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DATA SOURCES.

ADMINISTRATIVE coverage: Reported by national authorities and based on aggregated administrative reports from health service providers on the number of vaccinations administered during a given period (numerator data) and reported target population data (denominator data). May be biased by inaccurate numerator and/or denominator data.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BCG: percentage of births who received one dose of Bacillus Calmette Guerin vaccine.

DTP1 / DTP3: percentage of surviving infants who received the 1st / 3rd dose, respectively, of diphtheria and tetanus toxoid with pertussis containing vaccine.

Pol3: percentage of surviving infants who received the 3rd dose of polio containing vaccine. May be either oral or inactivated polio vaccine.

IPV1: percentage of surviving infants who received at least one dose of inactivated polio vaccine. In countries utilizing an immunization schedule recommending either (i) a primary series of three doses of oral polio vaccine (OPV) plus at least one dose of IPV where OPV is included in routine immunization and/or campaign or (ii) a sequential schedule of IPV followed by OPV, WHO and UNICEF estimates for IPV1 reflect coverage with at least one routine dose of IPV among infants <1 year of age among countries. For countries utilizing IPV containing vaccine use only, i.e., no recommended dose of OPV, the WHO and UNICEF estimate for IPV1 corresponds to coverage for the 1st dose of IPV.

Production of IPV coverage estimates, which begins in 2015, results in no change of the estimated coverage levels for the 3rd dose of polio (Pol3). For countries recommending routine immunization with a primary series of three doses of IPV alone, WHO and UNICEF estimated Pol3 coverage is equivalent to estimated coverage with three doses of IPV. For countries with a sequential schedule, estimated Pol3 coverage is based on that for the 3rd dose of polio vaccine regardless of vaccine type.

MCV1: percentage of surviving infants who received the 1st dose of measles containing vaccine. In countries where the national schedule recommends the 1st dose of MCV at 12 months or later based on the epidemiology of disease in the country, coverage estimates reflect the percentage of children who received the 1st dose of MCV as recommended.

MCV2: percentage of children who received the 2nd dose of measles containing vaccine according to the nationally recommended schedule.

RCV1: percentage of surviving infants who received the 1st dose of rubella containing vaccine. Coverage estimates are based on WHO and UNICEF estimates of coverage for the dose of measles containing vaccine that corresponds to the first measles-rubella combination vaccine. Nationally reported coverage of RCV is not taken into consideration nor are the data represented in the accompanying graph and data table.

HepB: percentage of births which received a dose of hepatitis B vaccine within 24 hours of delivery. Estimates of hepatitis B birth dose coverage are produced only for countries with a universal birth dose policy. Estimates are not produced for countries that recommend abirth dose to infants born to HepB virus-infected mothers only or where there is insufficient information to determine whether vaccination is within 24 hours of birth.

HepB3: percentage of surviving infants who received the 3rd dose of hepatitis B containing vaccine following the birth dose.

Hib3: percentage of surviving infants who received the 3rd dose of Haemophilus influenzae type b containing vaccine.

PcV3: percentage of surviving infants who received the final recommended dose of rotavirus vaccine, which can be either the 2nd or the 3rd dose depending on the vaccine.

PcV3: percentage of surviving infants who received the 3rd dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine. In countries where the national schedule recommends two doses during infancy and a booster dose at 12 months or later based on the epidemiology of disease in the country, coverage estimates may reflect the percentage of surviving infants who received two doses of PcV prior to the 1st birthday.

YFV: percentage of surviving infants who received one dose of yellow fever vaccine in countries where YFV is part of the national immunization schedule for children or is recommended in at risk areas; coverage estimates are annualized for the entire cohort of surviving infants.

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2012: Reported data calibrated to 2008 levels. Reported data not consistent with survey results. A national EPI coverage was conducted during 2013 among children aged 12-59 months and suggests that 90 percent of children received three doses of DTP containing vaccine by the 5th birthday. Coverage among children aged less than
12 months will be slightly lower. Estimate challenged by: R-

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2008: Survey evidence does not support reported data. Estimate based on survey results. Survey evidence of 81 percent based on 1 survey(s). Lebanon Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2009 card or history results of 72 percent modified for recall bias to 81 percent based on 1st dose card or history coverage of 84 percent, 1st dose card only coverage of 51 percent and 3rd dose card only coverage of 49 percent. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Administrative data is based on immunizations provided in the public sector. The government estimate includes immunizations delivered in both the public and private sector. Estimate challenged by: D-R-


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Lebanon - Pol3

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2008: Survey evidence does not support reported data. Estimate based on survey results. Survey evidence of 75 percent based on 1 survey(s). Lebanon Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2009 card or history results of 74 percent modified for recall bias to 75 percent based on 1st dose card or history coverage of 86 percent, 1st dose card only coverage of 53 percent and 3rd dose card only coverage of 46 percent. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Administrative data is based on immunizations provided in the public sector. The government estimate includes immunizations delivered in both the public and private sector. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

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2015: IPV1 introduced during 2011. Estimate based on DTP1 coverage level. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with 2013 EPI coverage evaluation survey results across all vaccines. Survey results not presented in a standard format; activity to address results presentation is on-going. Government reports target population estimates reflect estimated number of Lebanese and non-Lebanese children. Programme also reports increases in number of children vaccinated. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

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2015: Reported data calibrated to 2008 levels. Reported data not consistent with 2013 EPI coverage evaluation survey results across all vaccines. Survey results not presented in a standard format; activity to address results presentation is on-going. Government reports target population estimates reflect estimated number of Lebanese and non-Lebanese children. Programme also reports increases in number of children vaccinated. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

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2013: Reported data calibrated to 2008 levels. Reported data not consistent with 2013 EPI coverage evaluation survey results across all vaccines. Survey results not presented in a standard format; activity to address results presentation is on-going. Beginning in the middle of 2013, there was an influx of displaced populations from Syria into Lebanon potentially impacting coverage levels in the country. In spite of reports from UNHCR, reported target population estimates from the national immunization programme do not reflect increases beyond the expected year-to-year population growth. A 2013 national EPI coverage survey suggests lower coverage levels among Syrian subpopulations living in Lebanon, particularly those who recently entered the country. Estimate challenged by: R-

2012: Reported data calibrated to 2008 levels. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

2011: Reported data calibrated to 2008 levels. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

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Lebanon - MCV1

2010: Reported data calibrated to 2008 levels. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

2009: Reported data calibrated to 2008 levels. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Administrative data and government estimate includes both data reported by the public sector as well as for immunizations delivered in the private sector. The private sector provides immunization services for between 5 percent to 80 percent of all immunization services. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

2008: Survey evidence does not support reported data. Estimate based on survey results. Survey evidence of 79 percent based on 1 survey(s). Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Administrative data is based on immunizations provided in the public sector. The government estimate includes immunizations delivered in both the public and private sector. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

2007: Reported data calibrated to 2003 and 2008 levels. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Estimate challenged by: R-

2006: Reported data calibrated to 2003 and 2008 levels. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Reported data excluded due to decline in reported coverage from 54 percent to 26 percent with increase to 55 percent. Estimate challenged by: R-

2005: Reported data calibrated to 2003 and 2008 levels. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Estimate challenged by: R-
Lebanon - MCV2

Coverage estimates for the second dose of measles containing vaccine are for children by the nationally recommended age.

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2012: Reported data calibrated to 2009 levels. Reported data not consistent with 2013 EPI coverage evaluation survey results across all vaccines. Survey results not presented in a standard format; activity to address results presentation is on-going. The Programme also reports increases in number of children vaccinated. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

The WHO and UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage (wuenic) are based on data and information that are of varying, and, in some instances, unknown quality. Beginning with the 2011 revision we describe the grade of confidence (GoC) we have in these estimates. As there is no underlying probability model upon which the estimates are based, we are unable to present classical measures of uncertainty, e.g., confidence intervals. Moreover, we have chosen not to make subjective estimates of plausibility/certainty ranges around the coverage. The GoC reflects the degree of empirical support upon which the estimates are based. It is not a judgment of the quality of data reported by national authorities.

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2011: Reported data calibrated to 2009 levels. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

2010: Reported data calibrated to 2009 levels. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

2009: Estimate of 75 percent assigned by working group. Measles second dose is adjusted from reported MCV first dose coverage levels. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Administrative data and government estimate includes both data reported by the public sector as well as for immunizations delivered in the private sector. The private sector provides immunization services for between 5 percent to 80 percent of all immunization services. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

2008: Reported data calibrated to 2003 and 2009 levels. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Administrative data is based on immunizations provided in the public sector. The government estimate includes immunizations delivered in both the public and private sector. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

2007: Reported data calibrated to 2003 and 2009 levels. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Reported data excluded due to decline in reported coverage from 48 percent to 30 percent with increase to 71 percent. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

2006: Reported data calibrated to 2003 and 2009 levels. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Reported data excluded due to an unexplained increase from 17 percent to 48 percent with decrease 30 percent. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

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** Description:**

For this revision, coverage estimates for the first dose of rubella containing vaccine are based on WHO and UNICEF estimates of coverage of measles containing vaccine. Nationally reported coverage of rubella containing vaccine is not taken into consideration nor are they represented in the accompanying graph and data table.

2016: First dose of rubella vaccine given with second dose of measles containing vaccine. Estimate based on MCV2 estimate Government of Lebanon does not concur with the WHO and UNICEF estimates of vaccination coverage. Beginning in 2015 a stream of work has begun to further understand recent patterns in coverage across recommended vaccines in Lebanon, including a review of administrative recording and reporting systems as well as immunization coverage among displaced populations. WHO and UNICEF are aware of an EPI cluster coverage evaluation survey 2016 and await the final report with results. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

2015: First dose of rubella vaccine given with second dose of measles containing vaccine. Estimate based on MCV2 estimate Government reports target population estimates reflect estimated number of Lebanese and non-Lebanese children. Programme also reports increases in number of children vaccinated. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

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Lebanon - RCV1

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- 2006: First dose of rubella vaccine given with second dose of measles containing vaccine. Estimate based on MCV2 estimate Estimate challenged by: D-R.

- 2005: Estimate based on estimated MCV1. Estimate challenged by: R.

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2010: Estimate based on extrapolation from data reported by national government. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Estimate challenged by: D-

2009: Estimate based on extrapolation from data reported by national government. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Administrative data and government estimate includes both data reported by the public sector as well as for immunizations delivered in the private sector. The private sector provides immunization services for between 5 percent to 80 percent of all immunization services. Estimate challenged by: D-

2008: Estimate based on extrapolation from data reported by national government supported by survey. Survey evidence of 91 percent based on 1 survey(s). Reported data not consistent with survey results. Administrative data is based on immunizations provided in the public sector. The government estimate includes immunizations delivered in both the public and private sector. Estimate challenged by: D-

2007: Estimate based on extrapolation from data reported by national government. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Estimate challenged by: D-

2006: Estimate based on extrapolation from data reported by national government. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Estimate challenged by: D-

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### Lebanon - HepB3

#### Description:

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2012: Reported data calibrated to 2008 levels. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Estimate challenged by: R-

2011: Reported data calibrated to 2008 levels. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Estimate challenged by: D-R-
2010: Reported data calibrated to 2008 levels. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

2009: Reported data calibrated to 2008 levels. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Administrative data and government estimate includes both data reported by the public sector as well as for immunizations delivered in the private sector. The private sector provides immunization services for between 5 percent to 80 percent of all immunization services. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

2008: Estimate of 81 percent assigned by working group. Estimate based on DTP3 coverage estimates. Lebanon Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2009 card or history results of 72 percent modified for recall bias to 81 percent based on 1st dose card or history coverage of 84 percent, 1st dose card only coverage of 51 percent and 3d dose card only coverage of 49 percent. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Administrative data is based on immunizations provided in the public sector. The government estimate includes immunizations delivered in both the public and private sector. Estimate challenged by: D-R-


2006: Reported data calibrated to 2003 and 2008 levels. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Estimate challenged by: D-R-

2005: Reported data calibrated to 2003 and 2008 levels. Reported data excluded. Reported data not consistent with survey results. Estimate challenged by: D-R-
Lebanon - Hib3

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