

Improving Immunization Service Delivery for the Urban Poor

The world is currently experiencing the largest wave of urban growth in history. More than half of the population now lives in towns and cities, and by 2030 this number is expected to swell.

Much of this rapid urbanization is taking place in Africa and Asia bringing social and economic transformation, including large numbers of poor, mobile populations. Within this context, **JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI)**, with funding from **Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (Gavi)**, will provide technical assistance (TA) to various countries to identify barriers to access and use of immunization services among the urban poor.

These findings will inform assessment and prioritization of service delivery strategies and interventions that can be developed and implemented to more effectively reach marginalized urban communities, as part of Gavi's goal of improving and maintaining high coverage rates and equity. Results of the diagnostics exercise and lessons learned from the TA process will be disseminated at the global and country-levels with immunization and non-immunization stakeholders.

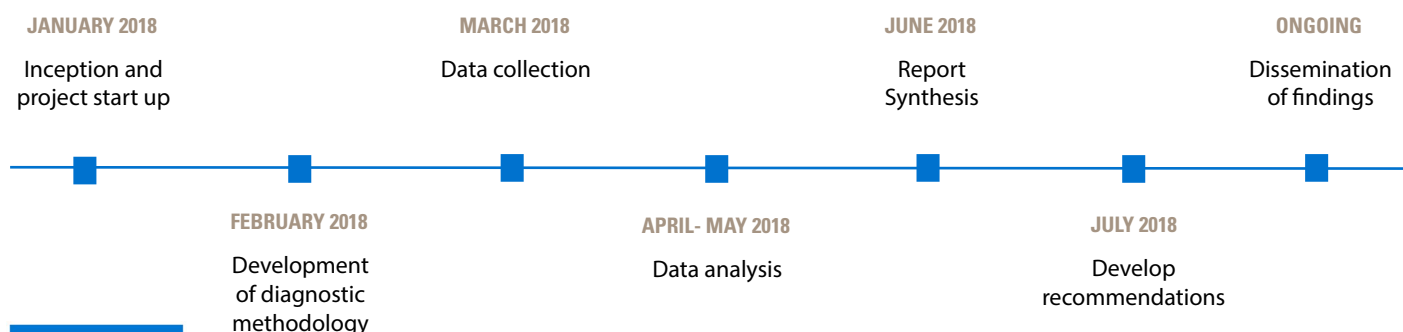


LOCATIONS

The program will be implemented between January 2018 and August 2019 in the following locations:

- **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Kinshasa
- **Ghana:** Greater Accra; Volta; Ashanti; Western and Central Regions
- **Indonesia:** Greater Jakarta
- **Kyrgyzstan:** Bishkek

TIMELINE



OUR APPROACH

Technical experts from JSI and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) will work alongside colleagues from various departments within the Ministry of Health, the Immunization Interagency Coordination Committee (ICC), and other organizations that are working on urban equity issues.

At each stage, JSI will engage with key partners such as governmental departments, NGOs and civil society that are involved in health programs, policy, and other issues affecting urban populations.

Stakeholder engagement, including consultation and information sharing throughout the life of the project, will be critical to success.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Stakeholder, partner, and asset mapping along with desk review of urban immunization strategies in each of the selected urban contexts will be used to inform tailored strategic planning in each country.
- Develop a diagnostic methodology that will be used to conduct a situational assessment of barriers to immunization access and utilization facing the urban poor.
- 12-month technical assistance workplan of stakeholder-initiated and locally appropriate recommendations of urban immunization strategies to improve access and equity.
- In the DRC only, technical assistance for implementation of 12-month technical assistance workplan to pilot and test recommended strategies in select urban districts.

- Evaluation and documentation of results from the diagnostic exercise (and pilot test) will provide additional evidence and insight into urban equity, as well as inform regional and global dialogues and decisions around programming.
- Provide additional evidence and lessons learned on urban immunization for global dialogue and decision-making that can be used to inform priorities and planning.

BUILDING ON CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE

For over 30 years, JSI has strengthened routine immunization systems around the globe to provide regular, reliable and equitable access to and use of life-saving vaccines to the most vulnerable populations.

JSI has been the primary technical partner for immunization on each of USAID's flagship programs, including:

- REACH
- REACH II
- BASICS
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- IMMUNIZATIONbasics
- Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP)
- Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP)

Through these programs and others JSI has worked at the global and country level to better understand and address the challenges of urban immunization.

