

## National Immunization Summit, Sri Lanka – 2025

- The National Immunization Summit is a periodical gathering of the stakeholders of the vaccination programme, to discuss the latest developments, challenges, and strategies related to immunization.
- It seeks a wider, national consensus on proposed changes to the current immunization schedule based on the updated regional and global guidance, and the new vaccines to be introduced, and to identify potential areas of concern and obstacles to its introduction.
- It will be attended by medical administrators, technical experts from the Ministry of Health, academia, representatives from professional medical organizations, and international agencies, such as WHO, UNICEF and GAVI.
- Three previous summits have been conducted, where the following prominent decisions were made:
  - Introduction of MR vaccine and aTd vaccine (2001).
  - Introduction of Hib vaccine in the form of Pentavalent vaccine, live JE vaccine, Mumps vaccine in the form of MMR vaccine as two dose schedule (2007).
  - Introduction of IPV vaccine and HPV vaccine (2015).
- The Fourth National Immunization Summit will be held on **28<sup>th</sup> march 2025**, at the **Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) from 8.30 am onwards**.
- The main objectives of the summit are:
  - Review the current immunization schedule with respect to each antigen and solicit views for changes where necessary
  - Update stakeholders on current changes and advances in global VPD strategies
  - Reach consensus on introduction of new antigens to the NIP with special reference to following vaccines
    - Pneumococcal vaccine, Influenza and COVID vaccine, RSV vaccine, Meningococcal vaccine, Rota vaccine, Dengue vaccine
- Propose an updated immunization schedule to inform the development of the National Procurement Plan for vaccines - 2025 - 2030