

Key Messages



Ministry of Health

HPV Vaccine

**Get all girls 10-14 years old vaccinated
in your community today**

Cervical cancer is a serious disease which can lead to death

- Every day, nine women die from cervical cancer in Kenya.
- Almost all women are at risk of cervical cancer, because the human papillomavirus (HPV), which causes cervical cancer, is very common.
- That means that almost all girls aged 10-14 are at risk of developing cervical cancer later in life.

HPV vaccine is a highly effective way of preventing cervical cancer

- HPV vaccine helps prevent young girls from developing cervical cancer later in life.
- HPV vaccine can prevent over 70% of cervical cancers and is best given to girls aged 10 to 14 for maximum effectiveness.

HPV vaccine is safe

- Vaccines used for immunization in Kenya are safe. However, it's important to report any side effects to the nearest facility. Common side effects of vaccination include: fever and injection site irritation (pain, swelling and redness). If the side effects are of concern, please refer the child to the nearest health facility.
- Like all other vaccines in routine immunisation in Kenya, HPV Vaccine is approved and distributed by the Ministry of Health.

HPV vaccine is free for girls aged 10-14 years

- All public health facilities that offer routine immunization services offer HPV vaccine for free.

HPV vaccine dosage

- Each girl aged 10-14 years will get two doses of HPV vaccine, six months apart.
- Two doses are required for maximum protection at this age.

HPV vaccine does not affect fertility

- No data shows that HPV vaccine harms fertility.
- In fact, HPV vaccine can help protect fertility by preventing problems linked to the treatment of cervical pre-cancer and cancer.
- HPV vaccine protects girls' health and their future from cervical cancer.

HPV vaccine protects girls from cancer in the future

- Every young girl is at risk of developing cervical cancer later in life.
- Ensure all girls aged 10-14 years in your community get vaccinated in the nearest health facility.

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