

The power of pneumoniafighting vaccines

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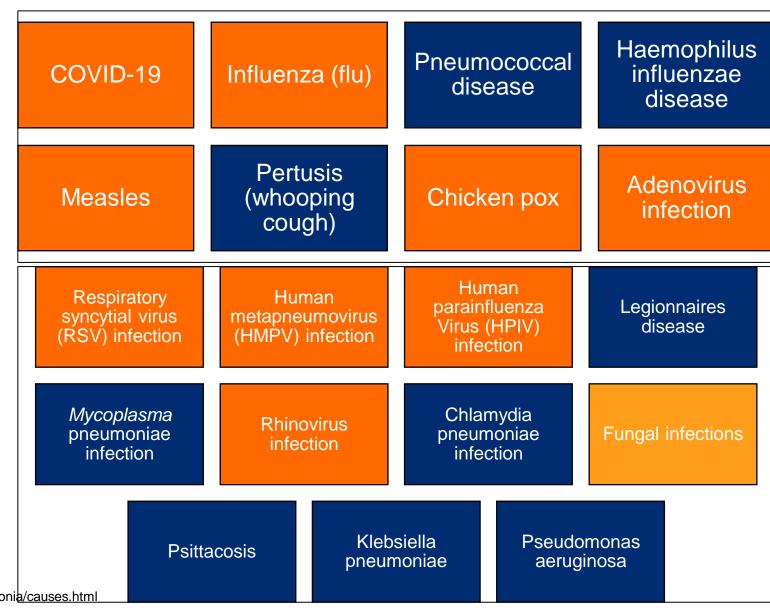
Common and less common cause of pneumonia in children and adults

Pneumonia is a lower respiratory tract infection typically caused by viruses, bacteria and fungi infection of the lungs

Pneumonia largely affects the extremes of life (young children and older adults) and people with compromised immunity,

Pneumonia is also threat nonimmunocompromised young adults. In the US for example, half the deaths from bacteremic pneumococcal pneumonia occur in people ages 18-64.

Key Viruses Bacteria Fungi



Source: https://www.cdc.gov/pneumonia/causes.html

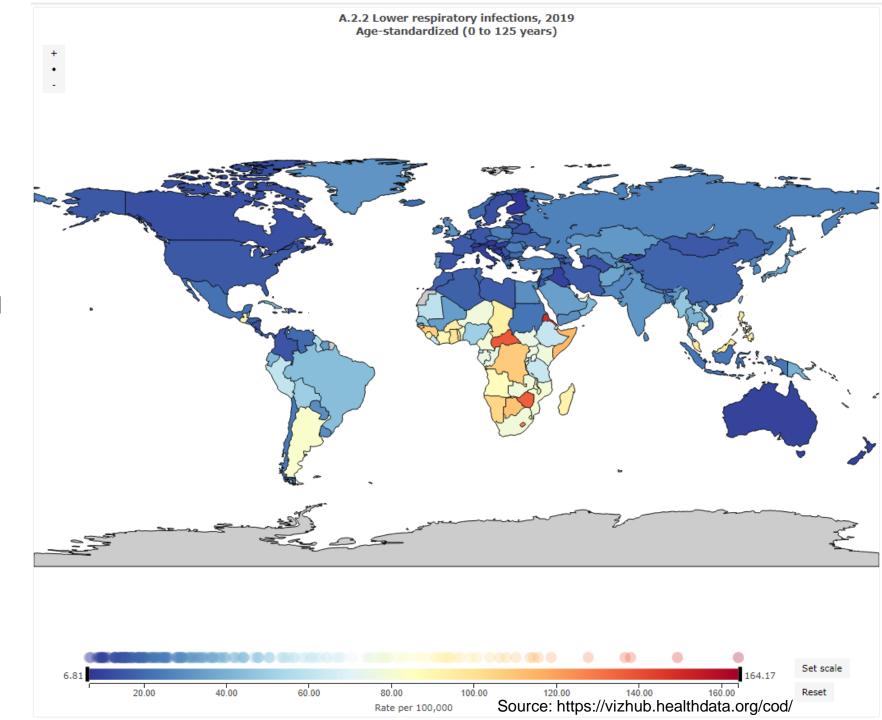
Global burden of pneumonia

Pneumonia is the leading infectious cause of child death and accounts for 14% of all deaths of children under 5 years old

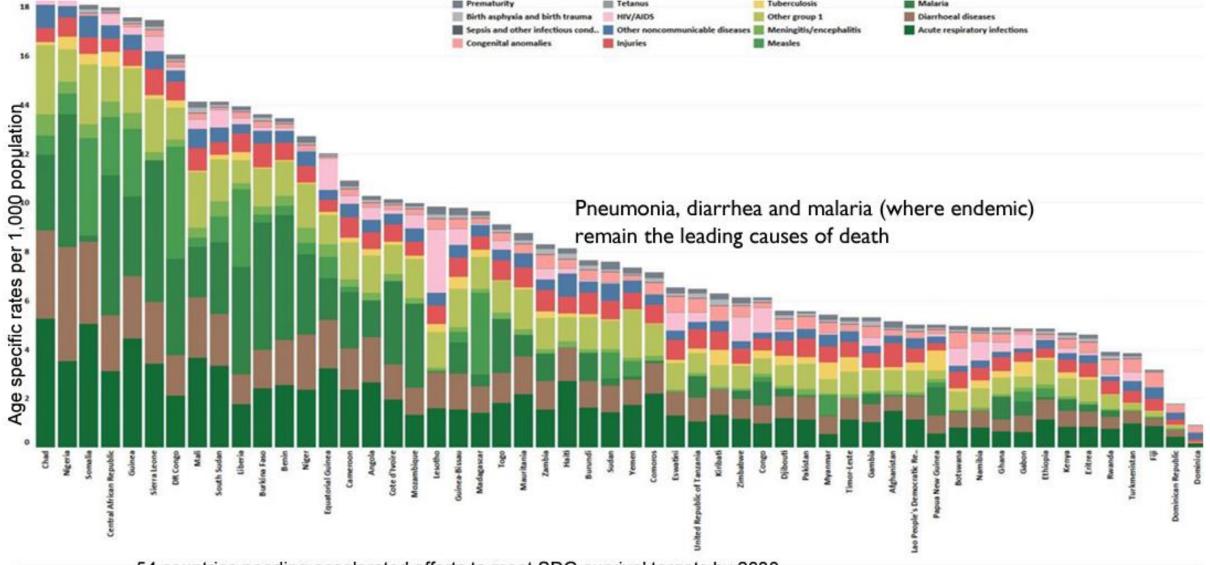
A child under 5 dies of pneumonia every 39 seconds

In 2019, WHO estimates that pneumonia and killed 740, 180 children.





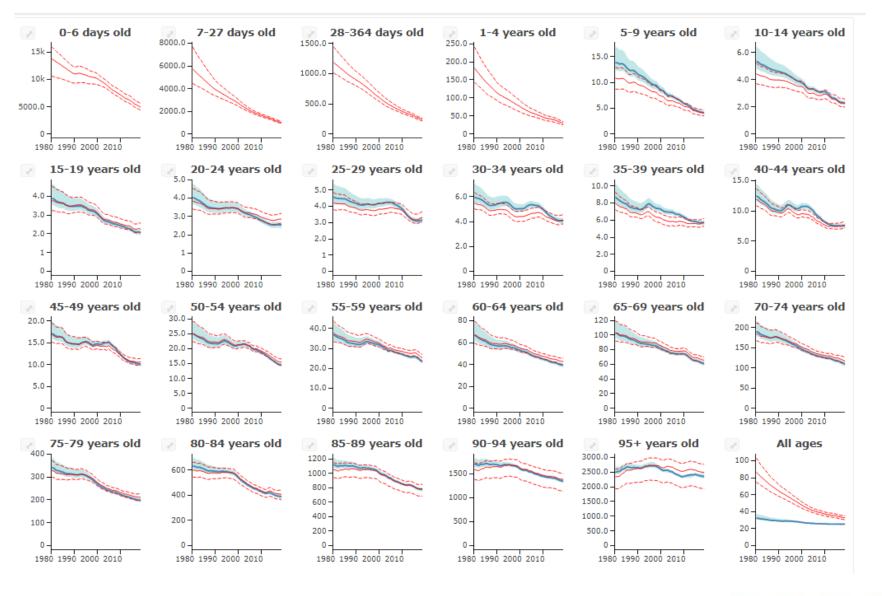
Leading causes of post-neonatal (1-59 months) death in 54 countries needing accelerated action



54 countries needing accelerated efforts to meet SDG survival targets by 2030



Across the lifecourse, the incidence of acute lower respiratory infections is dropping, but progress is slow









Vaccines are an important pillar of the WHO/Unicef Integrated Global Action Plan for Pneumonia and Diarrhea

GAPPD sets forth the following coverage targets for its recommended interventions, which countries should strive to achieve:

PROTECT



PREVENT



90%

coverage for each of the following vaccines: pertussis, measles, Hib, pneumococcal conjugate, and rotavirus vaccines

TREAT



90%

treatment coverage for children with suspected pneumonia, including care by an appropriate health care provider and antibiotics



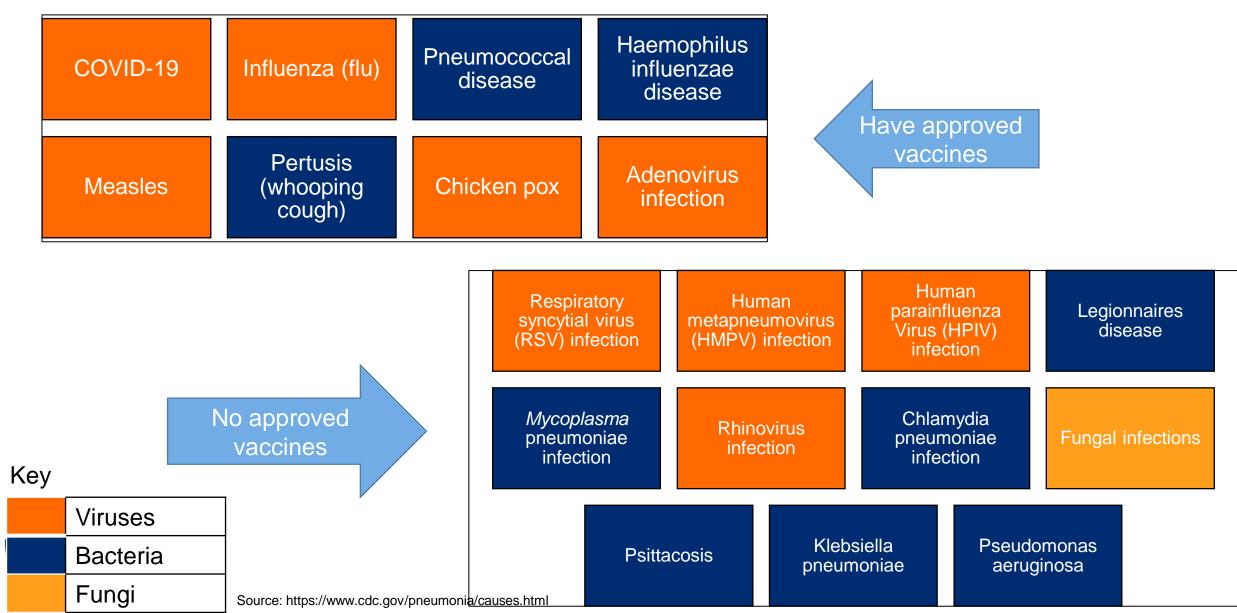
90%

treatment coverage for children with diarrhea, including treatment with ORS and zinc supplements





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We spotlight the value and impact of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) with a few examples

- Globally, PCV prevented ~175.2 million cases of pneumococcal diseases and ~ 625K deaths
- 2. In SA, PCV let to 23% to 33% reduction in **pneumonia** in children younger than 19 years. Also18,000 **deaths** prevented between 2009 and 2016
- 3. In the US, the **cost averted** from using PCV translated to 112,000 USD per life year saved
- 4. A review of immunization programs concludes that the timing of DTP offers the **opportunity to deliver** a range of early childhood development interventions such as newborn hearing screening, sickle cell screening, treatment and surveillance, maternal education around key newborn care issues such as jaundice and tracking early signs of poor growth and nutrition.





^{2.} J Kleynhans et al, Plos One 2021

4. Olusanya, B.O, Vaccine. 2009.



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Progress on vaccine access and uptake is lagging

Slow rollout of the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV), which only 48% of children under five currently receive – Stop pneumonia

Backsliding of routine immunization due to COVID-19 - WHO

PROGRESS SUMMARY



UST 5 COUNTRIES

met the **50% target** for exclusive breastfeeding: Bangladesh, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Tanzania



O COUNTRIES

met the **90% coverage target** for all 5 vaccines; 1 country met the 90% coverage target for 4 vaccines (Bangladesh); 1 country met the 90% coverage target for 3 vaccines (India)



ONLY 1 COUNTRY

met the 90% coverage target for any of the four treatment indicators (Indonesia)

OVERALL GAPPD SCORES

Highest scoring countries:

Lowest scoring countries:

Bangladesh (68%)

Somalia (20%)

United Republic of Tanzania (67%) Chad (22%) China (36%)

India (61%)

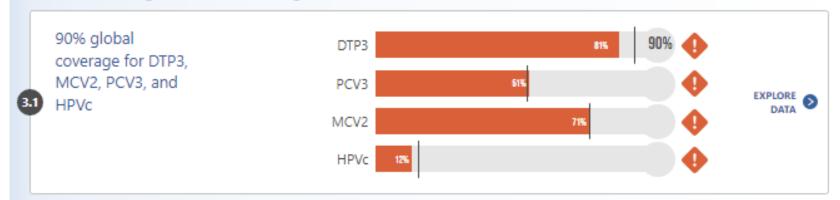
OVERALL GAPPD SCORES FOR THE 2020 REPORT RANGED FROM 20-68%

THE MEDIAN FOR OVERALL GAPPD SCORE ACROSS ALL 15 COUNTRIES WAS 51%

This was a slight increase from 49% from the 2019 Report

Source://www.jhsph.edu/ivac/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/IVAC_PDPR_2020.pdf

IG3: Build Strong Immunization Programs



Source: https://scorecard.immunizationagenda2030.org/

Addressing the vaccination gap should be in the context of integrated childhood intervention

CHILD SURVIVAL ACTION PLAN

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7 June, 2022





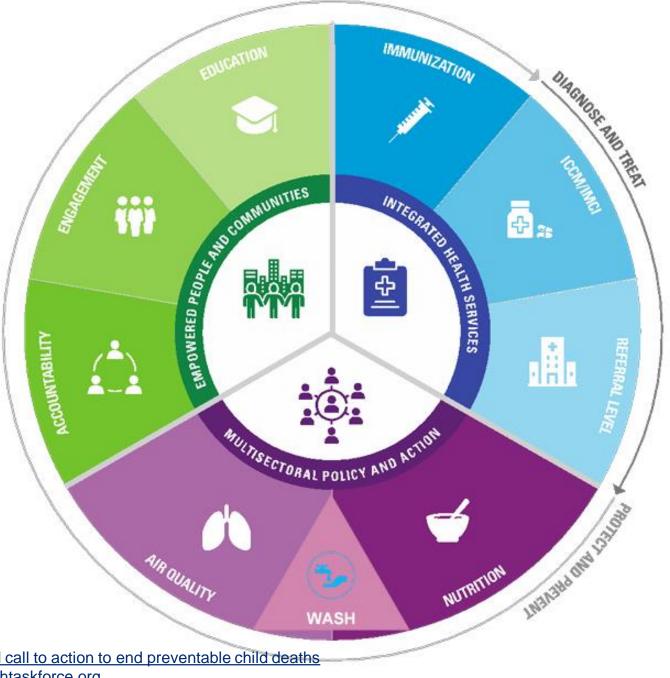








PHC at the core of a comprehensive response



Slide from: A renewed call to action to end preventable child deaths https://www.childhealthtaskforce.org



Implementing the call to action

Galvanize leadership & buy in of key partners
— global & country —

Country collaboration — start engagement with a few focus countries

- TWGs
- In depth data analyses
- Action plans with milestones & targets

Data & Analytics

- Monitoring framework
- Accountability at all levels

Advocacy

- Targeting different audiences with one voice
- In-line with other complementary efforts - both along the continuum (EPMM, ENAP) as well as disease specific (e.g. pneumonia)
- · Global, regional, at country level

Resource mobilization
& stakeholder
engagement



