VACCINATION WEEK IN THE AMERICAS (VWA) BULLETIN

PAHO **22 March 2010**

ONLY 33 DAYS UNTIL THE LAUNCH OF VWA 2010!

- To date, 44 countries and territories in LAC, are expected to participate in VWA 2010 between April 24 and May 1. This year, VWA will coordinate its efforts with the 5th annual European Immunization Week (EIW) and the first ever Eastern Mediterranean Vaccination Week (EMVW).

- Thus far, 27 VWA plans have been submitted and we would like to thank these countries and territories. If you have not already done so, please submit your country plans and budgets to PAHO as soon as possible.

Please see the Vaccination Week website at VWA 2010 for planning workbooks, graphic materials, and more information about the campaign.

VWA 2010

This year, the focus for Vaccination Week is "Reaching Everyone", especially vulnerable populations.

- Proposed launch sites for VWA 2010 include:
  - La Mosquitia Region in Nicaragua—April 24th
  - Las Cruces, New Mexico (Coordinated event with National Infant Immunization Week)—April 26th
  - Border between Suriname/French Guiana (a bi-Regional event, PAHO-EURO)—April 27th
  - Haiti/Dominican Republic Border—May 1st

- VWA 2010 posters and stickers will be sent to country offices beginning on 23 March. Three series of posters were created this year, utilizing the Sesame St. characters, Ronaldinho, and images of individuals from throughout the Region.

Thank you for all of your effort in making Vaccination Week a success!