

# 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 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

**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.**



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