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# Timely preparedness assessment, associated challenges

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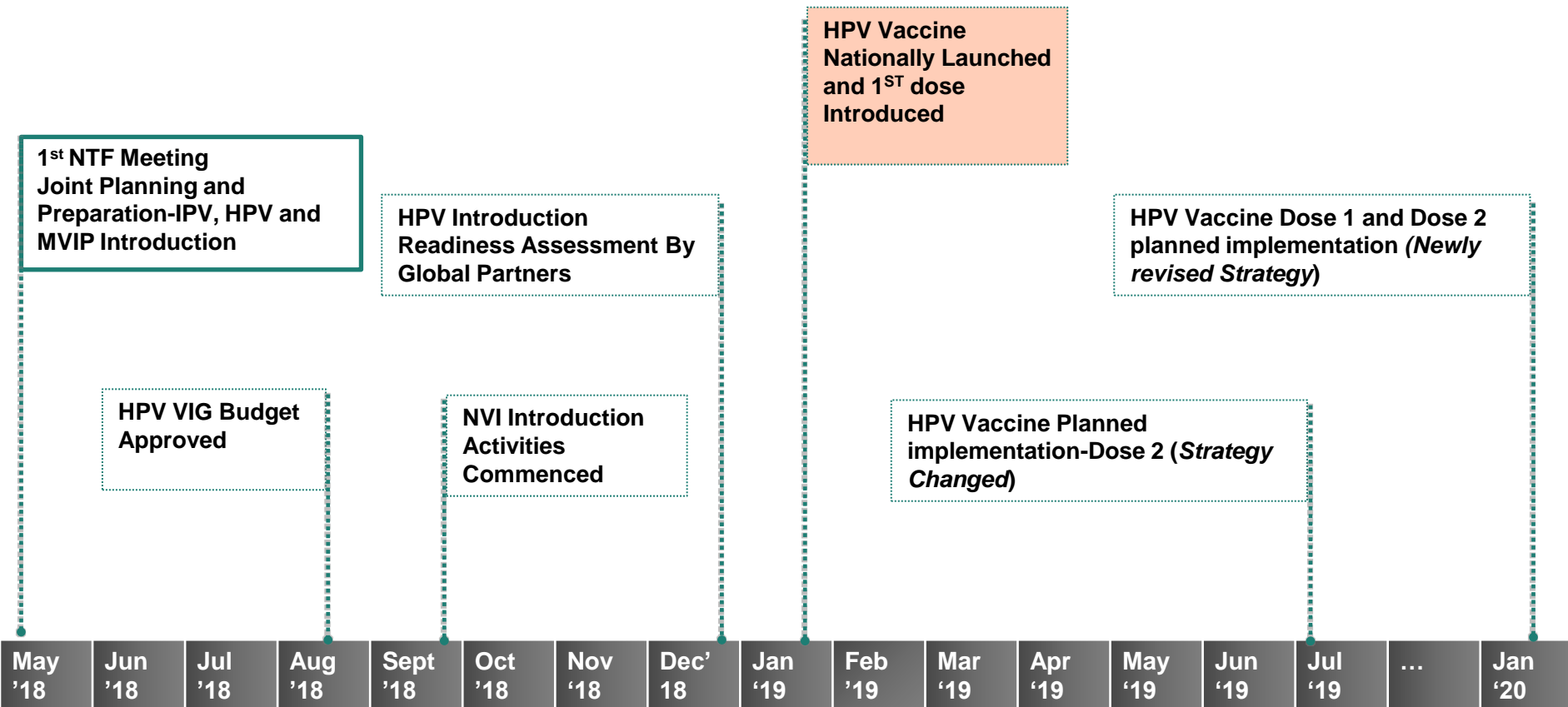
# Introduction

- Malawi introduced HPV Vaccine in January 2019, 1<sup>st</sup> dose only- Campaign Mode
- HPV Vaccine introduction preparedness assessment was conducted from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018
- Preparedness Assessment team comprised of both National and International partners
- The assessment was conducted at national level, three districts and six Health facilities and Schools.

# Objectives of Readiness Assessment

- To determine, monitor, and improve the country's overall readiness to conduct HPV vaccination activities.
- To provide a simple-to-use assessment of a country's overall capacity to conduct HPV vaccination activities.
- To guide a process to improve overall readiness and initiation of the HPV vaccination programme.





# Status of Planned Activities during Preparedness

## Assessment

### Conducted

- Monthly National Task Force meetings
- Development and Production of Training Materials
- Development and Production of IEC & M and E materials for HPV
- Training of District Trainers (ToT) on HPV vaccines

### Pending

- Orientation of Media Personnel-Editors, and News persons
- Supervision of District Level activities
- District staff trainings on HPV
- Verification of mapping exercise
- Microplanning
- District Task force meetings



# Preparedness Assessment Findings:

Findings were categorized into four:

- Achievements/Strengths at National level
  - some communication activities initiated
  - TOTs conducted
- Delayed activities at National level
  - Airing of radio spots and jingles
- Achievements/Strengths at District level
  - Education officials received instructions how Schools should support HPV vaccination
  - District Communication plans developed and costed
- Delayed Activities at District level
  - Funds not yet received
  - Non functional District task forces
  - Transport constraints



Achievements



DISTRICT	NO. OF SCHOOLS	NO. OF STUDENTS	NO. OF TEACHERS	NO. OF VACCINATED STUDENTS	NO. OF VACCINATED TEACHERS	NO. OF VACCINATED STUDENTS (%)	NO. OF VACCINATED TEACHERS (%)
ADAMA	4	197	197	197	200	2	
BAHIGAL	3	162	162	162	170	2	
BALE	3	129	129	129	140	2	
BALEGE	4	91	91	91	100	1	
BALEGE	4	77	77	77	100	1	
BALEGE	2	66	64	64	80	1	
BALEGE	3	57	57	57	70	1	
BALEGE	3	56	56	56	70	1	
BALEGE	2	48	48	48	60	1	
BALEGE	3	18	18	18	25	1	
TOTAL	31	965	965	965	1015	15	



# Actions

- Timeline revision to ensure all pending activities are conducted.
- Dashboard developed for easy follow up of activity implementation
- Introduction successfully conducted according to initial plan



# Challenges



- Inadequate time ( one month) between external assessors visit to implement recommendations coupled with Christmas holidays
- Lack of advance internal readiness assessment to prepare for external assessors
- Crucial steps at advanced stage by the country i.e. invitation of top officials to the Launch.

# Impact on Planning



- Finances: Postponement requires additional funding to repeat and/or conduct additional activities i.e. Task force meetings, Revising and re- printing materials with dates on.
- Time: Additional days before implementation implies slowing down other activities to continue focusing on the introduction plans
- Crucial activities: Difficult to push forward other activities i.e. Top Government officials with tight schedules already invited for the launch

# Key Lessons Learnt

- Internal preparedness assessment at least a month prior using the tool that external assessors use is key to give adequate time to work on shortfalls and to avoid Postponing the introduction after preparedness assessment.
- Scheduling vaccine introduction immediately after long Christmas Holidays affects preparedness finalization.

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