



COALITION to STRENGTHEN
the **HPV IMMUNIZATION**
COMMUNITY

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INTRODUCTION

- The country had the third highest incidence rate of cervical cancer in the world with 66.4 new cases per 100,000 women (age-standardised to the world population).
- With the focus shift from childhood to life course immunisations, the number of adolescent and adult immunisations has increased from the routine Tetanus Toxoid (TT) to include Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) for adolescents and COVID 19 given from 12 years of age.



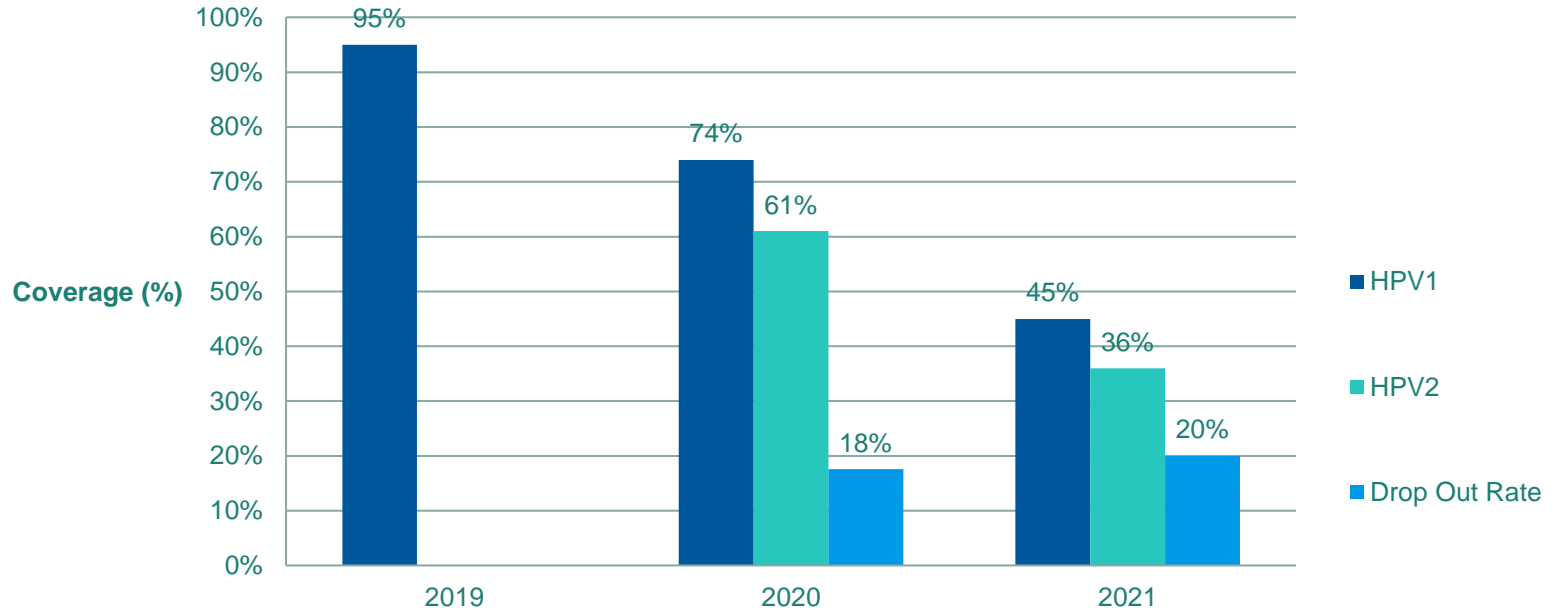
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- Zambia introduced the HPV vaccine on a pilot basis in 2013 which was used to plan the strategy for HPV Vaccination
- It became part of the national EPI in 2019
- There are worrying trends of reducing coverage and increasing dropout rates for HPV1 and 2.

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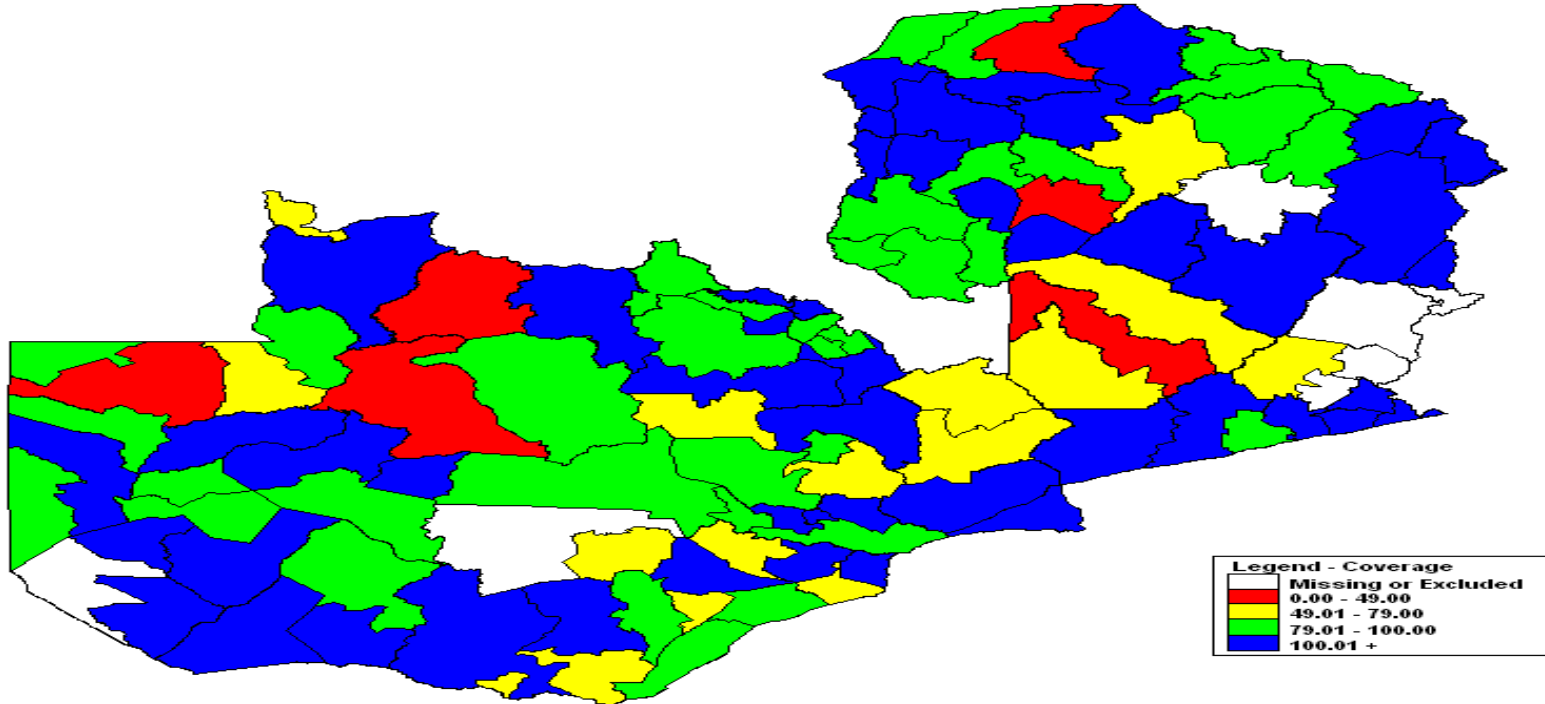
- Zambia plans to achieve an overall HPV vaccination coverage rate of 90%, fully immunizing a total of 2.1 million girls aged 14 years over five years.
- 80% of the target population will be reached through schools while the rest will be vaccinated through outreaches (15%) and health facilities (5%).

COVERAGE OF HPV SO FAR



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Zambia – HPV Coverage 2019



CURRENT HPV DELIVERY STRATEGIES

1. SCHOOL BASED STRATEGY

- This is the main strategy for delivering HPV
- More numbers are found in schools as the highest target population of the eligible 14 Year olds are school going children

CURRENT HPV DELIVERY STRATEGIES..cont.

2. OUTREACH STRATEGY

The second main strategy

This strategy is aimed at reaching of the out of school 14 year old eligible girls.



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CURRENT DELIVERY STRATEGIES...cont

3. FIXED STRATEGY

This strategy is based at health facilities

The strategy is more active especially after the child health week (CHWk), 21 days extension to mop up those 14 year old eligible girls who had missed opportunities during the CHWK to continue receiving.



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RESORING COVERAGE FOLLOWING COVID

- After the interruption, facilities have been asked to continue vaccination till the end of the year
- The country is scheduled to conduct a Multi Age Cohort (HPV MAC) CAMPAIGN in 2023 to target girls from 9 to 14 Years old.
- After the HPV MAC the country will continue with the vaccination of 9 year old who are easliy accessible in the communities unlike the 14 year olds girls who were difficult to find



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CHALLENGES OF HPV VACCINATION

- Lack of standardised data collection tools and inclusion in the national HMIS system,
- Vaccine hesitancy due to myths and misconceptions in some communities,
- High populations in urban areas making it a challenge for the number of out of school girls to be known,
- Weak collaboration between volunteers and health facilities, and
- Inadequate funds to facilitate transportation and to motivate volunteers

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