

Routine immunization profile Malta

Progress towards achieving European Vaccine Action Plan goals, 2017

Goal	Indicator	Status	Goal	Indicator	Status
1	Sustain polio-free status ^a (Current risk)	Yes (Low)	4	Meets vaccination coverage targets DTP3 national immunization coverage $\geq 95\%$ ^d $\geq 90\%$ DTP3 coverage achieved in $\geq 90\%$ of districts ^{*e}	Yes Yes ND
2	Measles elimination status ^b	Eliminated	5	Make evidence-based decisions about introduction of new vaccines ^{**e} NITAG made a recommendation about PCV NITAG made a recommendation about RV NITAG made a recommendation about HPV	Yes
	Rubella elimination status ^b	Eliminated			Yes No Yes
3	Control hepatitis B infection ^c	Validation pending	6	Achieve financial sustainability of the national immunization programme ^{***c}	Yes

^aOnly one administrative level in the country

^{**}New vaccines introduced or not introduced based on NITAG evidence-based recommendations

^{***}Country self-sufficient for procuring routine vaccines

Demographic, income and health expenditure summary, 2017

Total Population ^f	430 835
Live births	4276
Surviving infants	4258
<5 years	21 574
<15 years	62 160
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1000 live births) ^f	4.4
Infant mortality rate (per 1000 live births) ^f	5.6
Number of districts ^e	1
GNI (per capita, in USD) ^g	23 940
Health spending as % of total government expenditure ^g	14

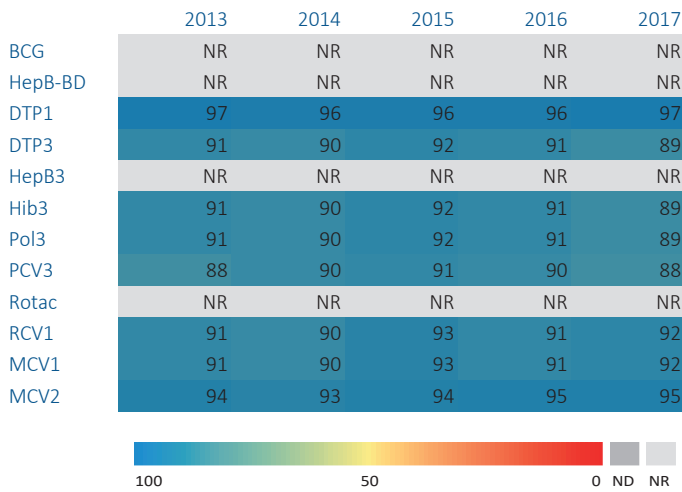
Immunization schedule, 2017^e

6W	DTaPHibIPV
3M	DTaPHibIPV
4M	DTaPHibIPV
12M	HepB_Pediatric
13M	HepB_Pediatric, MMR
18M	DTaPHibIPV, HepB_Pediatric
3Y	MMR
12Y	HPV*
14Y	TdIPV

*Second dose +6M



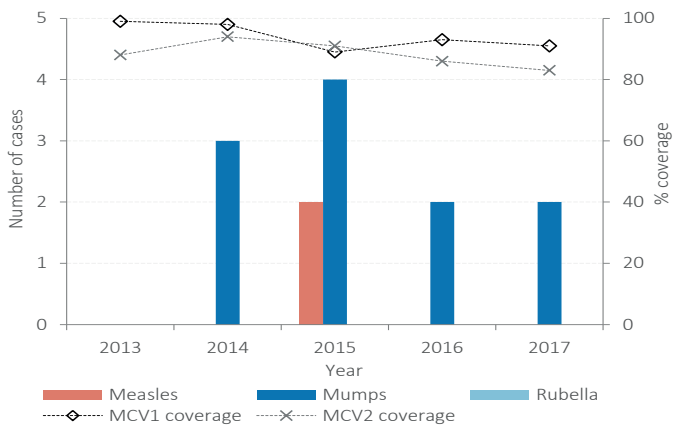
Vaccine coverage estimates, 2013-2017^d



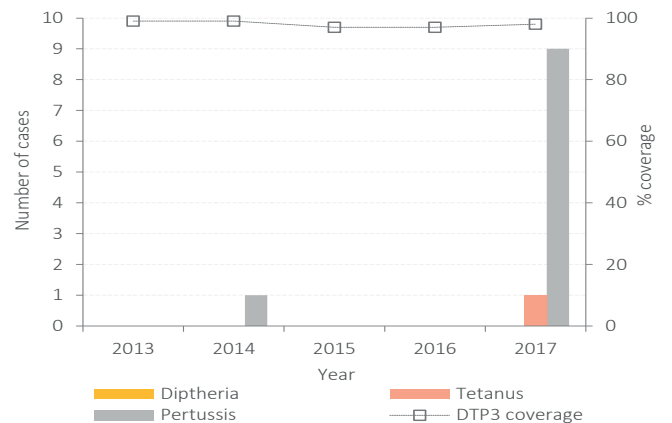
Number of reported cases of vaccine-preventable diseases, 2013-2017^e

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Measles	ND	0	2	0	0
Mumps	ND	3	4	2	2
Rubella	ND	0	0	0	0
Congenital rubella syndrome	ND	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	ND	0	0	0	0
Tetanus	ND	0	0	0	1
Pertussis	ND	1	0	0	9
Hepatitis A	ND	4	4	6	27
Varicella	ND	23	23	82	70

Number of reported measles, mumps and rubella cases^e and MCV coverage estimates^d, 2013-2017



Number of reported diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis cases^e and DTP3 coverage estimates^d, 2013-2017

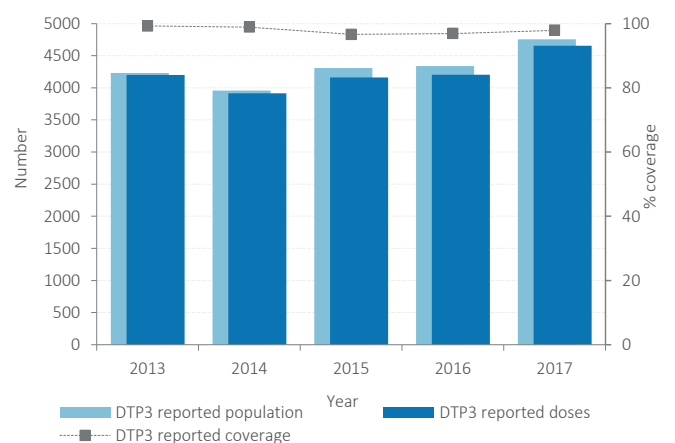


Surveillance with laboratory confirmation of cases, 2017^e

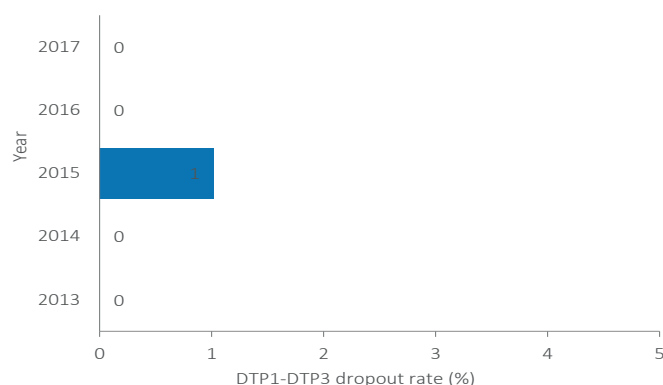
Measles	Yes
Rubella	Yes
Congenital rubella syndrome	No
Rotavirus	No
Invasive meningococcal disease	Yes
Invasive pneumococcal disease	No
Invasive <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> disease	No

Note: Case-based surveillance (with laboratory confirmation of cases) assessed for measles, rubella, and congenital rubella syndrome. Hospital-based sentinel surveillance and/or population-based surveillance (both with laboratory confirmation of cases) assessed for rotavirus, invasive meningococcal disease, invasive pneumococcal disease, and invasive *Haemophilus influenzae* disease.

Reported target population, reported number of DTP3 doses administered and DTP3 reported coverage^e, 2013-2017



DTP1-DTP3 dropout rate, 2013-2017^d



Note: Dropout rate is calculated using WUENIC

Immunization system characteristics, 2017

Sustained access to WHO accredited polio, measles, and rubella laboratories ^h	Yes
NITAG in place that meets six WHO criteria ^e	Yes
National system in place to monitor AEFIs ^e	Yes
Communication plan in place to respond to vaccine safety-related events ^e	Yes
Vaccine hesitancy assessment performed within last 5 years ^e	No
Mandatory proof of immunization at school entry ^e	Yes

Note: The six WHO NITAG criteria are 1. legislative or administrative basis for the advisory group; 2. formal written terms of reference; 3. at least five different areas of expertise represented among core members; 4. at least one meeting per year; 5. circulation of the agenda and background documents at least one week prior to meetings; 6. mandatory disclosure of any conflict of interest

Vaccine stockouts by administrative level^e, 2013-2017

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
BCG	No	No	Both	No	No
DTP	No	No	No	No	No
HepB	No	No	No	No	No
Hib	No	No	No	No	No
Pneumo	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Rota	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
OPV	No	ND	ND	ND	ND
IPV	No	No	No	No	ND
Measles	No	No	No	No	No
HPV	*	*	*	No	No
TT	National	No	No	No	ND

*Data on HPV stockouts have only been collected in JRF since 2016

Abbreviations

AEFI	Adverse event following immunization	MCV1	measles-mumps-rubella vaccine, first dose
BCG	Bacille Calmette-Guerin vaccine for tuberculosis	MCV2	measles-mumps-rubella vaccine, second dose
CRS	congenital Rubella Syndrome	MMR	measles-mumps-rubella vaccine
DT	diphtheria-tetanus-containing vaccine	ND	Data not available
DTP	diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-containing vaccine	NITAG	National Immunization Technical Advisory Group
DTP1	diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-containing vaccine, first dose	NR	Not relevant as vaccine not included in immunization schedule
DTP3	diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-containing vaccine, third dose	OPV	oral polio vaccine
GNI	Gross national income	PCV	pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
HepB	hepatitis B	PCV3	pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, third dose
HepB3	hepatitis B vaccine, third dose	Pol3	polio-containing vaccine, third dose
HepB-BD	hepatitis B vaccine, birth dose	RCV1	rubella-containing vaccine, first dose
Hib	Haemophilus influenzae type b	Rotac	rotavirus vaccine-complete series
Hib3	Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine, third dose	Td	tetanus-diphtheria-containing vaccine
HPV	human papillomavirus	TT	tetanus toxoid vaccine
IPV	inactivated polio vaccine	W,M,Y	Weeks, Months, Years
MCV	measles-containing vaccine		

Data sources

- a European Regional Commission for Certification of Poliomyelitis eradication (RCC) meeting report: www.euro.who.int/32ndRCC
- b European Regional Verification Commission for Measles and Rubella Elimination (RVC) meeting report: www.euro.who.int/7thRVC
- c European Vaccine Action Plan 2015–2020 Midterm report
- d WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage (WUENIC): (http://www.who.int/immunization/monitoring_surveillance/data/en/)
- e WHO/UNICEF Joint Reporting Form on immunization (JRF)
- f World Population Prospects: The 2017 Revision, New York, United Nations
- g World Bank, World Development Indicators
- h Polio Laboratory Network: www.euro.who.int/poliolabnetwork & Personal communication based on annual accreditation process of the European Measles and Rubella Laboratory Network

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