Harnessing the full benefits of immunization: taking a life-course approach

Immunization is one of the most effective health interventions we have, but the benefits are often not fully realized. Policies which support immunization across the life-course have many benefits, including:

1. Individual health
2. Population health
3. Health system sustainability
4. Economic prosperity

What is needed to implement a life-course approach to immunization?

- Comprehensive immunization program that supports availability
- Multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral coordination
- Robust data informing policies and programs
- Public demand for immunization
- Engaged healthcare professionals

Supportive legislative environment

Long-term cross-governmental commitment to life-course immunization
We call on all stakeholders to consider the policy changes needed to improve population health and promote health system sustainability through increasing vaccination coverage across the life course.

**Comprehensive immunization program that supports vaccine availability**
- Immunization schedule covers whole life course
- Recommendations are evidence-based and reviewed regularly
- Reliable vaccine supply chain in place
- Immunization across the life course prioritized and adequately resourced
- Vaccines available for underserved communities

**Public demand for immunization**
- Public awareness campaigns encourage vaccine uptake across the life course
- Active civil society organizations involved in vaccine promotion

**Engaged healthcare professionals (HCPs)**
- HCPs educated about benefits of life-course immunization
- HCPs supported to be vaccinated

**Multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral coordination**
- Immunization integrated into healthy living and healthy ageing policies
- Collaboration with other sectors supports vaccine delivery in non-clinical settings

**Robust data informing policies and programs**
- Immunization coverage targets cover the life course
- Electronic databases collect and share immunization and infectious disease data
- Immunization data available to individuals and healthcare professionals