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## How to Use the Child Health Card—Understanding the Role of CHWs

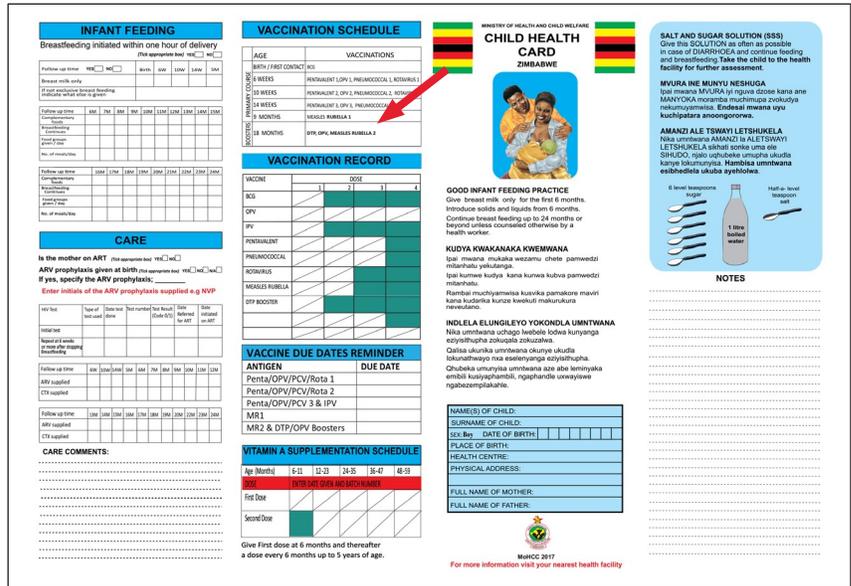
Community Health Workers play an important role in ensuring that children receive timely vaccination

CHWs are the link between health workers and parents/caregivers

The Child Health Card (or card) is an important tool for CHWs to use to ensure children are vaccinated

The card can help with:

- Identifying due dates for next vaccination
- Updating the CHW Register
- Defaulter tracking
- Interpersonal Communication (IPC) between caregivers and CHWs



How to determine if child is up-to-date on vaccinations and when to return for next vaccination: Calculate child's age by counting the number of weeks and months since the child's birth (listed on front cover of the card)

Use the vaccination schedule to determine which vaccines the child should have received by their current age

- 1 Compare the child's vaccination record to what vaccines they should have received based on their age and the vaccination schedule
- 2 Ensure that at least 28 days has passed between doses of the same antigen
- 3 Update CHW register to match information from the card
- 4 Inform caregivers when they should take their child to the facility for next vaccination
- 5 Follow up with children that have been referred for vaccination to ensure that the child is up to date
- 6 Write the due date on the card and remind the parent/caregiver when to return for the next vaccination(s)

| VACCINATION SCHEDULE |                       |   |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---|
|                      | AGE                   | VACCINATIONS                                      |
| PRIMARY COURSE       | BIRTH / FIRST CONTACT | BCG   |
|                      | 6 WEEKS               | PENTAVALENT 1, OPV 1, PNEUMOCOCCAL 1, ROTAVIRUS 1 |
|                      | 10 WEEKS              | PENTAVALENT 2, OPV 2, PNEUMOCOCCAL 2, ROTAVIRUS 2 |
|                      | 14 WEEKS              | PENTAVALENT 3, OPV 3, PNEUMOCOCCAL 3, IPV         |
| BOOSTERS             | 9 MONTHS              | MEASLES RUBELLA 1                                 |
|                      | 18 MONTHS             | DTP, OPV, MEASLES RUBELLA 2                       |

## Examples

A) Chipo was born on Feb 15, 2017 and is 6 weeks old.

Chipo should have already received BCG and is now due for Penta1, OPV1, Pneumo1, and Rota1

Chipo has only received BCG so CHW should tell parent to visit health facility

| VACCINE         | DOSE    |   |   |   |
|-----------------|---------|---|---|---|
|                 | 1       | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| BCG             | 15/2/17 |   |   |   |
| OPV             |         |   |   |   |
| IPV             |         |   |   |   |
| PENTAVALENT     |         |   |   |   |
| PNEUMOCOCCAL    |         |   |   |   |
| ROTAVIRUS       |         |   |   |   |
| MEASLES RUBELLA |         |   |   |   |
| DTP BOOSTER     |         |   |   |   |
|                 |         |   |   |   |
|                 |         |   |   |   |

B) Maria was born on Jan 1, 2017 and is 12 weeks (3 months old).

Maria should have already received BCG and 2 doses of Penta, OPV, Pneumo, and Rota

Maria has only received BCG and 1 dose of Penta, OPV, Pneumo, and Rota This child has defaulted and CHW should ensure that parents take child to health facility to catch up on missing vaccines

| VACCINE         | DOSE    |   |   |   |
|-----------------|---------|---|---|---|
|                 | 1       | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| BCG             | 4/1/17  |   |   |   |
| OPV             | 15/2/17 |   |   |   |
| IPV             |         |   |   |   |
| PENTAVALENT     | 15/2/17 |   |   |   |
| PNEUMOCOCCAL    | 15/2/17 |   |   |   |
| ROTAVIRUS       | 15/2/17 |   |   |   |
| MEASLES RUBELLA |         |   |   |   |
| DTP BOOSTER     |         |   |   |   |
|                 |         |   |   |   |
|                 |         |   |   |   |

C) Peter was born on June 25, 2016 and is 9 months 5 days old.

Peter should have already received BCG and 3 doses of Penta, OPV, Pneumo, and Rota and is now due for Measles

Peter received Measles vaccine yesterday and is up to date on vaccine He should return at 12 months of age for Vitamin A and at 18 months for Measles, DTP, and OPV boosters

| VACCINE         | DOSE    |         |          |   |
|-----------------|---------|---------|----------|---|
|                 | 1       | 2       | 3        | 4 |
| BCG             | 29/6/16 |         |          |   |
| OPV             | 12/8/16 |         |          |   |
| IPV             |         | 12/9/16 | 31/10/16 |   |
| PENTAVALENT     |         |         |          |   |
| PNEUMOCOCCAL    | 12/8/16 | 12/9/16 | 31/10/16 |   |
| ROTAVIRUS       | 31/3/17 | 12/9/16 | 31/10/16 |   |
| MEASLES RUBELLA |         |         |          |   |
| DTP BOOSTER     |         |         |          |   |
|                 |         |         |          |   |
|                 |         |         |          |   |