

THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE IPATECHINICAL ADVISORY GROUP ON IMMUNZATION (TAGI)

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I. *Introduction*

Although, the delivery of health services is the primary responsibility of Governments, Civil Society delivers a high proportion of rural health care (including immunizations) in the developing countries. Civil society has unique connections with the community and the population at large, particularly those who are hard to reach; and civil society organizations (CSOs) can be important advocates in resource mobilization at local, national and international levels. In addition, CSOs can provide important feedback about the situation on the ground that can inform discussions on key policy issues such as prioritization, supply strategy, quality of care training needs and other areas. Paediatric Associations as members of CSOs play a major role in this process around the world.

They are involved in the following activities as individuals or as groups:

- i. Advocating for immunization or child health care issues whilst emphasizing childhood immunization as a human rights issue
- ii Providing technical assistance in design and implementation of immunization or other child health programs
- iii Promoting public awareness on immunisation
- iii. Mobilizing and educating communities to increase demand for immunization and childhealth interventions
- iv Delivering immunization as part of child health care packages
- v Teaching and training health care personnel

vi Monitoring and evaluating immunization and other child health programs

viii. Undertaking operational research

II Vision

A World Free of Vaccine Preventable Diseases

III Mission Statement

The International Paediatric Association plans to promote effective immunization policies, programs and activities through the empowerment of its members for advocacy, leadership, capacity building and collaboration with partners.

IV. Goal

Our goal is to contribute optimally to the achievement of Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 through the support of global, regional and national immunization programmes.

V. Objectives and Strategies for the IPA TAGI

Objective 1. Advocate for policies and funding that support effective immunization programs and practices

Strategies

- Conduct a Survey on Knowledge, Attitude, Practices and Level of Involvement of national members in their National Immunization Programmes
- Form partnerships at global level to maximize IPA's leverage for mobilization for the funding of programmes at national level especially in Lower and Middle Income Countries (LMICs)
- Mobilise Development Agencies, Foundations including the IPA Foundation (IPAF) and the Private Sector for increased support for IPA immunization activities at global, regional, national and subnational levels.
- Review, analyse and disseminate evidence-based and updated policies and guidelines on vaccine development and

immunization programmes to IPA members. In this regard, the Decade of Vaccine Action Plan (DVAP) is of special significance.

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Objective 2. Provide leadership in the creation of collaboration between IPA members and non-members at international, regional and national levels for the purpose of enhancing immunization activities

Strategies

- Identify, support and collaborate with members and non-members who have set up advocacy mechanisms for the promotion of routine immunization and introduction of new vaccines
- Identify, support and collaborate with organisations who have set up sustainable internationally-recognised immunization training programmes
- Identify, support and collaborate with institutions that conduct research into mutually recognized areas of priorities in vaccine development and immunization.
- Monitor immunization policy and programme issues at all levels and facilitate the sharing of related information and other resources with members especially as they relate to DVAP.

Objective 3 Strengthen the capacity of IPA Immunization **Champions** for effective Performance of country-level advocacy, training and service delivery of immunization to children and adolescents

Strategies

- Explore opportunities to expand and update the IPA **Championship** programme
- Mobilise funds for conducting the training on an annual basis
- Establish mechanisms for monitoring the immunization activities of Champions
- Make provisions for conducting a forum for the meeting of Champions at the IPA triennial Congress

Objective 4 Effectively represent the views of IPA members on issues and controversies by seeking members' input and ensuring the transparent documentation and communication of the different shades of opinion.

Strategies

- Develop information sharing and response protocols on immunization issues and controversies for both internal and external communication
- Further develop and maintain the IPA website to provide enhanced communication on all relevant immunization issues
- Establish other mechanisms for networking with IPA members and Partners e.g. through the IPA Newsletter
- Utilize the media to increase the visibility of IPA and promote organizational goals with special reference to the Immunisation programme.

VI. Opportunities

Representation of IPA on GAVI and the Partnership

Representation of at least two IPA experts on SAGE

Participation at other global Immunization and Child Health meetings

There is heightened commitment of members of TAGI

VII. Limitations

Inadequate capacity of the IPA Secretariat to assist in setting up and managing conference calls

Members of the committee have many other prioritized engagements hence time to be devoted to the implementation of this plan is rather limited