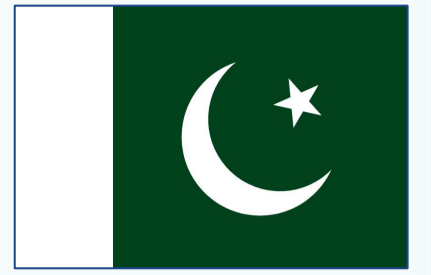


Pakistan



HPV VACCINATION PROGRAMME LANDSCAPE

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Program & Coverage Status

- Pakistan has more than **69** million women aged 15 and older who are at risk of cervical cancer with approximately **5,000** new cases and **3,000** deaths annually
- The country is launching the HPV vaccine for the **first time in 2025** and has no existing coverage data
- The vaccine will be rolled out over a period of **three years**

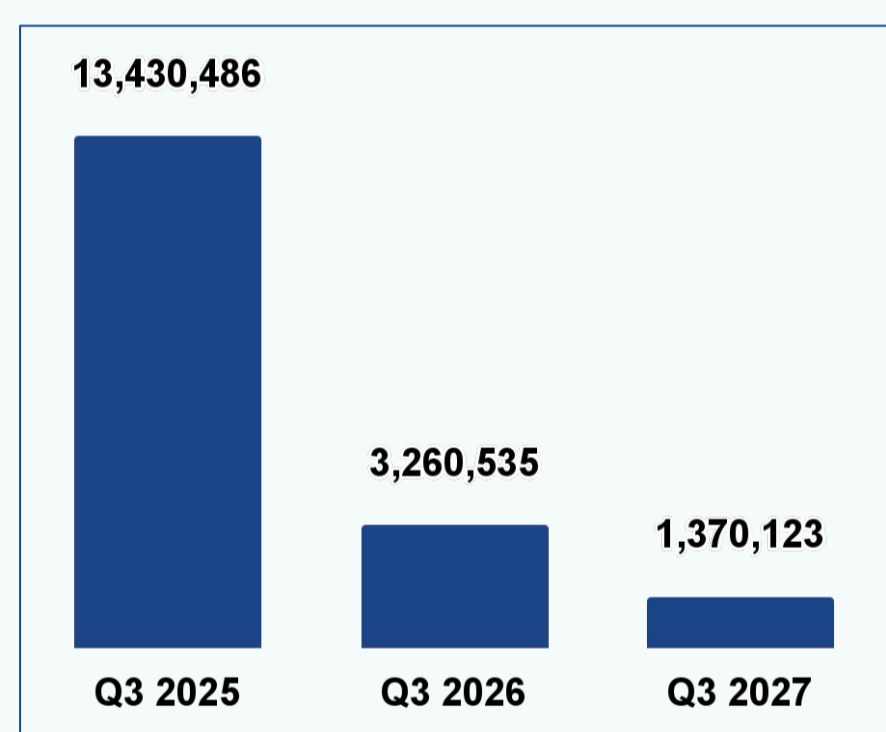


- Punjab (8.9 million girls)
 - Sindh (3.9 million girls)
 - ICT (0.15 million girls)
 - AJK (0.34 million girls)
 - KP (3.3 million girls)
 - Balochistan (1.2 million girls)
 - GB (0.14 million girls)
- The vaccine will target **9-14 year old girls** in a **one-time multi-age cohort campaign** and **9-year-olds** in **routine immunization**



Dosing Schedule

- The country has opted for the **single-dose, bivalent Cecolin** vaccine
- **Target cohort:**



Implementation Strategy

- **Primary distribution:** through fixed site vaccination, community-based outreach, mobile vaccination, and school-based outreach
- **Demand generation for in-school girls:** through education departments and teachers
- **Demand generation for out-of-school girls:** through community leaders, CSOs and Lady Health Workers (LHWs)



Best Practices

- **Pakistan (TCV, MR):** Use an opt-out strategy to reduce vaccine rejection rates for in-school vaccination
- **Nigeria:** Ensure accurate estimates of out-of-school girl target population to prevent lack of vaccines, supplies and resources
- **Ethiopia:** Develop targeted regional strategies based on insights gathered from demand surveys



Barriers

- **Resource planning:** Pakistan has a shortage of female vaccination staff
- **Service delivery strategies:** Departments do not have a clear indication of where the 8 million out-of-school girls are located
- **Demand generation:** There is a lack of data on general perceptions and concerns about the HPV vaccine

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