

Submission deadline extended to June 24th.

Requesting bright spots in routine immunization

We are eager to hear from you!

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has kicked off an exciting new effort with Dalberg Design to uncover and share bright spots in routine immunization—stories about immunization programs that have successfully improved performance at a sub-national level in LMICs and LICs.

Bright spots must be:

- About routine immunization delivery
- and show improved program performance
- as the result of an intentional change,
- at the state, district, or facility level
- within the past few years

Share your bright spots using the brief form below before June 24th **It will take as little as 10 minutes.**

Any questions or concerns? We are happy to help. See the [Bright Spot FAQs](#) for more detail or send queries to: immunizationbrightspots@gatesfoundation.org

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Contact Information

Our team may want to follow-up with you to discuss the story further.

* First name

Last name

Organization (if submitting on behalf of an organization)

* Email address:

Phone number (including country code)

Share your bright spot

Title

Summarize the story in a few words, like a newspaper headline

Example: Technology intervention increases immunization coverage in Punjab

Select the categories that best describe the part of vaccine delivery addressed in your bright spot
You may select more than one

- Outreach strategies:** Identifying un- and under-vaccinated persons and providing them with the vaccines they need
- Planning cycle:** Planning and monitoring of operations
- Funding:** Appropriating sufficient funds to the operational level of the program regularly
- Vaccinator capacity:** Building capacity and performance of vaccinators and district managers
- Supply:** Modernizing vaccine supply chains and management
- Monitoring:** Tracking vaccination status through information systems
- Beyond infancy vaccination:** Sustainably expanding routine vaccination schedules to cover people's entire lives
- Community involvement:** sharing responsibility for immunization delivery between communities and the immunization program
- Other (Specify)

Bright spot description

Summarize the challenge, how was it addressed, and the outcome

Example: Despite having the resources to immunize every child, coverage rates in Punjab remained very low. Timely vaccinations required that health workers visit every community every month, but many health workers were not making these visits. Each health worker responsible for vaccination was given a low-cost smart phone, which included an application for reporting their exact location each time a child was vaccinated. This significantly improved visibility on coverage and informed solutions to fill gaps. As a result, immunization coverage increased by 35 percentage points within two years.

Who were the key people and/or organizations involved?

Identify key drivers of progress, based on your perspective

Example: Punjab Information Technology Board, Acasus, Expanded Programme on Immunization, Chief Minister

Where did it take place?

Country

Sub-national unit (state, district, or facility)

Approximate scale, if known

When did it occur?

Include the year when the solution was implemented (and month, if known) or key dates related to the solution

Example: 2014, April

Can you share more details about this bright spot and its outcomes?

Yes, continue

Not right now

Additional bright spot detail

What prompted a change to the immunization program?

Example: In 2012, a major survey of families in Punjab was conducted, which found that one in 11 children died before their fifth birthday. Almost all died of preventable causes. Improving immunization coverage was a key opportunity to reduce child mortality.

What was the challenge being addressed?

Example: Punjab had the staff, vaccines, and equipment to immunize every child. However, to vaccinate children on time, the government had to ensure that health workers visited every community, every month to immunize children. Unfortunately, many communities were not visited.

What was the solution or change made?

Example: Mobile phones were introduced to track vaccinations and identify which communities were being visited and which were not.

How was the solution implemented?

Example: Each of the 4,000 health workers responsible for vaccination was given a low-cost smartphone by the Punjab Information Technology Board, which included an application that enabled vaccinators to report their exact location every time they vaccinated a child. This data was used to identify missed communities, and then the Health Department, district staff, and Acasus team developed solutions to address the coverage gaps.

How did the solution improve routine immunizations?

Example: Within months, health workers were submitting hundreds of thousands of reports every month. And within two years, immunization coverage increased by 35 percentage points. By 2017, almost one million more children were being fully immunized each year.

Has this solution been documented or shared?

Yes

No

Attach any documentation you would like to share at this time.

Share any other information you feel is important from your perspective.

Submit your bright spot now

Are you ready to submit your bright spot?

- Yes, I want to submit my story
- No, I want to go back and edit