Introduction to Session

Integration of immunization and child health services

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Background

• Request for this session proposed at SAGE breakfast meeting April 2, 2013.

• Several SAGE members concerned that insufficient coordination and integration of vaccine initiatives and other critical health programmes.

• Energetic discussion at SAGE breakfast showed wide diversity of views/ideas.

• From this starting point, today's session has been prepared.

*** Topic for DISCUSSION – NOT DECISION ***
"Opportunities for improving integration of delivery of services, commodities, and messages with other parts of the health system should be actively sought with the recognition that integration is a bi-directional process."

- *Outcome of SAGE WG on the "Impact of new vaccine introductions on immunization and health systems"
  WER, no. 21, 25 May 2012
Purpose of Session

1. **Review** - current initiatives to improve coordination and integration of vaccination with other critical child health services.

2. **Assess** - what additional measures in this context may be needed to strengthen synergies.

3. **Discuss** - how and to what extent – can immunization be integrated with other child health services at the global, regional, national, district and service delivery levels?
Overall Approach

- Key background documents in Yellow Book (making the assumption you have read them!)
- Aim is to be practical/pragmatic.
- Using WHO (2008) working definition of integration:
  
  "The management and delivery of health services so that clients receive a continuum of preventive and curative services, according to their needs over time and across different levels of the health system."

- Presentations designed to span the spectrum from global to local.
  
  I. Orientation to the **global** context for integration (Zulfi)
  
  II. Share **programmatic** efforts at integration (Tracey/Samira)
  
  III. Country experience integrated delivery at the **community**-level (Dr. Teodros, Ethiopia)