



HEALTH COMMODITIES AND HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (HCHTWG) UPDATE MARCH 2019

The technical working group met on 1st April 2019 and one of the critical issue discussed was the low stock status of vaccines at the National and Regional levels:

National vaccines status

S/N	DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF MEASURE	Balance as at 31 March, 2019	MONTH IN STOCK
1	Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine	Vial	749,925	5.15
2	Rotavirus Solution (ROTARIX)	Vial	905,682	2.45
3	DPT-HEPB-HIB 1 vial of 10 Doses	Vial	219,404	3.77
4	Measles and Rubella Vaccine combined, vials of 10 Doses	Vial	154,708	3.30
5	Tetanus Toxoid Vaccine 20 Doses	Vial	21,554	0.70
6	BCG Vaccine INJ 20 Doses	Vial	26,363	0.84
7	Poliomyelitis Vaccine 20 Doses	Vial	46,623	1.13
8	IPV Poliomyelitis Vaccine 5 Doses	Vial	110,010	2.84
9	Human Papilloma Virus	Vial	48	0.00

CHALLENGES:



1. Delays in clearing of the Vaccines at the port/airport because of the changes of the clearing procedures by TRA which demand all donated products in the country to have a Government Notice Number. This has affected availability of almost all vaccines for more than two months.
2. However there are discussions between the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of health to get clarifications if medicines and health products donations need this number.