



## Vaccination Week in the Americas 2019 Final Report

### Executive Summary

- From **April 20 to 27, 2019**, the Region of the Americas celebrated its **17th annual Vaccination Week in the Americas (VWA)** + the 8th World Immunization Week (WIW)
- The 2019 Regional Slogan was **“Protect your community. Do your part. #GetVax.”**
- **45** countries + territories participated, vaccinating over **65 million individuals**
- **22** countries administered over **450,000 doses against measles**
- **22** countries protected the achievement of **polio eradication**, including 3 national campaigns in Cuba, Dominican Republic, + Haiti, administering **1,625,255 doses**
- **19** countries used VWA 2019 to intensify activities of routine national immunization programs, administering multiple antigens to improve coverage by beginning, updating or **completing childhood vaccination schedules**
- As in previous years, Brazil executed its **massive influenza campaign**, successfully vaccinating over **59 million people**
- **13** other countries held influenza campaigns targeting various groups with the “southern hemisphere” formulation of the seasonal vaccine
- **16** countries utilized VWA as an opportunity to vaccinate **adolescents against HPV**, applying a total of **1,084,311 doses**
- **16** countries prioritized **health care workers** + other high-risk occupations
- **16** countries took special efforts to reach **vulnerable populations**, including pregnant + postpartum women, older adults, indigenous populations, individuals with chronic disease, sex workers, immigrants, travelers, + border communities
- **34** countries conducted outreach + **social mobilization activities**, including press releases, social media, radio, television, health fairs, and parades
- **19** countries held **integrated health interventions** in conjunction with VWA 2019, such as: Vitamin A + antiparasitic administration; education on the prevention of mosquito borne illnesses; health screens, including mental health + STIs; basic nursing + dental care; vaccination for pets; promotion of healthy eating habits; cancer awareness
- **11** countries conducted **monitoring + evaluation activities**, including the assessment of the public’s confidence + satisfaction with vaccination
- Since 2003, VWA has vaccinated over **806 million people of all ages**

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