/information for doing their job better; therefore, with other partners we can change the game on the ground

Who can tell us how best to meet these challenges? Our immunization managers at each level
Why partner with IAIM?

- The Association has the goal to expand its membership to recruit between 300 - 1000 immunization managers from the states/provinces/regions, including managers who oversee delivery of immunization services from private sector, in the more than 150 countries in the world by 2020.

- More than ever the immunization game now is at local level with the communities.

- All of us need to support better management on the part of the national and subnational immunization managers.

- IAIM wants to change the approach: managing for performance:
  - MIS
  - H.R Training
  - Evaluation tools
  - Annual Plans of Action
What a partnership with IAIM can offer your company

- **Increased global visibility**
  - Insure your products and their characteristics and performance are visible on our website
  - Your company’s logo featured on the IAIM website and materials

- **Key feedback on your products from immunization managers**
  - Through surveys administered by IAIM, you can ask for early feedback on product profiles before you finalize their presentation and packaging

- **Insights into new markets from immunization managers**
  - Through surveys administered by IAIM, you can ask questions on what drives country purchasing decisions

- **Register to join IAIM meeting with its members**
How to partner with IAIM?

- For companies who wish to partner with IAIM, there are different contribution levels available.

- For our other stakeholders who wish to partner with IAIM, we can discuss with you how your contribution can strengthen the Association.

- Please contact me at Peter.Carrasco@sabin.org to start the conversation.
THANK YOU!