

HPV Immunization Catch-Up Program (HITCH-UP) in Malaysia: Policy, implementation strategy and status

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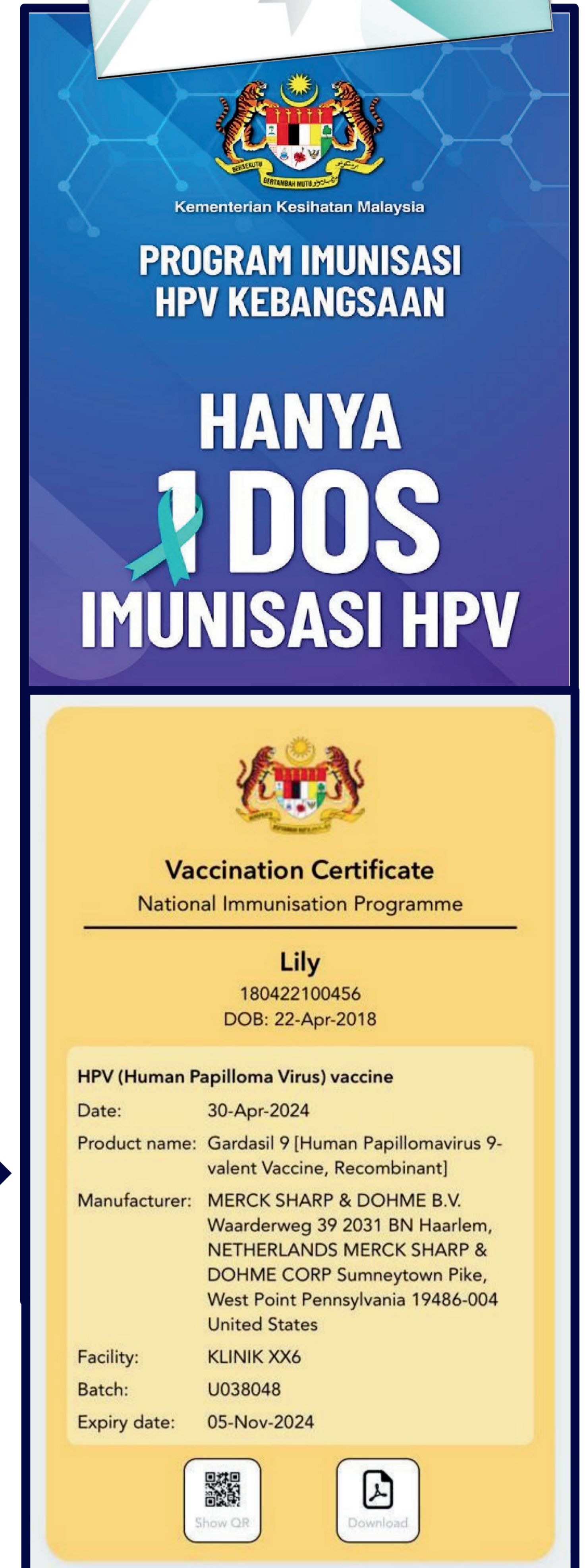
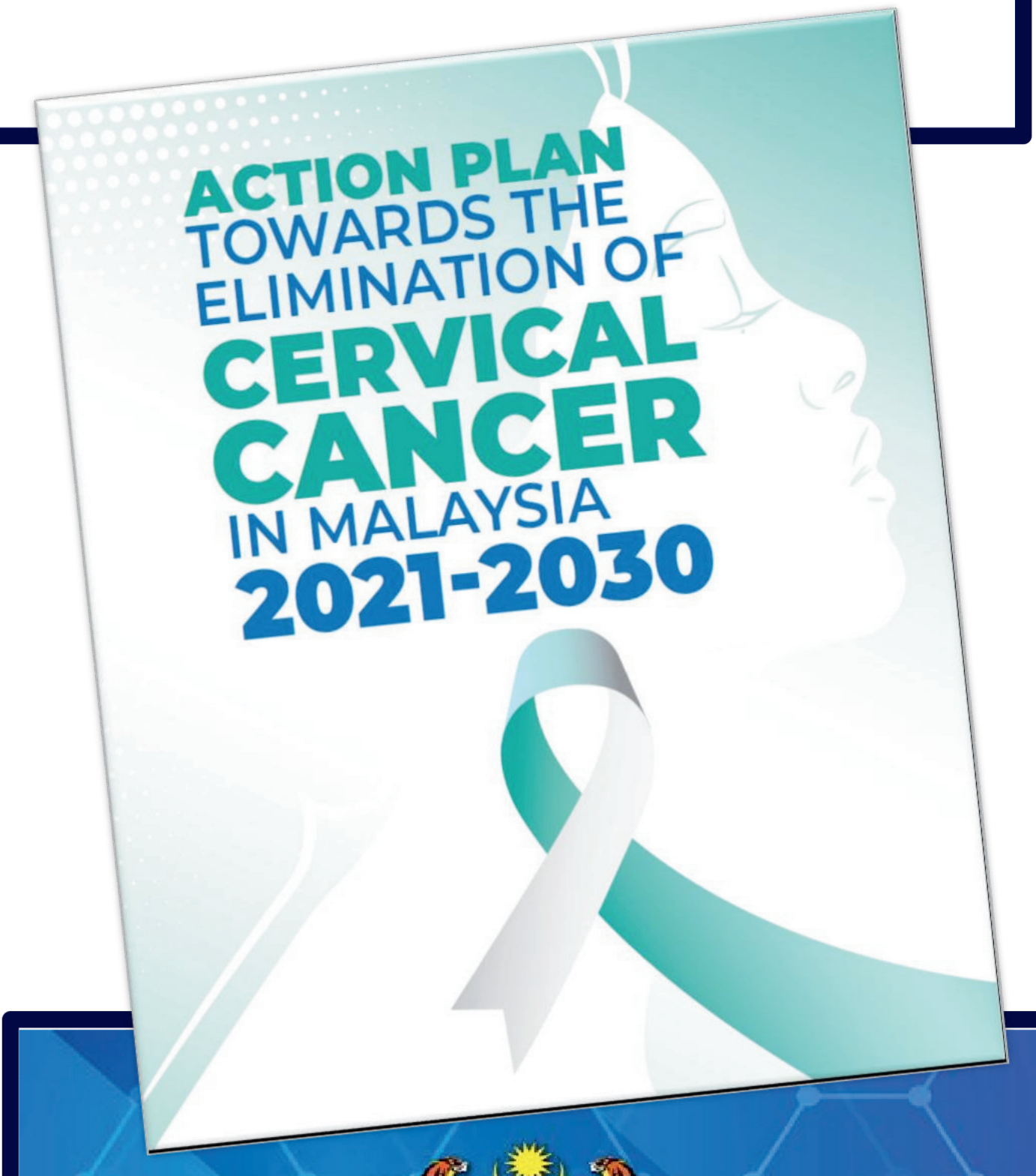
INTRODUCTION

In Malaysia, the HPV vaccination is delivered as part of the Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control Program as well as the Expanded Program of Immunisation (EPI). It aims to reduce the incidence of cervical cancer related to HPV type 16 and 18 infection in community. The program started in 2010 and is a school-based vaccination program. The uptake of this vaccination has been remarkable since then. From 2021, there was a global shortage of the HPV vaccine, resulting that over 700,000 schoolgirls born in 2021, 2022 and 2023 did not receive the dose.

STRATEGY: To immunize 719,178 schoolgirls from cohort 2021 to 2024 in school year 2024

GOAL: To ensure schoolgirls that missed immunization are given before leaving school.

ACTIVITY: Leveraging digital platform to improve HITCH-UP data management



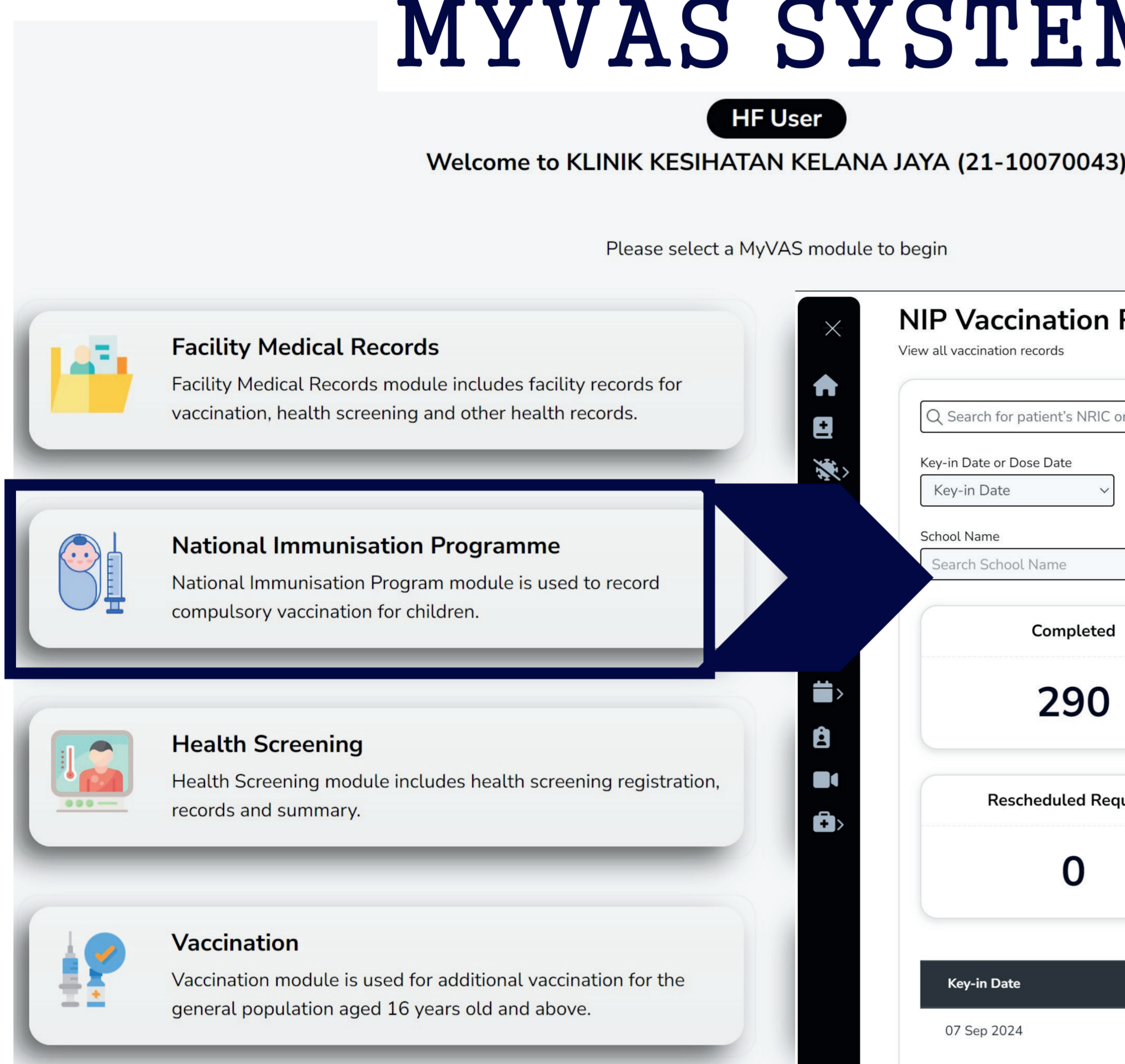
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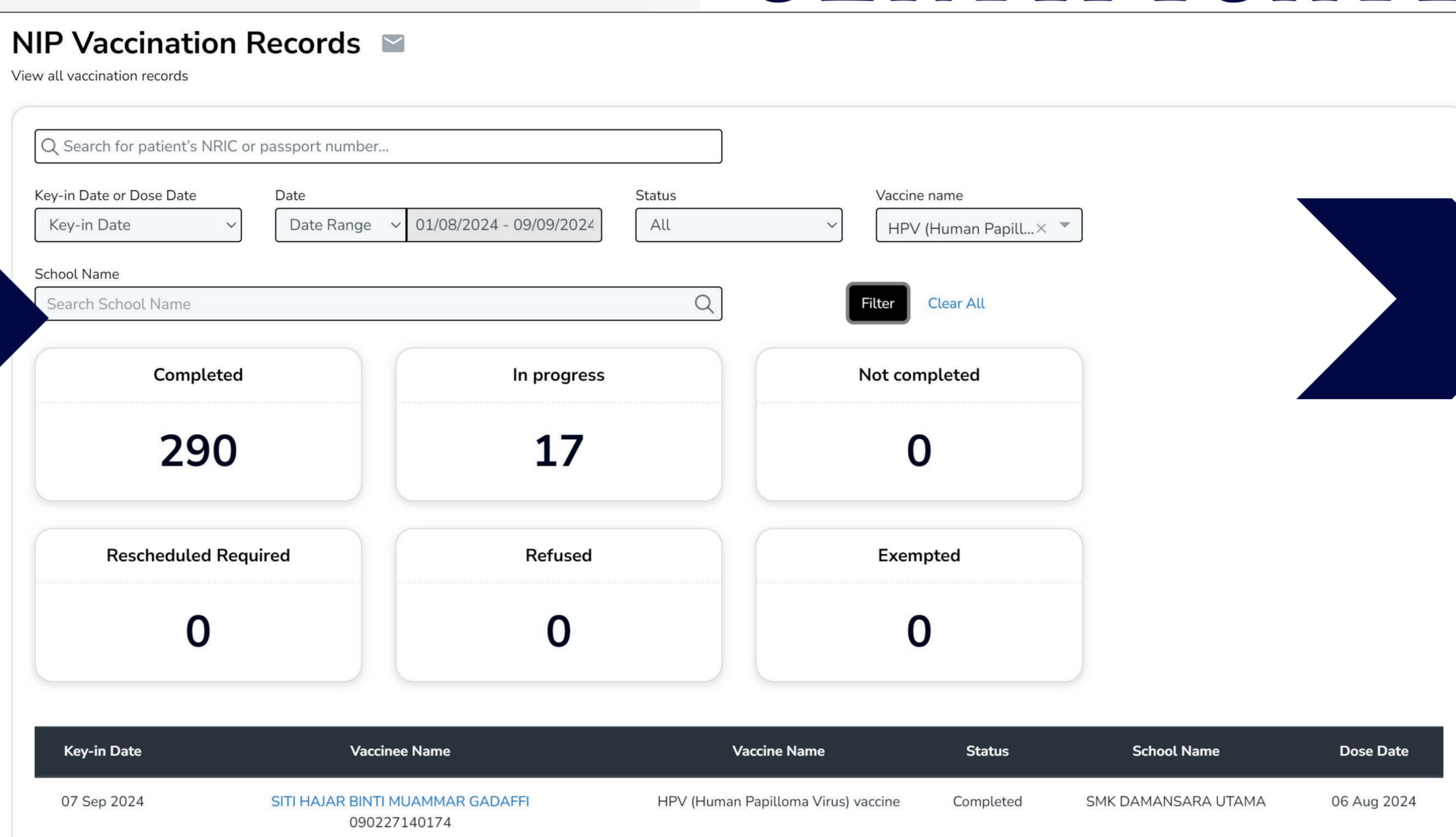
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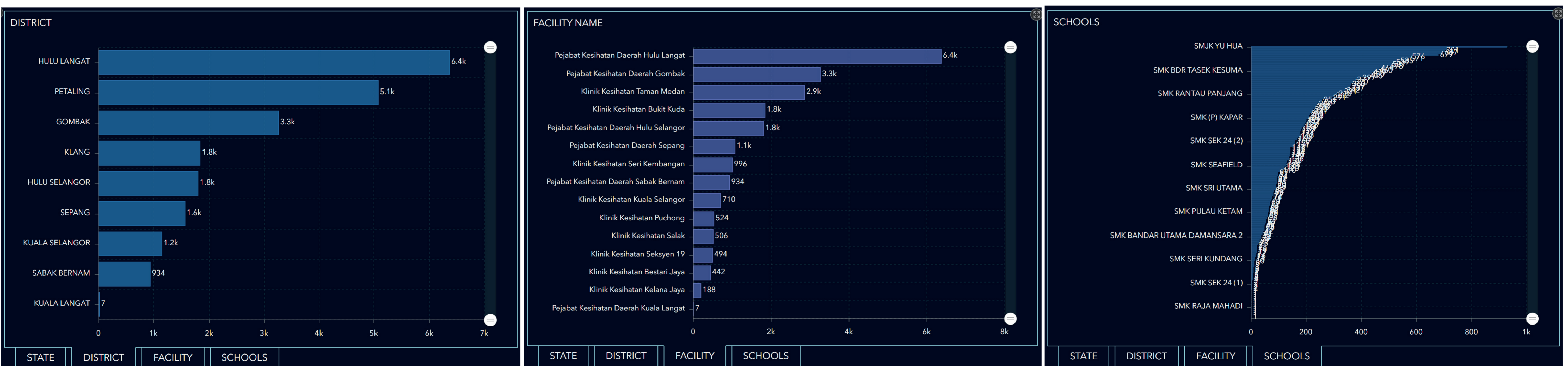
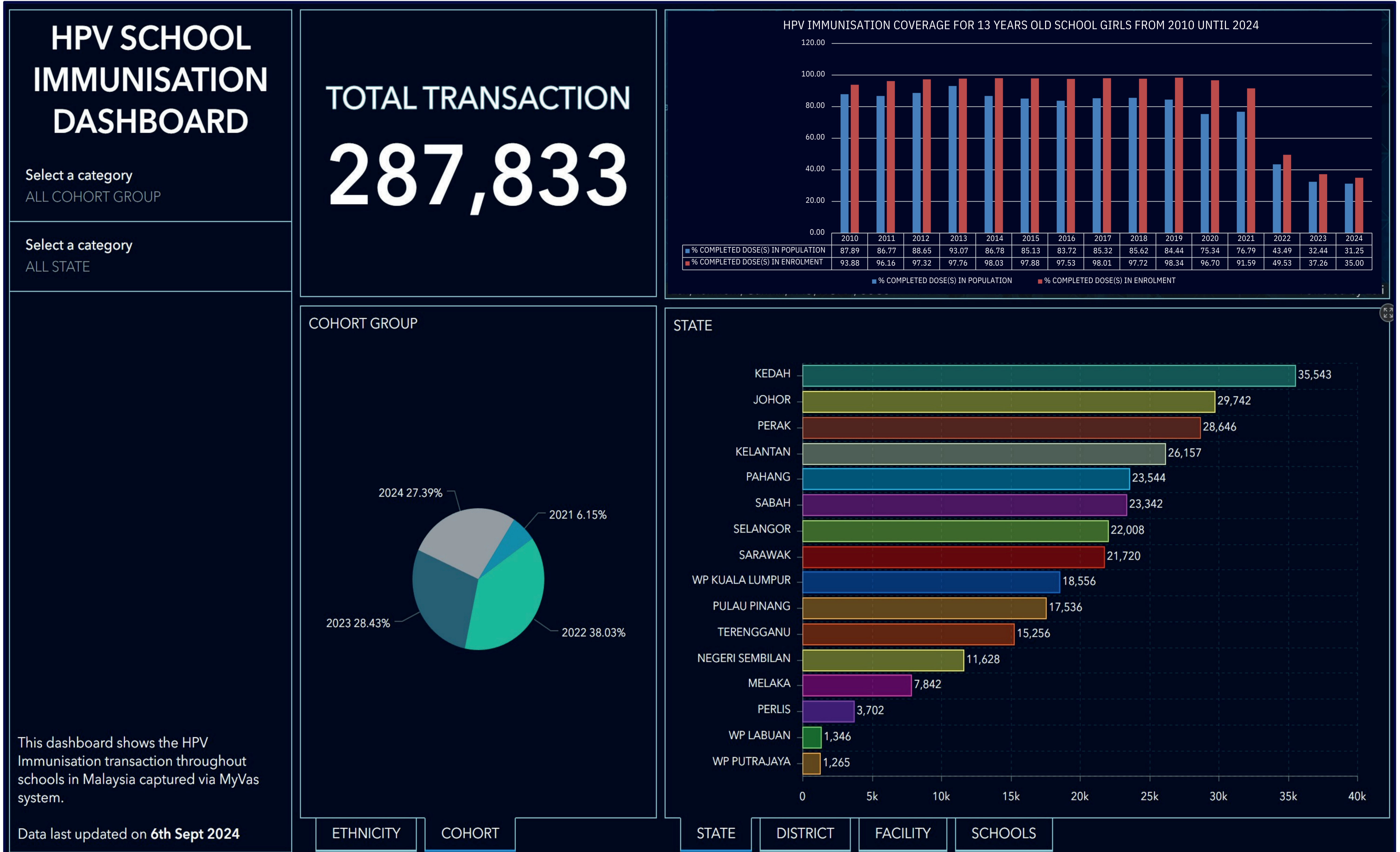
MYVAS SYSTEM



DIGITAL VACCINE CERTIFICATE



RESULTS



DISCUSSION

- PROS: Systematic monitoring and evaluation
- PROS: Improve housekeeping
- PROS: Familiarization of MyVAS system by school health personnel and NGO
- PROS: Students data registered in the MyVAS system
- SETBACK: Limited ICT resources

CONCLUSION

MOH will ramp up the vaccination rate to ensure students that were missed out during the shortage period are given the HPV immunisation before they finish their schooling years.

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